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**PANDEMIC UPDATES
FROM THE HEALTH ADVISORY PANEL**

REGARDING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

The Health Advisory Panel continues not to endorse **INDOOR** congregational singing. Choral singing is permitted if the choir is distanced from the congregation (20-30 feet) and is masked. ***Congregational singing outdoors is permitted.***

REGARDING COFFEE HOUR

The Health Advisory Panel continues to be concerned about how to manage safely the logistics of Coffee Hour, whether outdoors or indoors. Their recommendation is to “strongly discourage” coffee hour. However, we are permitting each congregation to make its own safety assessment. ***If they do hold coffee hour, they must abide by all the current norms/guidelines: 6-foot physical distancing, hand sanitizer, posted signs, and no shared food items. Preference is for individually wrapped snack items and separate beverage containers (such as bottled waters or juices).***