

## Reflecting on the 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality

### Christmas during Covid-19

#### 1) Lifelong Discipleship Formation

While our buildings are closed, what does our “giving and loving faith” say about how we follow Jesus during the Advent and Christmas Season?

#### 2) Intentional Authentic Evangelism

As we communicate via internet or social distancing, how have we shared with others how our faith calls us to celebrate Christmas?

#### 3) Outward Incarnational Focus

During this time of quarantine, how have we wished strangers a Merry Christmas and showed our compassion by helping those in need?

#### 4) Empower Servant Leadership

During Covid-19, how have we invited families and friends to lead in Christmas ministries?

#### 5) Spirit-Inspired Worship

During this time of protecting others, how have we as a congregation created meaningful and safe times of worship and meditation and joined in personally?

#### 6) Caring Relationships

While we cannot gather in person, how have we reached out to those most isolated to make them feel included, remembered, and valued?

#### 7) Ecclesial Health

During times of economic distress, how have we continued to support and pray for congregations, faith leaders, and mission work?

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(P.S. I have started using "Xmas" as a shorter version of “Christmas”, because "X" is the first letter in Greek for "*Christos*" and the "X" looks, to me, like the end view of a manger. Please use the form of “Christmas” you like best. )