

Explanation of Communion serving stations

*** * *** **THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT:** All servers will meet with the pastoral staff at 10:45 (or 15 minutes before any other service) to go over responsibilities.

- Positions 1 & 2: Assist pastors serving at the front of the two center aisles.

- Position 3: ~~Gluten-free station, with a single tray with both g-f bread and cups. Positioned front-side near the door to the conference room.~~ Partner with Position 4 to serve those not coming to the front – one with bread, one with cup.

- Position 4: The “rover,” serving those who are not able to walk to the front. The pastors will invite these folks to identify themselves by raising a hand, but ushers and other servers might help you steer toward these folks. ~~The rover has a single tray with both bread and cups.~~

- Positions 5 & 6: The guides. These two invite the congregation row by row to come forward to take communion. As indicated on the chart, the guides stand in the inside aisles and, starting with the front of the side sections, invite folks row by row to come forward. When they reach the back of the side sections, they move to the center section – starting in the back, and again invite folks to come forward row by row.

General notes:

- Please come to the front of the sanctuary during whatever is sung prior to the beginning of communion.

- Use the hand sanitizer provided before coming to the table to collect the elements.

- As we have embarked on an experimental period of weekly communion (through Oct. 3), we have made a major change: we are serving by intinction (vs. “modified intinction”). Each serving station will have a cup and a basket of gluten-free bread (which really tastes good!). The bread server will hand each person a piece of bread – not “help yourself” – big enough to dip into the cup without involving fingers in the juice. The presiding pastor will explain to the congregation how this is done. We have eliminated the gluten-free station, and that person will become part of a two-person team serving those who do not come forward.

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