

COVID-19: DISCIPLES RESPONDING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

RESOURCES (updated 3/24/2020)

Each day we will check for updates that may be of help to staff, leaders, and individuals. These PDF documents can be downloaded to share and/or repost by clicking [here](#).

Underlined text is linked to a specific resource.

To keep these documents from becoming too cumbersome, we will include only those resources that may be of best use in the following areas:

- [Metro COVID-19-related Updates from KCUR](#) – vetted general information about restricted movements, closings, openings, etc. from our National Public Radio local affiliate.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [National Alliance on Mental Illness COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Snopes.com on false tips for prevention and cure of COVID-19](#)
- COVID-19 related updates from the Office of the General Minister and President and General Unites of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 - [Office of the General Minister and President](#)
- WALMART, TARGET, COSTCO AND SEVERAL OTHER STORES ARE OFFERING SPECIAL HOURS FOR SENIOR ADULTS AGE 60+
 - Larger chain stores will open for seniors before regular hours one day a week
 - Long (but not exhaustive list of stores and store hours) [here](#)
- Costco is open for seniors from 8-9 am Tuesdays and Thursdays
- [SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISASTER LOAN ASSISTANCE](#)
- STAY AT HOME KC METRO [UPDATE](#)
- RESOURCE INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY KC DISCIPLES
 - *Our Regional Board received and approved a request last night for a grant to purchase bulk food for 100 food-vulnerable families from the President of the Central Convencion of the Obra Hispana, Pastor Rodolfo Acosta. (Alfa y Omega is today's featured congregation). Kansas City has been a welcoming home for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. KC Disciples are reaching out along with existing ministries and social service organizations to assure that they too have what they need during this difficult time.*
 - [WEEK OF COMPASSION](#) responding to the pandemic as a Disaster and will be offering solidarity grants. We will post that information as it becomes available. In the meantime, we can help them with

[donations](#). (In the box marked OTHER, put WEEK OF COMPASSION and it will go directly to that ministry and give credit to your congregation's WOC giving record)

- RECORDING OF THE MOST RECENT KC DISCIPLES LEADERS CONFERENCE
 - [3.17.2020](#) – Forming an emergency response leadership team, ideas for connecting with members via [Zoom](#), etc.
- **Next KC Leaders Conference: 8 pm tonight!, March 24. Focus: Online Worship!** [Details](#)
- TODAY'S FEATURED CONGREGATION:
 - ALFA Y OMEGA (Until the pandemic, meeting in the Liberty Christian Church) – Pastor Rodolfo Acosta is organizing Spanish-speaking KC Disciples of Christ to purchase and distribute food this week for 100 of the most food-vulnerable families. He is coordinating a larger relief effort with Telemundo and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Pastor Acosta applied for and received a grant of \$4,000 from our region and will be working with Pastor Mark Willis of Merriam Christian Church for bulk food purchase.
- Regional Staff and Leadership Teams
 - *Staff members are making contacts with senior and solo ministers, continuing work in their profile areas, collecting information for this page, and praying for you!*
 - *Our Regional Board met last evening. Documents already uploaded are [here](#).*
- There is a private Facebook group for all KC Disciples clergy and congregation leaders where additional information, questions, and references for resources are being posted. Email billrh@kcdisciples.org for an invitation.
- CNN offers a weekly email called [the Good Stuff](#) featuring stories of people and groups doing well by doing good.
- Inspirational Moment

“Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

²⁷ God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them,^[b] male and female God created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it.” Genesis 1: 26-28a

This is a good time to remember that all people are God’s people regardless of race, color, orientation, national origin, etc. Let us be as concerned and helpful with those neighbors who are often left out or denied access to what they need because individuals and systems misuse power to enforce separation. Our God is a God of unity and a provider for all people.

Keeping us all up to date, coordinating efforts and communicating with you requires that we continue to support the ministries of our congregations and the wider Church as we are able. Even small

donations count. To give online to Disciples Mission Fund or to a ministry that means much to you, click [here](#) and follow the prompts.

Thank you and God bless you for all that you are doing to offer a faithful, hopeful, loving response with God during this time of extraordinary challenges!