

## Questionnaire Concerning Church Service Cancellations

The Church Council has put in place a mechanism to alert congregants if there is a need to cancel a Sunday morning service due to weather conditions. If need be, two people, usually the Council Chair and the Minister, confer on Sunday morning to make a decision by 8:00 a.m. If they decide to cancel a service the alert is publicized on the Facebook page and on the church's phone. The decision is not an easy one to make and it would be helpful to have your feedback to guide the decision makers. We hope you will take a moment to answer the questions below.

1. Two services in January were canceled due to the weather.
  - a. The January 20 service was canceled due to heavy overnight snowfall.  
Would you have preferred that the service had not been canceled?  
Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - b. The January 27 service was canceled due to high winds and a severe weather advisory.  
Would you have preferred that the service had not been canceled?  
Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Do you think that to cancel a service the decision makers should:
  - a. Err on the side of caution and cancel services when snow fall is over 12", high winds or freezing rain are **forecast** for the morning?  
Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  - b. Only cancel services when extreme weather conditions e.g. freezing rain, ice storms, snow fall over 12" has occurred overnight or is in the midst of occurring?  
Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the decision is made to remain open and hold a service, everyone, including church staff, still has the right and the

responsibility to exercise their own free choice to attend or to remain at home based on factors such as experience and comfort level driving in winter conditions, longer range forecasts for the morning of the service, health concerns, etc.

### Comments: