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Bishop Moxley's Memo on H1N1 Influenza Nov 2-09, Pandemic Response Plan (October 31 2009)

Dear Friends,

Please find attached Bishop Moxley's memo on H1N1 Influenza and the Diocesan Pandemic Response Plan. Please distribute broadly within your parish.

Some parish clergy, in response to my inquiry, have nominated a specific parish warden to distribute this memo and Pandemic Response Plan within their parishes, and so each of those wardens will also be emailed this information directly.

Hard copies will be mailed to those parishes that have indicated they don't have electronic capability.

In case you find the Pandemic Response Plan a bit daunting, I suggest you might begin by focusing on the "Checklist for Parishes" section that is found on pages 6-8.

Both documents are also available on the Diocesan website at:
<http://nspeidiocese.ca/diocese/index.htm>

Faithfully,

Gordon Redden
Diocesan Executive Director

To: Clergy of the Diocese
From: Bishop Sue
Date: June 1, 2010

Excerpt from - "This and That" ... May 2010

As we are now out of the flu season, it seems reasonable to allow for intinction. Please encourage all to clean their hands before receiving Communion (perhaps during the Offertory Hymn).

From: Sue Moxley
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 10:17 AM
To: Jan Connors
Subject: To CLergy Info List

TO all clergy:

After I sent out the last "This and That", I had emails from three clergy who were concerned about any return to the practice of intinction for hygiene reasons. I asked them to find good research that would show that intinction was unsafe.

I am forwarding to you the most comprehensive set of reports that were sent to the Rev'd Canon Rod Gillis on his request. Based on this documentation, we cannot support the practice of intinction. Please explain the hand hygiene issues to parishioners. In one parish I recently visited, the priest and people had agreed that for those who did not wish to receive from the chalice, the priest would instinct the wafer and pass it into the hands of the person receiving. This would seem to be acceptable given the information below.

I hope that the summer is going well for you. It has been a busy time for us in the Synod Office. We have moved the offices and most of us can now find most things! I am still getting questions as to why we have moved. The short explanation is that we are trying to be good stewards of the land that is part of the resources of the Diocese and, as well, to improve the income to the Diocese from sources other than the parishes. So we have entered into a partnership with Shannex and we are having an assisted living complex for seniors built along with new offices for the Diocese and Cathedral. The site has to be cleared before the new building can go up. In the short term, the Diocese has office space that costs the same as what we had on College St. and the Cathedral is putting up temporary offices in the transept in the Cathedral. In the long term, we will have money coming into the Diocese from rent for the land and that will reduce the allotment even further for parishes.

Bishop Ron is on vacation now. Next week I am attending my Con. Ed. event for this year - Grace, Gratitude and Generosity, the Network for Stewardship Conference for 2010.

Blessings for the rest of the summer.

+Sue

Forwarded message begins here:

... As promised here are some links to resources regarding the importance of Hand Hygiene, I also found a resource from the Anglican church you may find interesting, originally this issue was looked at in the 80's with the evolution of AIDs and there is no risk of transmitting AIDs through Intinction however there is a huge risk in transmitting other things like flu, diarrhea and vomiting etc. if you require more information please let me know.

Health Canada

The benefits of Hand Washing

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/diseases-maladies/hands-mains-eng.php>

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety
Hand Washing: Reducing the Risk of Common Infections
http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/washing_hands.html

Many links and resources for Hand Hygiene
http://www.chica.org/links_handhygiene.html

WHO
<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/welcome/en/index.html>

From the Anglican church a section not supporting Intinction
<http://www.anglican.ca/faith/ministry/euc-practice-infection.htm>

Interesting article: New report asserts common cup is safe: dipping can increase bacteria count in cup.
<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/New+report+asserts+common+cup+is+safe:+dippi+ng+can+increase+bacteria...-a030272777>

A REPORT CONCERNING THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF CONTAGION VIA THE
COMMUNION
CUP AND OTHER LITURGICAL ACTS from the Anglican diocese of Toronto
released during SARS that recommends:" That the Diocese of Toronto develop
and institute clear policies discontinuing the act of intinction as
relates to public worship"
<http://www.stpeterslakehill.ca/intinction.pdf>