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Greeting's members of Kona United Methodist Church,

During our recent congregational retreat one of the concerns voiced by those in attendance was about our outreach to members who have not been attending regular Sunday worship services. We recognized the fact that many of our congregants have been concerned about the Covid risk and have decided not to participate in face-to-face worship until the Covid crisis ends.

However, more than eighteen months ago we initiated online worship alternatives for our members, prior to opening the Church for limited face to face Sunday worship. As a result of the online options, we have generated more than 1000 hits (hits are a record of how many computers and cell phones access our Church network) each week. Unfortunately, these hits do not provide any specific information about who is attending or whether that hit stayed online or dropped the service and returned later. We do know that we are getting hits worldwide and throughout the week. Based on the success of our computer and Facebook outreach, we will continue to offer worship through those methods well after the Covid crisis.

The primary concern and focus of the discussion among those at the retreat was: are we reaching our current KUMC members who have chosen not to attend in person services due to the Covid restrictions and if not, why not. We want to know whether we are reaching our traditional KUMC family and whether our family members need assistance in accessing the online options for joining our Sunday worship.

Attached is a survey inquiring about your participation in online worship and your concerns about returning to KUMC when the Covid crisis ends. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to the Church either through the mail or go on line to the Church website KonaUMC.com and complete the survey, or scan and email a copy of your response to Konaumc@hawaii.rr.com.

Your response is especially important as we continue to adjust our worship access and our ability to continue to bring you God's message in a meaningful way to enable you to be part of God's mission.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

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WORSHIP SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your comments will be helpful in improving our worship options during the Covid crisis.

Have you been attending any of the on-line services? Yes No

If so, which ones? 10:00 am Sunday service online Facebook live Tongan Facebook

- If you have not attended any worship services during the Covid crisis what is the reason? (You may check more than one response)

I have not attended live face to face services because of concern about the Covid virus.

I have not attended Sunday live Facebook services because I do not have a Facebook account.

I have not attended the recorded broadcast on the Church website because I don't have a computer, or I can't get the link on my home computer.

I have been watching another church worship service on my television or computer.

I am not interested in watching a worship service on-line.

- KUMC has implemented strict protective guidelines based on the UMC Conference guidance, State, and local regulations, and recommendations from our own medical advisors, who are members of our congregation.

Are you concerned about potential Covid contact even though KUMC has established protective guidelines including social distancing, required mask wearing during the worship service, and temperature checks before entering the sanctuary? Yes No

After the Covid restrictions are lifted and churches can return to normal worship will you return to regular Sunday worship at KUMC?

Yes No

If we used an optional adhesive label for you to wear at the Church during worship that indicated your concern about making social contact with anyone, would you be interested in using this procedure to let others know you are concerned about social distancing? Yes No

If the Covid restrictions continue through the Christmas holidays, would you be interested in attending a live Christmas eve service while maintaining social distancing policies and masking? Yes No

- If you have tried to attend an on-line worship and are unable to use the computer link or Facebook live application, would you like to have someone from the Church contact you to help you navigate the technology to access the worship services? Yes No.

If yes, please print your name and contact information on this survey and someone from KUMC will contact you.