STANDING COMMITTEE GATHERING
Monday, May 4, 2020 @ 10am via Zoom
Present: Amy+, Keila+, Lucinda, +Mark, Tom, Carolyn, Jim+. Other: Mary T.

Opening Prayer - Keila+

Bishop’s Update
- Meeting between Gov. Beshear and KCC faith leaders, which was received graciously by the governor.

- Zoom meeting of 84 faith community leaders regarding the reopening of churches – well received. Some feedback feeling restrictive, but mostly positive. Discussion followed on reopening and current practices in faith communities. A rundown of the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter which followed:
  1. We will follow a phased approach
  2. Now is not yet the time to gather for in-person worship
  3. Each community will make plans for a gradual re-opening and this work will be reviewed collegially
  4. Mission House will produce guidelines to steer the process

- “RenewalWorks” is still on the table for the Diocese of Lexington to engage and offer this tool to the faith communities: sets of questions to ponder, listen to God, and to describe their aspirations. Continue with this right now? Some discussion followed.

- Celebration of Pentecost – May 31. Some have asked for another diocesan event, similar to the St. George’s Day event - a filmed video available for use on the day to serve as central worship, if so desired.

- The Bishop, while not able to make his normal church visitations, will roll out the idea of having Zoom gatherings with the planned churches on the schedule. And members of Standing Committee are available to join in parish’s virtual coffee hours, if desired. The connectivity is important.

Closing Prayer – Lucinda

Next Gathering: Monday, May 11 @ 10am via Zoom