



Ministry Essentials

till Christ is formed in you

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Dear Friends,

Word comes each day of a new development in the global response to COVID-19. From countries in Europe, Asia, and states in the US, our world is changing at a speed that is both unexpected and distressing. New realities like 'social distancing' and 'sheltering-in-place' create both angst and a new backdrop from which to engage our work. Many of us are now working from home, figuring out how to solve evolving dilemmas, and looking for connection in new ways with the people in our world.

How does this affect your global worker? Well, for starters, as an organization, we've cancelled all events, trips, and face to face meetings until June 1. Taking our cues from government, mission, and educational responses, we are seeking to move with flexibility, creativity, and compassion toward those in our care. *Though the conditions have changed, our movement toward people hasn't.*

One of our organizational initiatives for the next 5 years is the development of digital resources. Who knew the launch of the new website (www.meintl.org), including several new resources and one pilot series of reflections, would come at such a strategic time? God knew.

So what are we doing? We are retooling and making a few needed changes in what we offer and how we do it. We continue meeting with people, joining, challenging, and igniting hope in this time of disruption...digitally. We continue to pray, for you, for those we serve, and for wisdom in how to respond well in this global crisis.

The need hasn't stopped. Neither have we.

On the journey with you,

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