

COVID-19 RESPONDING WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

RESOURCES (updated 3/21/2020)

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](#)
- RESOURCE INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY KC DISCIPLES (and others)
 - [Faith Forward](#): A collection of resources that includes an article about [Loving our Immigrant Neighbors](#) who are especially vulnerable during the pandemic
 - *Thank you, Rev. Josh Patty, Eastgate Christian Church!*
 - Daily Prayer Line: 816-333-4920. When you call in you will hear a brief meditation and prayer, then you may leave a prayer request if you like. You may also email prayer concerns to prayers@cccckc.org at any time.
 - *Thank you, Rev. Joe walker, Country Club Christian Church!*
 - Regional Minister's Message:
 - Good morning! Prayers are going up for all the congregational leaders and pastors who have had to scrap or update carefully made plans for important events, switched to online worship, Bible studies and meetings – some for the first time (courageous souls!). As we adapt to new ways of connecting, I encourage us all to notice the potential for adopting new ways of being Church when the current crisis subsides. Can we also pay attention to who – in our congregations and communities – are being left out or left behind and prayerfully discern what we can do about including them? Please pray for our Regional Board which meets online Monday evening. We have many important decisions to make and divine guidance is essential. Keep up the good work KC Disciples! The light of Christ is brightly shining through you!

- 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 Disciples Leaders Conference: 8 pm, March 24.** Focus: Online Worship! [Details](#)
- TODAY’S FEATURED CONGREGATION – [SWOPE PARKWAY UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH](#)
 - Features a daily 6 am morning teleconference prayer through Lent
 - *Let us know about your congregation’s creative plans and activities. Click [here](#) to send an email.*
- 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!*
 - *Collecting and posting information, and preparatory work for the Monday evening Regional Board [Zoom meeting](#). 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
 - ¹⁴if my people who belong to me will humbly pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14
 - *During the daily 6am prayer call today at Swope Parkway United Christian Church, Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams reminded the Church that we are in need of repentance. God did not send COVID-19, however, what we have learned more clearly in this emergency is how we – the Church -have allowed some people to remain more vulnerable while many of us have sought to become more comfortable. Our provident God is the God of all people. God ignores or leaves unsupported no one and, as disciples of Jesus, neither can we.*

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!