

At our last meeting, the Governance Board spent considerable time discussing the safest timeline for resuming in-person worship.

Earlier this summer we had hoped that we would be in a better position to gather safely in larger groups by this time, and had initially hoped to return in early September. However, our initial return date needs to be moved further into the future.

Given the current reported data on positive cases of COVID-19, and following the guidance of health professionals, we believe it's best to postpone our return until our state reaches Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. After that announcement is made by the state, our team will need a full two weeks to get the building sanitized, necessary worship volunteer staff trained, and technology adjusted.

The Board plans to meet as soon as possible after our state reaches Phase 5, but will also meet regularly in the meantime to keep monitoring the situation. We invite your questions and ask for your prayers.

The Board also recognizes that for many people, in-person worship and other church activities are vital parts of their lives, so these decisions are not made lightly. The safety of our congregation is paramount. We will continue to search for and provide ways for our church family to feel that personal and vital connection with others outside of Sunday mornings.