



# THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

## STANDING COMMITTEE

January 19, 2021

Dear Faithful People of the Diocese of South Carolina,

As the number of positive COVID-19 cases continue to climb throughout the state of South Carolina, the Standing Committee wishes to thank each congregation, its clergy, and lay leadership, for the diligence and forbearance exercised throughout this ongoing pandemic and especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons. What we are doing on the congregational level seems to be working, and we simply want to thank you for doing your part.

We encourage everyone in the diocese to get the vaccine as it is available. However, this virus is not letting up even though vaccines are beginning to be rolled out. Therefore, we humbly ask that all remain vigilant in our common task of slowing the spread in the months ahead by continuing the good work already being done. Let us not grow weary or complacent in these winter months but remain steadfast in our discipline regarding safety precautions.

Our current guidelines and recommendations remain in effect because they give you, the good people of the diocese, the flexibility to do what is best for your communities.

As a reminder, we also want to share the document we prepared last spring that will help us all reassess and fine tune our approach to in-person worship during this time. [Find it at this link.](#)

May this new year bring all who are heavy laden with the burden of this pandemic the refreshing yoke of Christ.

On behalf of the Standing Committee I am faithfully yours,

The Reverend Canon Caleb J. Lee  
President of the Standing Committee