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## PARISH STATISTICS AND COVID-19

Our long-standing practice has been to record participation in worship and the activities of a parish during the month of June.

It is not clear if the restrictions on gathering size due to the COVID-19 Pandemic will allow all congregations, groups or members to physically gather.

In many different ways, we continue to meet. It is possible that the ways of meeting and sustaining community we have explored during this time of 'social distancing' will continue to shape Church in the future. This time will be of great interest to social historians and researchers in the future.

If we do not meet physically or meet in a combination of physical and other ways in June please record what you are doing. It could be the number of people participating in 'Zoom Church' or the number of views of a 'YouTube' service or devotional, the number of service sheets delivered to your community. Maybe June will be a mixture of physical gathering and new community.

Whatever it is, record it. The form probably won't cope as it is optimistically designed for our meeting together.

So write a note, an email, include a narrative with your forms when you return these.

There has been much impressive, imaginative caring connection. Please let us know your experience.

Yours sincerely,



**Wayne Matheson**