

Subject: The Pandemic and Annual Meetings of Congregations

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While the Canons of the Diocese require congregational annual meetings (for the Cathedral, Parishes and Organized Missions) in January, the reality of the pandemic is such that some congregations may not be able to organize a quorum of baptized adults members to have an in-person meeting this month. I am aware that some congregations are organizing online annual meetings, but that many congregations have a significant number of members who are in at risk categories or have members who may not be adept at engaging through a virtual online meeting.

If a congregation is unlikely to ensure a quorum of a reasonable number of adult baptized members to safely gather for an in-person annual meeting in January because of COVID-19 restrictions and is unable to have the meeting online, the Clergy-in-Charge (or Senior/Bishop's Warden if there is no Clergy-in-Charge) in consultation with the Vestry/Bishop's Committee may postpone the annual meeting to a day and time certain in February (ideally before Ash Wednesday, February 17). This will hopefully give time for the post-holiday spike in cases to subside and for some members to get the vaccine.

Please let me know what you decide.

Yours faithfully,
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“Once you weren’t a people, but now you are God’s people. Once you hadn’t received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” *1 Peter 2:10*

“A’ole ‘oukou he aupuni ma mua, akā, i kēia manawa, he aupuni ‘oukou no ke Akua; ia manawa, ‘a’ole ‘oukou i aloha ‘ia, i kēia manawa ua aloha ‘ia mai nō.” *1Petero 2:10*

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