

CDC Missional Priorities During a Season Interrupted by COVID-19 March 23, 2020

The Central District Conference remains committed to *Vision: Healing and Hope* and our Mission as a conference. *The mission of Central District Conference is to know Christ's abundant love in who we are and how we live, and to answer God's persistent call to share that love with one another and the world by:*

- ***Promoting a Christ-like community of hospitality where all are welcomed and where grace-filled relationships flourish, and patience and generosity are practiced.*** To meet this mission we will:
 - Regularly update our [Corona Virus Resource tab](#) with timely, reliable and helpful information, inviting others to suggest resources to post as well.
 - Provide timely information regarding cancellations and rescheduled events of the Central District utilizing the regular Weekly Announcements.
 - As much as possible, respond to emails and phone calls within 24 hours.
 - Continue pastoral search processes as much as possible recognizing that interviews, candidating events and meetings may be adjusted and adapted accordingly.
 - Practice financial stewardship and planning that allows CDC's mission to be viable throughout and beyond this current crisis.
 - Both Emma and Doug are available by cell phone. Emma: 574-536-3540; Doug: 419-296-4759

- ***Calling and nurturing wise, dynamic and compassionate Anabaptist leadership.*** To meet this mission we will:
 - Work closely with congregational leaders to maintain, as much as possible, pastoral employment and benefits at their current (pre-COVID-19) level. Congregational leaders should check with Everence regarding [Sharing Fund benefits](#). Also, check the [Corinthian Plan](#) website to see what might be available regarding health insurance premiums.
 - Maintain pastor-peer meetings using ZOOM videoconferencing beginning at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting times and lasting for an hour.
 - Offer additional opportunities for pastors and other credentialed leaders to connect, support and share with one another. Doug will host a ZOOM videoconference call on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 eastern time as long as folks find this beneficial.
 - Be available to talk via phone, ZOOM, or Skype. Don't hesitate to reach out to one of us; Doug and/or ministerial committee members (check the CDC Directory for names and contact information.)

- ***Supporting missional partnerships that make God's reign visible and fostering ministries of evangelism, peace, healing and hope.*** To meet this mission we will:
 - Work closely with congregational leaders to support, as much as possible, the ongoing worship and missional programs of local congregations.
 - Consider providing matching funds for congregations that apply for [Everence Sharing Funds](#). For example, if someone in the congregation has financial need and would benefit from the Everence Sharing Fund but the congregation cannot provide all the matching funds required by Everence, CDC may be able to provide some of the matching funds.
 - Encourage congregations with greater financial resources to share with congregations with fewer financial resources.