

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

**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.*

**CANCELED: King Day Worship Celebration, Monday, January 17th**

Due to COVID-19 pandemic factors, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day worship celebration for Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> is canceled – for now. (Our understanding is that many events in the Midlands of South Carolina sponsored by other groups for January 17<sup>th</sup> have either been canceled or will be held virtually.)

We feel that face-to-face dialogue on racial reconciliation is vital for Christian ministry in our diverse context. Therefore, we have already asked Dr. Goatley about coming to Columbia in the middle of March for a Racial Reconciliation Conversation.

As soon as details are worked out, we will share these with you.



**Wednesday Word from George Bullard for January 12, 2022**

Check out the Wednesday Word video from George Bullard by [clicking here](#). This week George covers the pandemic response of congregations, the Martin Luther King Day cancellation and the projected Racial Reconciliation conversation, and the Executive Director Search Team application deadline on January 21, 2022.

**One of the Best-Kept Secrets of CMBA – Our Ministry Team**

The people and the services available from Our Ministry Team of CMBA is one of the best-kept secrets of our association. This is a group of talented Christian ministry people who have spiritual gifts, life skills, and multiple experiences that can be of benefit to your congregation. Their core services are free to contributing member churches and church network connections with CMBA. Check out this team at <https://columbiametro.org/about/our-ministry-team/>.

**Pray for Our Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina**

- Pray for the Executive Director Search Team as they seek the next Executive Director. Send recommendations through January 21<sup>st</sup> to chairperson – Ryan Dupree -- [ryandupree@fbccola.com](mailto:ryandupree@fbccola.com).
- Pray for the pastors, staff, lay leaders, congregation members, and others infected with COVID-19 and one of the variants.
- Pray for two congregations in dialogue about merging with one another.
- Pray for a congregation who is running out of resources to function in a community of 7,000 people who needs partner congregations, and perhaps one who will fully adopt this community.

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