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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

Contextual Research and Interpretation is Available to Your Congregation

What would be the value of knowing more details about the community context of your congregation? Among the many answers is that it would enable you to know more about the families and households to whom God is sending you. It would help you to know the anticipated future trends in your context with implications for how your congregation needs to build capacities to come alongside the families and households to minister to them.

CMBA offers various demographic and lifestyle reports – in partnership with the SC Baptist Convention – which are available through MissionInsite. The reports are free to our member and network connection churches. But it is not just the reports. We also provide interpretation to help you best understand what the reports are saying to you and what the implications are for missional engagement. It does not help to have a bunch of data if you do not know what the data means and how you can best utilize it.

We customize the reports for you by zip codes, a one-to-five-mile radius around your church, or a customized polygon where you define your community context by street or other obvious boundaries. Or you can have reports with all three of these perspectives.

George Bullard is the point person for this congregational resource. Contact him at 803.622.0923 or GeorgeBullard@ColumbiaMetro.org. Reports can generally be provided within one to three days.

Note: CMBA is sharing one resource offered to congregations each weekday. These resources and how to connect with them are posted on our website at www.ColumbiaMetro.org/CMBA-Resources/. The newest resource shared each weekday is also posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CMBAssociation>.

Premiere of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Video on Monday, January 18, 2021

It is a tradition that CMBA annually conducts a Martin Luther King Jr. Day worship service and fellowship. The date this year is Monday, January 18th. Due to the current pandemic and the significant increase and spread of infections, no live event will be held. Instead, we will premiere a video podcast on ML King Day at 6:00 p.m. – which is the traditional time the meeting is held.

The video podcast will include some members of our racial reconciliation panel, plus Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, who was scheduled to be our speaker and is the Director of the Office of Black Church Studies at Duke University's Divinity School.

To view the video, go to www.ColumbiaMetro.org/podcast/ or to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CMBAssociation> on Monday the 18th at 6:00 p.m. or any time thereafter.

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