

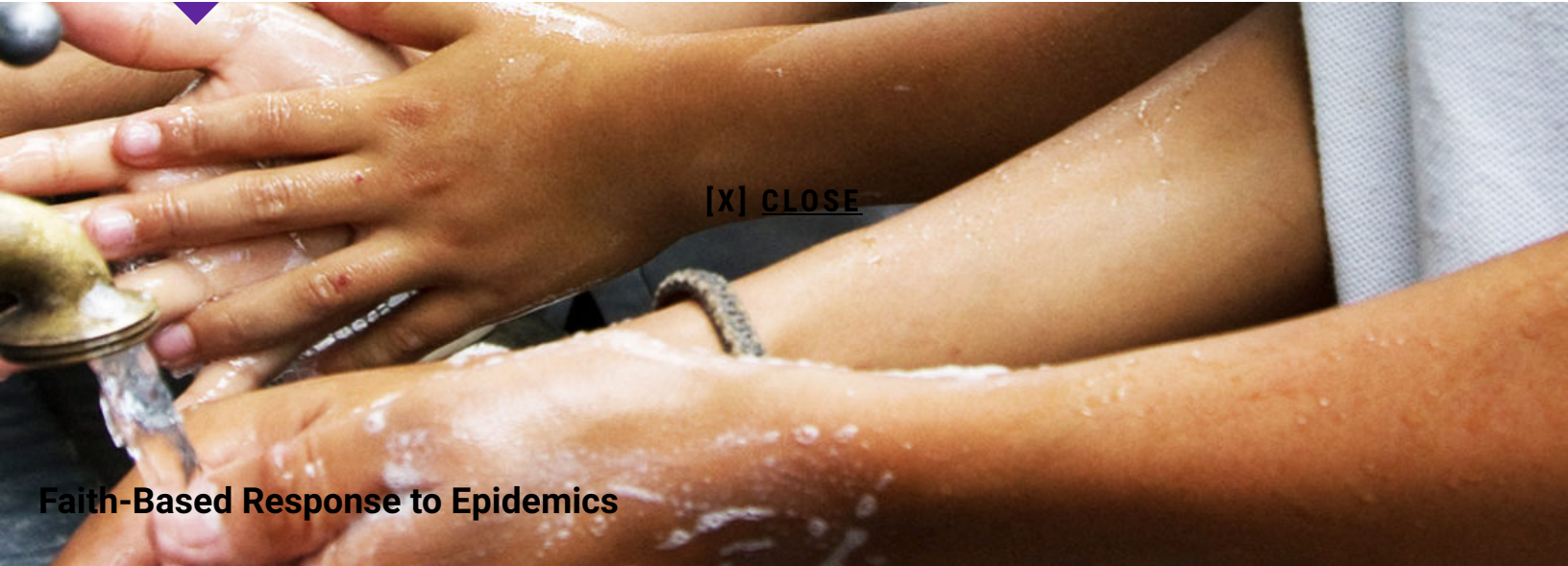
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Faith-Based Response to Epidemics

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together.

ROLE OF CHURCHES, DIOCESES AND COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIANS

Combat fear with knowledge in order to encourage preparedness and decrease stigma. Maintain operational continuity and continue worship life in the case of potential quarantine and disruption. Show God's compassion and care to those in our communities who are affected.

A Conversation with Episcopal Relief & Development



IDENTIFYING GIFTS AND NEEDS

Throughout the year, Episcopal Relief & Development staff and Partners in Response and Resilience (PiRRs) work with dioceses across The Episcopal Church to help them identify how their strengths can be used in ministry. By going through the [Matching Gifts and Needs After A Disaster](#) module, leaders are able to name the people, places and things they have access to that can make a world of a difference to someone who is disproportionately impacted by a disaster. In the context of the coronavirus, how can your church, diocese or ministry meet needs using the gifts you already possess? All are invited to go through the module to help discern your call to respond at this time.

COMMUNITY, INFORMATION AND AGENCY

During disasters and epidemics, remember this acronym: **C.I.A. –Community, Information and Agency**. As church and community leaders, support your community and maintain connection throughout the event, provide your community with verified information about the health and safety implications of the event and then allow them to decide what's best for them.

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SHIFTING THE WAY WE RESPOND

As an organization, we are already responding by developing or enhancing tools to support partners as they serve their communities. These tools promote spiritual, humanitarian relief, equipment, health messaging and pastoral ministries while conforming to physical distancing and other public health guidelines. For example, safe practices can address how to feed vulnerable households while minimizing the spread of the virus or how communities can develop a timetable so that water collection at wells are spaced apart to avoid gatherings of people. [Read our recent web statement](#)

Recognizing that new natural disasters are still occurring at this time, Episcopal Relief & Development is postured to walk along with dioceses as they develop safe disaster responses. [Read this helpful resource](#)

MAKE AN URGENT GIFT

Marisol Salgado, the licensed counselor from the Hurricane Harvey Recovery program in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas has been offering [Spanish-language webinars addressing the impacts of isolation](#). Likewise, Molly Carr from [St. Isadore's Abundant Harvest Foodtruck Ministry](#) in Texas has been able to continue providing meals to immigrant families in remote areas. Instead of hosting a community gathering with buffet meals, she has been delivering food door to door.



Abundant Harvest Kitchen
about a month ago



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Aside from social media advocacy, the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry has also been delivering meals to farmworkers who are without work at this time. The ministry is a combined effort by the Episcopal Dioceses of East and North Carolina. In a recent food distribution deployment, staff and volunteers ran out of food because the need was so great. They plan to continue.



Jody Greenwood

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Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to all
who wait or work in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.
Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.
-Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 765

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TRANSFORM A LIFE:
Give a gift with lasting impact

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