

CCNC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – 5



March 26, 2020

Dear Regional Family,

Today, we are sharing a few essential items that we did not want to get lost in the weeds. As always, we encourage you to remain as self-contained as humanly possible, and when you do go out, sanitize aggressively. Most of all, don't forget to pray. Your Regional staff is praying for each of you. May God's peace engulf us all!


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Regional Minister

A Chaplain's Request!

In response to COVID-19 safety precautions, volunteers and visitors are not allowed in the prison facilities. The precautions include suspending religious and social gatherings sponsored by ecumenical groups. Chaplain Susan Addams (Covenant Christian Church) is requesting DVDs of sermons and/or worship services for prisons (facilities) that do not have chaplains. Yes, DVDs; not all facilities have updated connectivity for streaming services or showing YouTube videos. This request is specific to the Central and Eastern Region prisons. What a fantastic opportunity for our local congregations to become virtual chaplains!

DVD's may be sent to: Chaplain Susan Addams, Regional Clinical Chaplain, NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Prisons, Chaplaincy Services, 831 W. Morgan St./MSC 4263, Raleigh, NC. 27699-4263.

Being an Anti-Racists/Pro-Reconciling Church is Critical in this Moment!

When uncertain times reach critical mass, it is essential to remember that the Reconciliation Ministry initiative of the CC(DOC) was based on a vision for the church as a place "where brothers and sisters of all races, languages, and cultures will grow towards God's glorious realm, and where all have a place at the table, and none shall be turned away." The Initiative leads us into the practice of faithfulness concerning the elimination of racism, which exists in all manifestations of the church. We seek to discern the presence and nature of racism as sin, to develop strategies to eradicate it, and to work toward racial reconciliation.

With that framework in mind, silence around this issue is not optional. And so, I share a link to a CNN article about the COVID-19 pandemic and racism.

"Internal reports from the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI drafted in recent days have warned about the threat from white supremacist and other extremist groups related to the Covid-19 pandemic."

... 'Members of extremist groups are encouraging one another to spread the virus, if contracted, to targeted groups through bodily fluids and personal interactions,' the report, which was reviewed by CNN, says.

Article Link: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/25/us/missouri-man-killed-fbi-investigation/index.html>

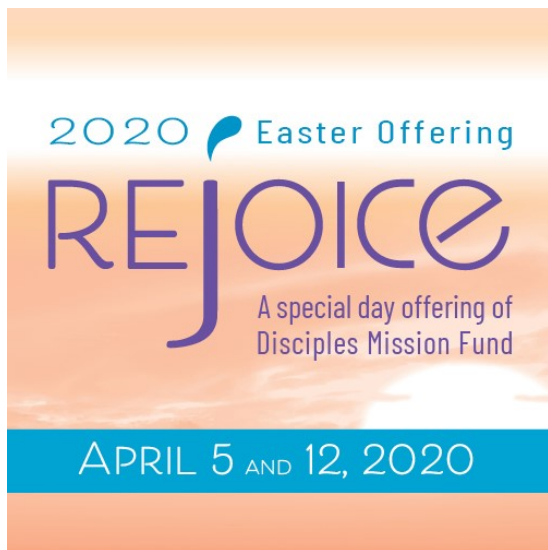
Stewardship in a time of Faithful Giving

Below, you will find a link to the webinar on Annual Campaigns in a Time of Crisis (featuring how to use Faithful, Hopeful Loving resource materials). For more information, please contact Bruce Barkhauer, Minister for Faith and Giving, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986. Phone: 317-713-2404



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A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE
PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR
CHURCH DURING THIS HEALTH CRISIS

<https://zoom.us/j/7777777777>



Online giving FAQs from Center for Faith and Giving

<https://cdn.disciplesmissionfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/26111124/2020MarchElectronic-Giving-FAQs.pdf>

Poor People's Campaign

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