



THE CHURCH GOING FORWARD

FAITH, AUTHENTICITY, CONNECTIVITY & WHIMSY

FAITH IS A VERB





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**ADDRESSING A
HURT AND
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PUT RESPONSES IN THE
CHAT

HOW IS YOUR
CONGREGATION
ADDRESSING A
HURT OR OFFERING
A HOPE IN THIS
FRAGILE WORLD?



PRAYER IS
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AUTHENTICITY

BEING COMPLETELY
TRUE TO WHO GOD IS
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AUTHENTICITY

We need vestries that support and take part in dynamic worship that reflects who you are as a community.

This may mean doing things a little differently than we did before.

AUTHENTICITY

- Be transparent about decision making. When you have a big decision create and communicate your process.
- Make room to think outside the box.

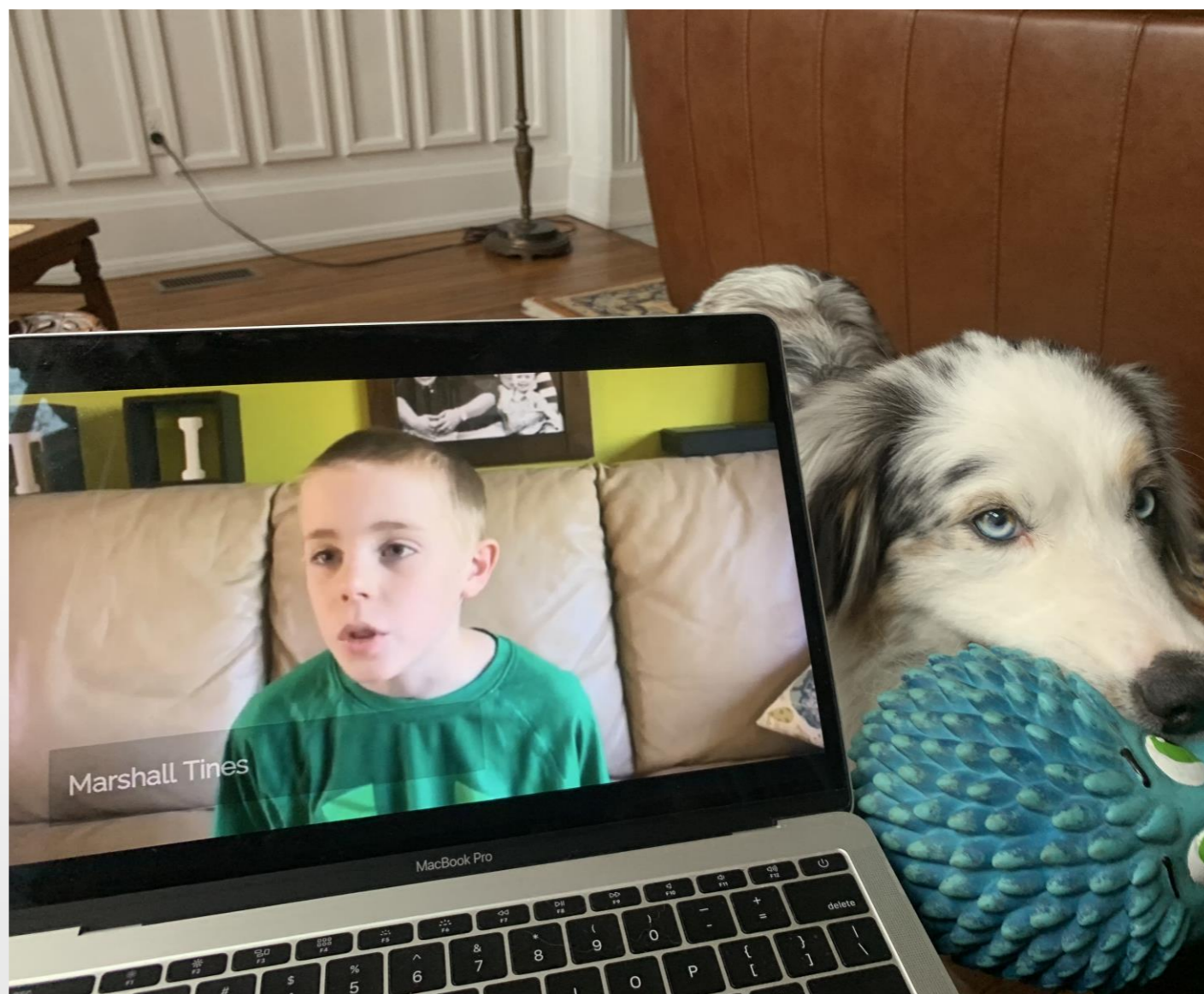


PUT YOUR RESPONSES
IN THE CHAT

WHAT DO YOU
LOVE MOST
ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY OF
FAITH?

CONNECTIVITY

P.U.P



CONNECTIVITY VESTRIES TO FOCUS ON RELATIONAL LEADERSHIP

In this moment it is more vital than ever that vestries focus on the relational aspect of leading like:

- Have a vestry call list
- Communicate regularly to keep the congregational updated
- Be open to feedback and be active listeners.



CONNECTIVITY

Vestries to support
and help to create
systematized
pastoral visiting by
Lay and Clergy



CONNECTIVITY



What are the groups in your congregation where people can make connections?



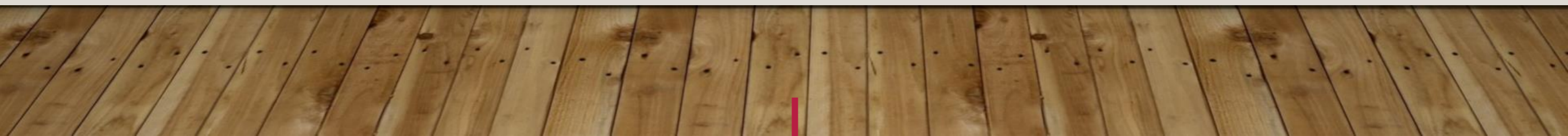
WHIMSY

“And there is that Leviathan
which you made for the
sport of it” *Ps 146:27*



WHIMSY

Vestry you and your congregation need to have moments of laughter and fun!



FOUR PRINCIPLES

- **Faith is a verb. A noisy, active, prayerful verb**
 - Focus on church activities and mission that address a hurt in the world or offer concrete hope
 - Leaders to focus more on the relational aspects of leadership
 - Prayer is the business of the Church
- **Authenticity—being completely true to who God is calling and creating us to be.**
 - Dynamic Worship that is corporately planned
 - Intentional thoughtful participatory decision making
- **Connectivity—Staying connected as a community of faith and building relationships is primary to how we express our faith in this moment.**
 - P.U.P
 - Create systematized pastoral care by lay and clergy
 - Support the groups and ministries where people can make connections
- **Whimsy—Never underestimate the power of joy, fun and laughter.**
 - Church is fun??!!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- What ways do you yearn for your faith to be nurtured?
- What hurt or hope do you wish your congregation was addressing? What would need to happen to make that a reality?
- What moments of authenticity and humor has your church experienced in the last two years?
- What are some ideas you have for how to increase the connectivity of your congregation?

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- **Conversation and Questions**





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