**Monday, October 12, 2020**

***One Priority* Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard**

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

***One Priority***

*Starting and Strengthening Churches to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.*

**ReGathering Conversations During October’s One Priority Briefing Live!**

An online video forum for our pastors, staff members and lay leaders to hear about how other congregations are Regathering. You will be the presenters. We have a couple of people who we have recruited ahead of time to “prime the pump,” but we want to hear from many of our churches. Sign on and share how it is going and hear from other churches on how they are handling the current and future stages of the pandemic.

***Tuesday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m.*** – ***Handling Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas This Year***

What is going to be different about the upcoming holidays due to the pandemic? What are your plans that you can share with our family of congregations?

***Thursday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m.*** – ***What Will Your Congregation Be Like By the Ides of March 2021?***

The Zoom link for these online gatherings for the month of October will be   
 [***https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85604229802***](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85604229802).

Check out the video recording from last week on *Update on ReGathering Congregations – What is Happening Now!*

[***https://columbiametro.org/stories-of-regathering/***](https://columbiametro.org/stories-of-regathering/)

We heard from Columbia First, Winnsboro First, St. Andrews, Concord Fellowship, and Harmony.

Next week is ***Associational Week of Prayer*** throughout our denomination. That week, George Bullard will be making a presentation on associations.

***Tuesday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m. – Boldly Going Where No Association Has Gone Before***

**NOTE: Our One Priority Briefing Live!** Held most every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. To receive the weekly link to this online gathering, please register at [***https://forms.gle/vdE7eTwvzm1gDkDj7***](https://forms.gle/vdE7eTwvzm1gDkDj7?fbclid=IwAR2Rcr25rumqYL_VB_Xz09Wnd8bi1WzPDXiv7VJ2ldhJ4q6NJ5kQEPvRtUU)

**October is Minister Appreciation Month**

During this year of pandemic, I know many of you have been burdened about how to minister with the greatest effectiveness. I suspect for many of you this has been several seasons of unusual stress as none of you have likely experienced anything close to what the pandemic has brought us during 2020. Let us proactively express prayerful concern for one another and continue looking for and walking through the new doors of opportunity God is providing to us.

Check out our article – ***Thankful for Ministers!*** -- [***https://columbiametro.org/thankful-for-ministers/***](https://columbiametro.org/thankful-for-ministers/)

Visit [***www.blessyourpastor.org***](http://www.blessyourpastor.org/) to learn more about a three-step resource funded by a grant initiative of the National Association of Evangelicals that encourages churches to creatively celebrate the senior pastor, collect an offering to bless them and then provides a $250 e-gift card directly to the senior pastor.

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