

## Session Check List for Spring-Summer 2020

regarding PC(USA) resources to assist you during this COVID-19 pandemic  
from Flint River Presbytery

*The presbytery is responsible for the government of the church throughout its bounds and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world so that all congregations become communities of faith hope and love. (G-3.03)*

### Need a quick synopsis of what resources are available to your congregation?

Look no further and use this to determine what, when, and how you should reach out for assistance!

- **Board of Pensions (BOP)**
  - Offering either **BOP dues relief or deferment for 3 months for congregations of 300 members or less**. Larger congregations may be able to receive **deferments of up to two months** on payments for minister and employee coverage. Any church or employer experiencing economic hardship is encouraged to contact the Board. If you have questions or think you may qualify, please call 800.773.7752 (800-PRESPLAN) from Monday-Friday between 8:30 am to 5 pm. (NB: New Hope/Midland, formerly All Saints and Morningside has already called and been granted dues relief for 3 months.)
- **Note well: IF a congregation is applying for the Payroll Protection Plan through the federal CARES Act, then the church should not plan to apply for this waiver unless SBA is denied as insurance premiums are part of the items that are covered in the PPP loan/grant.**
- **1001 Worshipping Communities (1001WC)**
  - **Tools for Online Gathering** available under COVID resources at [www.flintriverpresbytery.org](http://www.flintriverpresbytery.org)
    - Includes best practices, free resources, and suggestions for technological improvements
- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**
  - **\$7500 emergency grant available to support their current or pandemic-related mission and ministry**
    - Grant must be submitted by the presbytery.
    - Contact our Executive Presbyter for details.
  - **Resilience Webinars for pastoral leaders and general audiences.**
    - Available upon request.
- **Presbyterian Foundation (PF)**
  - **establishes free online services** for your congregation (including a giving app and a QR code)
    - contact [onlineservices@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:onlineservices@presbyterianfoundation.org) or Robert Hay, our ministry relations' officer, at [robert.hay@presbyterianfoundation.org](mailto:robert.hay@presbyterianfoundation.org)
    - offering a **one-month fee reduction for online gifts beginning April 13**, reducing fees from 2% to 1%, *far less than other online giving platforms*

As always, Flint River Presbytery is committed  
to the health and wholeness  
of our congregations.

Do not hesitate to be in touch with staff if we can support you in any way!