

Resources

Here are several resources for you to consider during this time. If you would like paper copies of any of these resources, please let Kim Funk or Pastor Phil know.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Fact sheet: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- Faith Resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Webinar resources in a time of COVID19:

- MC USA webinars: <http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/> on topics such as financial resources, trauma exposure, death and dying, and youth ministry.
- Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. (MCC U.S.) have joined together to launch a COVID-19 Congregational Relief Fund to aid churches facing financial crisis due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The fund will accept grant requests of up to \$5,000 each from churches that might not have means to recover from this unprecedented global situation. Recipient churches may use the grants to meet their congregational financial needs (such as rent, mortgage, utilities, staff salaries, etc.) or to assist families and individuals in their midst recover from COVID-19 hardships. Churches with historic roots or relationships with the Anabaptist faith community are eligible to apply for a grant. Priority will be given to racially and ethnically diverse churches serving in historically under-resourced communities, i.e. communities and households that are underbanked, underinsured and/or uninsured. To learn more and/or apply for a grant, see everence.com/covid-19-congregational-relief-fund. Click here to see additional information on the Everence website.

Denominational Resources

- Mennonite Church USA:
<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-managing-coronavirus/>
- MennoMedia Faith Formation Resources for Children and Adults:
--Shine Curriculum: <https://shinecurriculum.com/shineathome/free-resources/>
--This link includes Adult Bible Study, Rejoice Devotional, Anabaptist Prayer Book and more:
<https://mail.google.com/mail/ca/u/0/?shva=1#label/Announcements/FMfcgxwHMZJvDksBwzTWrdFGLFlpvGKm>
- Reflecting on Faith and Fear: "Time Such As This" is a FREE edition of the Rejoice devotional in the midst of a pandemic. These are wonderful, thoughtful reflections by some gifted Anabaptist writers. Find a copy of this at <https://mennowdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Time-Such-As-This-sm.pdf>
- Dove's Nest has resources for protecting and engaging children and teens while families are sheltering at home. There are some creative ideas, as well as internet safety tips available at: <https://dovesnest.net/Are-the-Kids-OK>
- **Western District Conference Hope Fund:** Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic: Western District Conference has established a Hope Fund to support congregations and ministers in direct response to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. We are seeking to raise funds to respond to the most vulnerable by empowering local congregations to meet needs with Christ's love and generosity in a time of fear and anxiety.
 - Who will be helped by the Hope Fund? Resources will be shared with WDC congregations that demonstrate need as they seek to meet immediate financial commitments such as church rent and utilities, support for pastors, and assistance for congregation members and neighbors. Congregations may also use this assistance to match Everence Sharing Funds according to Everence guidelines.
 - Who can give to the Hope Fund? Everyone! Whether you are an individual or family with resources to share, a business owner, a youth group, someone who likes to run fundraisers, or a congregation with special or endowed funds, your contributions are vital. Make contributions to Western District Conference designated "Hope Fund" online at <https://mennowdc.org> (Click on "Donate to WDC") or by sending a check to PO Box 306, N Newton, KS 67117. Gifts to the Hope Fund are tax deductible. Please consider such contributions as above and beyond your regular giving to WDC, which supports ongoing staff and resourcing for congregations and leaders during this crucial time.
 - How do congregations apply for grants from the Hope Fund? Submit the application online at <https://mennowdc.org/coronavirus/>, or use the attached form to complete and return by e-mail to wdc@mennowdc.org or to PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117.

—How will grants from the Hope Fund be distributed? A designated team of representatives from the WDC Executive Board, Stewardship Commission and Ministerial Leadership Commission will process applications in consultation with the Conference Minister, to assess needs and approve grants to be sent to congregations. Grant amounts will be subject to availability of funds.

Additional Resources

- BibleProject:
--Sign up to receive email newsletter and weekly emails with Bible Study resource for friends and family:
<https://bibleproject.com/#email>
- LiveStream Singalong with Bryan Moyer Suderman every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:23pm on the Small-Tall Ministries Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/SmallTallMusic/>
- here's another link to the SmallTall Ministries blog, so that people can access the singalong videos even if they don't have Facebook: <http://www.smalltallministries.com/blog/>
- LiveStream Prayers with Mennonite Mission Network every Monday-Saturday at noon on their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteMissionNet/>

Western District Conference Contact Information

- Due to Covid-19 concerns, the WDC office and Resource Library are closed until further notice. As staff is working from home, the best way to communicate with WDC is by email. Email addresses are listed below for your convenience, and they can also be found on our website (www.mennowdc.org/staff/).
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