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Dear Parishioners,

The past 18 months have been a very difficult time for our country, state, local communities and the members of St Thomas' Church . The COVID pandemic has interrupted so many activities in our lives and contributed to so much stress. Fortunately, St Thomas' has been able to communicate with its members through our many weekly virtual church services and our many online activities. The purpose of this letter is to find out how you are doing and ask for your guidance on St Thomas' Church.

Our in-person services resumed several weeks ago, and it is wonderful to be able to worship and sing together at last. In the few weeks since re-opening, the attendance at our services is less than we anticipated, so we would like to check in with you. It is the responsibility of the Vestry and Rector to do everything possible to support and assist your walk with Christ at St. Thomas' and in the world.

The last time we conducted a church wide survey was in 2019. The priorities identified by respondents in that survey included:

- Grow St Thomas membership, including young families
- Increase parishioner engagement in existing ministries
- Expand adult and youth Christian Education opportunities
- Increase our presence in the community

The COVID pandemic has slowed down work on these priorities. We would appreciate your feedback, so please complete our brief nine question survey below. This survey will help guide us as we get back on our feet and find ways to participate to our fullest. Please return the survey by August 31st.

Your name and email address are optional and be assured that no data is being collected through this survey. We would simply like to have your personal input on how St Thomas Church can better fulfill your spiritual needs.

Blessings,

St Thomas' Vestry