



United Methodist Church
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Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, thus limiting the congregating of groups of people. Based on our values to care for others, found in scripture and John Wesley's proclamation of "Do no harm, do good and stay in love with God," The United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston has implemented, in consultation with federal, state, and local governments and agencies, and the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, *Protocols for Worship and Groups* to enhance your safety.

Church Council and the Re-Opening Task Force have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, cleaning and sanitizing; guidelines for enforcing social distancing and face mask wearing; and contactless worship elements, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

By participating in the programs, services and activities of the United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston, you covenant to care for self and others by observing the *Protocols for Worship*, including not attending gatherings if you are ill or exhibiting symptoms; careful consideration of attendance if you are in, or care for someone in, a vulnerable category; proper face mask wearing; social distancing of six feet or more; and refraining from physical touch. The full Protocols are posted at www.westportumc.org.

Grounded in the love of God, I/we commit to be patient and gracious with each other as we all seek to address the COVID-19 health and safety challenges and the changing information about the spread and nature of the coronavirus. I/we acknowledge that the instruction from scripture is that we, as covenant people, deal with disagreements and concerns in grace-filled ways, and, therefore, agree that we accept responsibility for our own choices, and the risk that goes along with them. I/we waive any claim against The United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston in the event that I/we or my/our children, if any, contract COVID-19.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Names of Minor Family Members (if any):

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