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Mid-Week Message

I found that the pandemic challenged Christians to pray and discern. Talking to fellow clergy these were the two things that helped the most in these circumstances. Many of us prayed and reflected upon where the world was going and our part in it. There were many questions about being able to recognize the new world when it emerged as we come out of the pandemic. Then there is the question of recognizing the modified ways we worship and the whole idea of church.

Prayer and discernment help us to make well informed decisions. So that we can live our lives in ethical and moral ways. We do not want to harm anyone including ourselves. The greatest challenge during this time was discerning the information that was available to us about Covid 19. There were too many changing views and ideas about: wearing masks, hand sanitizer, singing, choirs, is it a virus or a bacteria, and how long does it live on a surface? Unfortunately we live in an information age with too much inaccurate information. What does the normal person listen to or believe. This is why prayer and discernment are so valuable at this time. With prayer and discernment comes common sense. If you feel sick, stay home, wash your hands. Things your mother taught you when you were a child.

For many pastors we tried to stay connected with each other. We all shared various article and reports about the virus. We also shared how we are meeting the needs of our congregations in new and creative ways. In this information technology age we found that the old ways worked best and had the greatest response. People liked the e-mails and phone calls. Prayer and discernment are

old practices too. They have carried the church through difficult times in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Mixing the old and new ways worked best. One helped shed light on the other so we could make good decisions. Being a Christian does not mean we disregard technology nor do we disregard our faith. In our age and the one that is to come, both need to work together. God Bless and stay dry, Pastor D