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Dear Rostered and Congregational Leaders:

COVID-19 is once again causing our congregations to determine if they will continue in person worship. Some of our congregations have already made the difficult decision to no longer meet in person for the remainder of the year, to include Christmas Eve. I am asking you as rostered leaders in congregations or congregational leaders without rostered leaders to please keep myself and Ellen informed of your congregation's decision.

Please let us know the following information:

- 1) Your congregation name and times of worship.
- 2) If your congregation closes to in-person worship, when will your congregation return to in-person worship.?
- 3) If your congregation closes to in-person worship, are you holding a form of alternative worship – Zoom, Facebook, Pre-recorded and accessible via email or website, etc.
- 4) If your congregation closes to in-person worship, are you planning a Christmas Eve or Christmas Season worship.
- 5) If your congregation is remaining open to in-person worship, please let us know.

As at the beginning of the pandemic we will update our website with your information so that our Lutheran community, and beyond via the virtual environment, will know where they can worship together. Please send your information to bishop@nwpaelca.org and to Ellen at nwpaesynodelca@gmail.com

With prayers for peace and health,
Rev. Michael L. Lozano
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