



The Episcopal Church in Delaware

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1 Cor. 16:14

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Hello beloved of God across the Episcopal Church in Delaware,

Just this past week we passed a sad milestone: over one million people are known to have died worldwide from the novel coronavirus. In all likelihood, there have been many more lives lost to this deadly disease than we know. Let us pause and pray for the souls of our sisters and brothers across the world who are gone. Let us again remember the agony of surviving family and friends, the resolve of steadfast nurses and doctors, and the gratitude for those who lived through COVID-19.

We in Delaware have been living in a bona fide state of emergency for over six months now. Everyday life is much harder and more stressful now, no doubt about it. Few of us are used to thinking that our daily decisions have life and death consequences! But that is surely the truth. Our simple decisions matter, now more than ever. We keep our masks on even when they annoy us and fog our glasses, we avoid big parties we really want to attend, we stay six feet apart even from dear friends. Honest to God, these are life and death decisions. The vast majority of us will never ever know if we've saved a life, but the truth is, when we stay vigilant we don't spread the virus and we keep other people safe. Talk about loving our neighbors!

Just last Sunday, I heard another heart-wrenching story from a Delaware Episcopalian whose brother died alone, frightened, and isolated due to COVID-19. He is now counted among the one million, another victim whose sudden death shattered his family. Sadly, this pandemic is far from over. Please remember that millions of people, ourselves included, are still at risk. Blessedly, each of us has the power to make a difference. With just a mask and caring enough to stay safe, we are making the world a safer, kinder, and healthier place.

In Christ,

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