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Dear Alexandria District clergy colleagues:

Grace and Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace is sufficient no matter what! I write with some updated information. I will be hosing two ZOOM calls to which you should have been invited, one on Wednesday evening and one on Friday morning. Please register if you are able so that we can hear from one another in this time of unfolding pandemic. I want to say that the work you are doing is as important now as it has ever been. This is a need-filled time, in many ways, not the least of which are related to spiritual and relational health, which is our specialty. We have resources that can be very helpful to our community in these times, resources of peacefulness, caring, understanding, kindness, love, generosity...basically the fruit of the Spirit. Things will be different in how we share these fruits for a while, but our mission and purpose has not changed. We are here to bear witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ as the saving hope for the world, in ways both tangible and intangible.

Resources for this rapidly changing landscape are available at the bi-district website, novaumc.org. The conference treasurer's office is producing a video to explain how to set up online giving. I have been asked to forward the three attached documents to you, enlisting your help in communicating the names of person who have been exposed to coved-19.

Please feel free to call me or email me at any time. I will be as responsive as I can, acknowledging that there are some things we just do not yet know.

Keep the faith! Stay firm in your spiritual disciplines to replenish your spirits. My prayers are with you day by day. Keep up your important work, even as you mostly stay at home. We have been called for such a time as this!

Grace and Peace,

Jeff