TABCOM Staff Guidelines During Massachusetts Re-Opening

During the COVID-10 epidemic, our TABCOM staff has been working hard and providing leadership excellence. As churches begin to re-open, we will be making decisions about how and when our TABCOM staff will resume in-person ministry visits.

In order to clarify expectations, we are sharing the following guidelines for Regional Staff:

1. We anticipate that our TABCOM staff will continue to provide effective leadership through virtual communication methods. This will continue through the end of Re-Opening Stage 2, as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2. When Massachusetts enters Re-Opening Stage 3, TABCOM staff members may begin to interact with churches in person at the staff member’s discretion. We recognize that each person has differences in their health and family situation that may impact their ability to respond to requests for in-person gatherings. TABCOM staffers are prepared to collaborate in assuring that needs are met in the best possible way.

3. Region staff may travel for in-person visits with worshipping congregations or other church meetings if they are assured by the church that the worship service or meeting will be conducted in conformity with the MA Re-Opening guidelines. Additionally, if the Region staff person finds upon arrival that those assurances are not being honored, then the Region staff person is encouraged to decline participation. At a minimum, Region staff will not be present in an environment where social distancing, hand cleansing, and the use of facemasks are not in force.

4. We expect that virtual communications will continue to be used extensively for the foreseeable future as a reality of our “new normal.”

These guidelines will remain in effect until September 1, 2020 or until MA changes the Re-Opening Guidelines. Thank you for all of your support during these unprecedented times.

Serving Christ,

Rev. Mary D. Miller