

The coronavirus pandemic has revealed and exacerbated places of pain and injustice throughout our institutions and communities, and clergy have borne the weight of this. The Pastoral Relations working group has listened to the pain that exists in our local clergy and have been trying to pay close attention to mental health and family concerns. Included here are links to resources for clergy and churches to be aware of.

The Wisconsin Council of Churches continues to offer a wealth of excellent resources related to re-entry and the effects of Covid-19 on clergy and faith communities. This article lists mental health resources in Wisconsin and across the country.

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/05/22/mental-health-resources/>

This article provides a window into Massachusetts General Hospital and the steps they have taken to diminish burnout among staff. Their learnings are transferable to local churches

<https://hbr.org/2021/02/six-lessons-on-fighting-burnout-from-bostons-biggest-hospital?fbclid=IwAR0uG9NXyLaX7zbpwhleanK03qkz8v2wK2QOafADcgl1KdJQjJNjSN6h4o>

Our sibling denomination has a wealth of clergy resources on these pages.

<https://disciples.org/dns/disciples-and-covid-19/clergy-resources-for-crisis-and-trauma/>

This BBC lens offers a way forward to healing.

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20210203-after-the-covid-19-pandemic-how-will-we-heal>

Secondary trauma is real amongst our clergy, particularly in our chaplains. This unpacks the pain experienced.

<https://faithandleadership.com/jessica-young-brown-who-cares-shepherds-secondary-trauma-faith-leaders-must-be-addressed?fbclid=IwAR0UfMaouico5TvyijibqYsJKDjBtWg4HtRHQBvMNhhPSH6KEDiZ8UaQ-9s>

Another from the Wisconsin Council of Churches – this shows their research on the impact on ministry.

<https://www.wichurches.org/2020/08/19/wi-clergy-share-covid-19-ministry-stressors-webinar/>

Another excellent article looking ahead to the weight of grief.

[https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/11/opinions/covid-19-grief-wave-is-coming-perry/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3oVlp-AMc5WV\\_vFnTfJ\\_GGRnctqmKf11TrJ1b7C7v9sq2OfUb9ntU0HmM](https://www.cnn.com/2021/02/11/opinions/covid-19-grief-wave-is-coming-perry/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3oVlp-AMc5WV_vFnTfJ_GGRnctqmKf11TrJ1b7C7v9sq2OfUb9ntU0HmM)