

Online Ministry Support for Pastors and Churches

Northwest Association, WI Conference, UCC

The coronavirus pandemic continues to spread in Wisconsin. United Church of Christ congregations, along with churches of many other denominations, have been working to offer worship and spiritual care in ways that do not put church and community members at risk for infection. These offerings are mostly coming through online technologies, an area of expertise that many pastors and congregations may not be very well versed in. We are sending you this document as a resource as you navigate various online options for your ministries.

Listed below are three consultants you can contact for online assistance regarding online platforms like facebook, youtube, zoom and website postings; video, sound equipment, FM transmitters, and computer program recommendations; ways of recording and livestreaming worship, studies, activities, etc. These consultants may require fees and reimbursements, each will have their own fee schedule, churches will need to make arrangements to cover these costs.

The **WI Conference continues to make grants available** for congregations adapting to new ways of being in ministry as a result of the pandemic. These grants can be written to cover consulting fees, computer programs and technology equipment that help churches move into new ministry opportunities. Contact the WI Conference office to receive a Covid Emergency Grant application.

Consultants

Michael Loomis: michaelloomis69@gmail.com; 715-581-7355

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This is obviously not an exhaustive list of persons who can assist churches, they are individuals who have agreed to be available.

This highlighted video link will connect you to an introductory online technology video created by Michael Loomis, we hope you find it helpful:

<https://youtu.be/Gsn4RCjj5lc>

Peace and wellbeing in this liminal time for churches and our world. Please contact Rev. Rob MacDougall, Associate Conference Minister (rmacdougall@wcucc.org) for clarification regarding the information contained above.

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