

Amendments to St. Peter's A.M.E. Church Re-Opening Plan

The current re-opening plan, approved by the Official Board and Church Conference and submitted to the bishop on _____, only authorizes and provides protocols for Sunday Morning in-person services effective August 22, 2021. Under the plan there are no other authorized in person group gatherings.

While the pandemic continues as a health risk, many things have changed in terms of, knowledge and understanding, Federal, State, and local guidance, vaccination rates, introduction of variant strains, testing availability, and treatment methods. For these and other reasons, we believe that a time has come to consider modifications to the current re-opening plan that reflect the dynamic nature of the pandemic.

Consistent with this understanding, The Official Board approved a motion to modify the current reopening plan. Specifically, the Board recommended changes that would allow funerals, choir rehearsals, and meetings for other church functions. These matters were referred to the established - reopening committee to develop the language and safety protocols for such in person meeting.

The Re-Opening planning committee has met and developed protocols that will facilitate a safe re-opening for of St. Peters' A.M.E. Church to host funerals. (Attached)

It is recommended that we amend the current Re-Opening Plan in a manner that will provide the needed safety and flexibility required to accommodate other needs of the Church as expressed at the _____ Official Board Meeting.

In addition to the language for the allowance and protocols for hosting funerals; it is recommended that we add the following language to the Re-Opening Plan.

After consulting with the re-opening plan team and establishing appropriate safety protocols, the Pastor is authorized to amend the current Re-Opening plan on a temporary basis to accommodate in person group meetings that he deems to be necessary and essential to carrying on the mission of the Church.

Upon approval by the pastor, these modifications will be immediately posted on the City Web Site and shared with members at the next Official Board Meeting where the modifications may be approved, disapproved, or amended.