

March 31, 2020

Peace and Blessings to You:

The Leadership Council continues to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 health emergency on our communities and our churches. We are gratified that many of our congregations have found ways to continue to connect, worship and pray remotely. We trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding these efforts, and that out of this emergency will come new ways to bring people together to praise and give glory to God. We have heard wonderful stories about how our churches have successfully instituted remote practices to serve the needs of their members, and we would love for you to share those stories with others. In these uncertain times, we also praise God that many of our churches are finding ways to witness our faith in their respective communities by continuing or renewing service and outreach opportunities.

For the immediate future and at least through the end of April, we will continue these efforts to worship remotely. All Presbytery committees, commissions, teams, task groups, and ministry units will also continue to meet remotely. For those who need assistance in pursuing different methods to achieve this goal, the Presbytery continues to provide resources on its website at https://thepresbytery.org/about/covid-19/.

In this extraordinary time, we are praying for all of us to see that God is indeed working through this crisis to create a new thing. Let us build on that and continue to support one other as the body of Christ. ALL parts of the body are indispensable. No one should be left out. We pray for your health and safety, and the health and safety of the world around us.

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