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### Our Drive-In and Pioneer Church Worship Services Remain in Place

As you may have heard, this afternoon President Trump called for places of worship to be deemed essential and allowed to be open this weekend.

The Conference already has a plan to resume in-person worship beginning this weekend through a select number of in Drive-In and Pioneer Church services. These are listed on the Conference website at <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/ReminderofIn-PersonWorship.pdf>. Our implementation plan for a return to in-person worship resulted from careful analysis and prayer. We believe we have provided a framework for a safe return to in-person worship and our plans remain in place.

If your church is not a Drive-In or Pioneer Church on May 24, 2020, please consider talking with your District Superintendent about becoming one for future Sundays. For additional information about our return to in-person worship please visit our website: <https://vaumc.org/return/>.

I am proud that our Conference has continued to worship through online and recorded worship services over these recent difficult weeks and I am looking forward to attending a Pioneer Church Worship service on Sunday.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Peace and Blessings,  
Bishop Sharma D. Lewis