**PCLT Building to remain closed through Summer**

In its guidance to PCUSA churches in Central Texas, Mission Presbytery sent out a document that outlines a phased approach toward gathering again in church buildings for in-person worship. Phase 1 states: Once your region has had **14 days of declining cases**, you may resume in-person worship, weddings and funerals with *strict* social distancing protocols (sitting every-other pew, six feet apart, no hand shake, passing of the peace, etc.). *Continue to strongly discourage vulnerable individuals from attending.* Phase 2 states: Once your region has had **28 days of declining cases** without resurgence, you may resume in-person worship, weddings and funerals with *moderate* social distancing protocols. *Strongly discourage vulnerable individuals from attending.* Phase 3 states: Once your region has had **42 days of declining cases** without resurgence, you may resume in-person worship, weddings and funerals with *limited* social distancing protocols*. Strongly discourage vulnerable individuals from attending.*

In all three phases, churches are urged to *“strongly discourage vulnerable individuals from attending,”* even after 42 days of declining cases of COVID 19 infection in our community. As stated earlier, our community has yet to have even a run of 3 days of declining cases, so we are not even ready to move to Phase 1 of resuming in-person gatherings.

All of this taken together led the Session to determine that it is the most faithful choice to keep the church building closed until the end of August.

We will continue to worship virtually as we have been since this began. We will continue to have meetings, Sunday School, Bible studies and other gatherings via Zoom. We will continue to be the church in this place – the Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis set loose in the world!

[Coming Back Together as a Congregation Guidelines](https://media.myworshiptimes31.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/54/2020/06/10114732/Coming-Back-Together.pdf)