

SACC Re-Entry Survey Report to Congregation
July 31, 2020

First, thanks to everyone who even thought about the survey but especially to the 129 members who participated. This was a terrific response rate, which means we believe we are able to draw some conclusions from your input.

Approximately 63% of those responding self-designate as 56 or older, 24% between 18 and 55, and 13% under age 18. Around 80% say they don't prefer on-line worship but it has helped them feel connected. Seven percent say they prefer on-line services, and only 13% have not found on-line worship helpful in staying connected. Two-thirds of those who responded primarily attended the 10:45 service.

We asked, "What has been the best thing about online worship?" Most of you responded that you like the flexibility (to watch at any time) and content (sermons, music, similarity to in-person services). Some said online worship keeps them connected while others felt that connectedness is what they miss most. A handful expressed negative feelings about technology, ranging from difficulty navigating technology to feeling they already have too much screen time in their lives.

When asked, "What do you expect will be your pattern of worship after this time of social-distancing and on-line worship?" most people (58%) responded that they expect to resume their former pattern of worship. Just under 23% people expect to worship online more often than before, and a few indicated they expect to worship in-person more than before. About 10% said they would probably combine both options.

The survey asked, what has helped you feel connected to Saint Andrew during this time? And you responded Zoom, emails and CSA parking-lot greetings on Sunday morning.

A major question the Re-Entry Team has been exploring is when to return in-person worship and how to phase in the level of participation. The greatest number of responders (around 50%) said they would want a vaccine or treatment for COVID-19 to be available before feeling comfortable returning to in-person worship. The next major consideration was other public gatherings to have resumed, and about 11% said stay-at-home guidelines must be lifted. Other considerations included specific precautions being taken at Saint Andrew.

With respect to resuming in-person worship services, you shared very strong responses about what would ensure your comfort level. The percentages here include those who said these were Extremely, Very, Moderately, or even Slightly Important.

Masks	97%
Socially distanced seating	92%
Sanitizer available at entries/exits	90%
No contact passing of the peace	89%
Restrictions on how communion is offered	82%
Phased departure to ensure distancing	82%
No passing of items (paper, offering, etc.)	78%
Doors propped open to avoid touching handles	73%
Attendance based on %capacity of sanctuary	72%
Bulletins not passed by hand	53%
No nursery or SS classes	37%
Other	Many suggestions (no singing except by designated musicians, personal responsibility, restricted movement, opportunity for people to

indicate if they are uncomfortable with touching, traffic control before, during and after services),

It's possible you don't see your specific response reflected in this summary report. However, we assure you that the detailed report includes everyone's responses and suggestions, and all have been read and carefully considered by the Re-Entry Team.

It's clear that people want to be with people again, and the safer, the sooner, the better. In that light, the survey asked about outdoor services, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. "Yes" or "Maybe" responses numbered around 75%. Sunday morning was overwhelmingly the most popular time. We're exploring outdoor activities. Turnout for the Black Lives Matter chalk-marking parking lot event was great, about 75 people. Pictures have been posted. We have two more events coming up. September 6 we're celebrating -- again with masks and distancing -- Back to School. This event will include blessing of the backpacks and a dunking machine (who can resist that?). September 12, we'll experiment with outdoor worship by holding a prayer service on the lawn. Watch for details. Eventually Sunday morning worship will be live-streamed, and you'll continue to have on-line viewing options to watch when it is convenient for you.

One last note: More information about Re-Entry is also available on this Saint Andrew Web site: It includes a tracking graph of cases in the Johnson County, Wyandotte County and Kansas City Metro areas. The Re-Entry Team will continue to monitor this metric when considering the resumption of in-person worship and would step back through the phases as necessary if community transmission rates should rise after we had moved to in-person worship.

Please feel free to contact anyone on the Re-Entry Team if you have questions or want to discuss anything pertaining to re-entry/re-opening of Saint Andrew.

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