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En el 2020, en nuestra amada Iglesia Metodista Unida hemos estado constantemente aprendiendo a ajustarnos y a re-inventar nuestros ministerios en medio de esta emergencia que enfrentamos con el COVID-19. Pero celebramos la valentia y profesionalismo de todos nuestros lideres, tanto los clérigos/as como laicos de nuestras iglesias que han ayudado a sus feligreses a entender que la prioridad y la tarea primaria de nuestras congregaciones en este momento es el de preservar la salud de nuestro pueblo. Todas nuestras Iglesias Hispan@s/Latin@s han estado sirviendo con vitalidad, esperanza y un gran compromiso de continuar haciendo discipulos de Jesucristo para la transformacion del mundo. A medida que continuamos en este momento especial donde hemos aprendido a vivir en esta incertidumbre, exhorto a nuestros lideres e Iglesias a continuar haciendo el excelente trabajo que han hecho y les pido que recuerden promover el uso de cubre bocas, mantener la distancia fisica, evitar reuniones de grupos grandes y lavarse las manos constantemente.

Tambien queremos informarles que hemos creado una seccion en nuestra pagina de internet con el titulo: "Recursos para la Formacion de Lideres"; pnwumc.org/recursos-para-la-formacion-de-lideres/, aqui encontrara recursos sobre el Cuadrilatero Wesleyano, Las Tres Reglas Simples y el Significado de Bautismo en la Iglesia Metodista Unida. Damos gloria a Dios por todo lo que ha estado realizando en nuestras comunidades! Bendiciones!



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A Message of Hope!!

BY REV. CRUZ EDWIN SANTOS

It would be so wonderful if God would simply promise us that we would never go through difficult times. But we do go through great and terrible difficulties all of the time, and God constantly warns us of these dangers and difficulties. The Bible in (1 Pet 4:12) says: "Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you." But the Word of God makes very clear that as we move through difficult times, God is with us. God is there to comfort us and sustain us. The Lord protects, guides, and supports us.

These past months we have been facing a terrible situation in our community and many people are suffering and mourning. We all have many questions about the current situation we are facing. It is important to understand that the anxiety we feel and all the emotions that go with that feeling can tempt us to unbelief and irrational behavior and deep and dark sadness, but remember, this suffering is TEMPORARY. It will have an end, there is light at the other end. Troubles in your life don't come to stay, they come to pass. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the victims' families, friends, and loved ones, and wish a speedy recovery for those who are still recuperating from this illness. Our thoughts and continued prayers are with the families and the communities who are emotionally wounded. The fact that most of the victims affected by this illness are people of color leads us to serious self-reflection to encourage our community to advocate for a better health care system for poor people and people of color. As a church we condemn any act of discrimination, toward any human being created in the Image of God. As a Christian community we strongly believe that this is the time to show our love and solidarity. We reaffirm our commitment to continue our work in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel that is available for everyone.

We invite you to join us in prayer, and that as we pray, we would always remember that each person is a child of God, created in God's image, and bearing His image so that we would see and treat each other as children of God.

The Peace of God be with all of us as a community.

Rev. Cruz Edwin Santos

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12, 7-8 pm: Hispanic/Latinx Leadership Meeting

August 26, 7-8 pm: Hispanic/Latinx Leadership Meeting

September 17, 3:30-9:00 pm: 2020 Pacific Northwest Annual Conference

September 26, 10-12 (noon): Webinar. Theme: Homiletics (Predicacion)

October 26 - December 11: Course of Study in Spanish- Class: Worship and Sacraments. Registration deadline: August 26, 2020.

