



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

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Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Uncertainty around how the COVID-19 pandemic will impact our lives in the days ahead is causing anxiety and fear for many. Times such as this renew our awareness and deep gratitude for the strength and comfort in the rich connections of our faith community. None of us walks alone.

We are working closely with mission center officers to provide support and guidance as things unfold. Please continue to consult reputable sources that provide up-to-date, accurate information on the pandemic. Stay current with local and state authorities because area-specific directives can change daily.

The recent suspension of church gatherings is a vitally important preventative strategy. Even as we experience the loss of physical presence with one another, it opens a sacred opportunity to explore new ways of being the church together in the face of what can seem overwhelming and isolating. Members already are identifying ways to connect that will protect the health and well-being of those most vulnerable. The latest churchwide COVID-19 announcements, online ministries, and additional support resources for congregations and leaders are available at www.CofChrist.org/covid-19.

We are engaged with leaders across the church to create additional opportunities to connect with one another through multiple avenues of technology and telecommunication. This is the time to explore “all the surprising ways that Christ-inspired community weaves diverse people together as expressions of the gospel of peace” (Stephen M. Veazey, World Conference closing sermon, April 13, 2019).

We know the coming weeks will be challenging. We invite you to join us in holding one another and our neighbors across the globe in prayer. Let us trust in the Spirit that provides assurance for today and hope for tomorrow.

In the peace of Jesus Christ,

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