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Subject: Reimagining Life Together – Our Plan to Get to Phase 2

Dear Superintendent Overton-Harris

The Reentry Task Force of Salem First United Methodist Church is pleased to submit this *Plan to Get to Phase 2* for your review and approval. In this document, we identify the actions FUMC will take per the guidance and requirements of the Greater Northwest Area of the United Methodist Church as provided in the *Reimagining Life Together* document.

<https://greaternw.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reimagining-Life-Together.pdf>

This plan was developed by the Reentry Task Force of FUMC, the formation of which was approved by the Administrative Council on May 21, 2020. The Task Force is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing the many actions necessary to gradually reopen our facilities. Currently, its members are:

Robert Chandler, Chair, Administrative Council
Dennis Gallacher, Chair, Board of Trustees
Ken Bierly, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Jennifer Lewallen, Worship Chair
Jan Morgan, Worship Chair
Kathy Pressler, Church Administrator
Heather Ingersoll, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministry

In the Task Force's first letter to the members and friends of First Church sent on June 4, 2020, we outlined three key points regarding how we will proceed:

1. We will be prudent and measured in our actions.
2. We will follow the guidance and requirements provided by the Greater Northwest Area of the United Methodist Church *and* those of local and state officials. If there is disagreement among any of these, we will follow the most restrictive requirements.

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3. This will be a long process and the Task Force has just begun our work. There are many details to be addressed, quite a few unknowns, an expectation of change, and a significant body of work to be accomplished

This plan contains a set of requirements and actions specific for the facilities owned and operated by Salem FUMC that we will implement in order to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 in the deliberate and gradual reopening of our facilities and ministries. This plan was approved by the Administration Council of Salem First United Methodist Church on June 18, 2020.

Thank you for your guidance and support of all the many UMC ministries in Cascadia District during this time of transition as we carefully leave our places of shelter and separation and begin the work leading to our return to our beloved church and buildings and renewed in-person interactions of ministry.

Sincerely,



Robert Chandler, Chair
Reentry Task Force
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