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URGENT EPISCOPAL MEMO REGARDING REOPENING CHURCHES/IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

Members of the First Episcopal District:

This missive comes to emphasize that at this time <u>NO ONE</u> should open church buildings or hold in-person worship services beyond what has already been allowed to date. The attached document from the AME Health Commission, "Guidelines for Reopening and Returning to Church Buildings", is provided for reference and further direction will be issued at the appropriate time. Should you have any questions, please contact your Presiding Elder.

Thank you for your assistance and support in our concerted efforts to follow best practices for health and safety during this continuing coronavirus pandemic.

Yours In His Service,

Bishop Gregory G.M. Ingram

Presiding Prelate

First Episcopal District

Attachment