



WISCONSIN COUNCIL
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Dear Religious Leaders –

We are grateful for your ministry, and hold you in our prayers. Here are this week's updates from the Wisconsin Council of Churches:

1) Today we release a **Guide to Christian Funerals During COVID-19**. The final copy is linked to this email and is now ready for distribution. [Guide for Christian Funerals During COVID-19 - final.pdf \(549,297 KB\)](#)

2) We know that many of you are maintaining denominationally-specific resource lists of your own for your clergy. Feel free to offer our curated ecumenical list as a supplement. All of these are available on our webpage at <https://www.wichurches.org/2020/03/11/coronavirus/>. We've just added a section for Holy Week resources, which has been a common request. Individually indexed subpages of our Coronavirus resources include:

- COVID-19 and our Christian Witness (advocacy and policy information)
- Flu Season, Coronavirus and the Church (our first communication on the pandemic)
- Online and at Home Holy Week Resources
- Pastoral Care in the Time of COVID-19 (we'll be adding more resources on grief, as we see this as the emerging need)
- Preparing for Safer at Home
- Resources for Streaming Worship
- Wisconsin Churches who are Live Streaming Worship (based on submissions)
- Worship Resources for Use During COVID-19
- Other Ministry Resources (including children's ministry and leadership information)
- Webinar Recordings

3) Support and Connection:

A - I hold a **10 am Monday open office hours Zoom for religious leaders**. Judiciary executives and agency heads, you are welcome to pop in without an appointment, to ask questions, seek support, or brainstorm. I'll hold this time open every week. If this conflicts with another meeting you have (I know we are all wall-to-wall Zoom these days), be in touch and we can make another time that works for you.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Password: 292786

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B - The Council hosts an ecumenical **1 pm Tuesday Clergy Support Zoom for any Wisconsin clergy member**. **Login information can be found through an event posted on our Facebook page, or email me for the details if you'd like to offer it to your clergy**. There's time for sharing what's top of mind, asking questions, receiving support, and we end with prayer.

4) What's Coming: We are curating additional resources on grief care and rituals that can be helpful in a time of remote ministry, and are also developing an article about "here's what your pastor/staff" is doing all day which clergy can share with congregational leaders so they understand how busy their pastors are, even though they aren't in the office. You can

anticipate those resources to become available within the next week, via our Coronavirus resources page and social media. If there are other resources you and your clergy would find helpful, please let us know.

Peace, blessings, and good health to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerri Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kerri" being more prominent than the last name "Parker".

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