



**WESTMONT**  
STUDENT LIFE



**CAMPUS PASTOR'S OFFICE**  
*COVID PREPAREDNESS PLAN*

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## FOCUS OF THE PLANNING GROUP

Chapel and Capax Dei

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## ADAPTATIONS FOR CHAPEL AND CAPAX DEI

Chapel is an essential part of the Westmont student experience. Therefore, we have explored multiple options and determined our best path forward given current and expected restrictions on large public gatherings. As limitations lift, we will be able to pivot back to large communal worship services. **Our initial plan includes:**

1. Offering virtual chapels online Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the month of September (indefinitely until crowd size restrictions are clarified).
2. Offering at least 2 "Elective Chapels" per month with limiting capacity/density in compliance with county guidelines.
3. As we are able to gather more of our community together, we have several rotation cycles to choose from, including bringing the 1st year students in weekly, dividing by class, or by residence halls.
4. Due to the virtual nature of chapels, at least initially, we will ask students to report their attendance by the honor code system every week.

With changes in chapel format, we will ask the worship team to record videos, pray for students, and lead worship at smaller, intimate gatherings. Any public singing will happen outdoors, with masks, and with proper social distance until restrictions and recommendations change.

The current COVID environment may spur a heightened desire for small group participation through Capax Dei, which we will be promoting to students as the year approaches. Capax Dei groups will be limited in number due to meeting space requirements.

Last year Scott and Jamie Lisea began teaching a ministry class that included internship experience in churches and non-profits in Santa Barbara. The course will be taught again this year in accordance with the Provost's office guidelines for classes. We are in communication with our ministry partner organizations and churches to determine internships for the fall with the understanding that restrictions will affect what those hours look like on-site.

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