

PDA's Role in supporting the church during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Virtual Deployments

- ✓ During the time that OGA/PMA staff operates under a domestic travel ban, PDA will not deploy National Volunteers.
- ✓ PDA will continue to connect with Presbytery leadership before, during and after a disaster. PDA will discern with the Presbytery leadership the value of a virtual deployment to support the Presbytery leadership and congregational leadership.
- ✓ The possibility of a virtual deployment applies to the COVID-19 Pandemic and future natural and human-caused disaster.

Webinars

- ✓ In response to several request, PDA is currently working on several one-hour resilience webinars for faith and community leaders. The webinars will be focused on simple practices that can mitigate the impact of the stressful environment. One of the webinars will be in Spanish. The webinars will be recorded and will be accessible to all interested groups.
- ✓ PDA will work on a series of webinars (5 thirty minutes webinars) on Compassion Fatigue: Prevention and Resilience. The audience will be faith and community leadership. The webinar series will be recorded and accessible to all interested groups.
- ✓ If possible, PDA will respond to requests for additional webinars.

Digital Resources

- ✓ PDA has already prepared resources that are available on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources for Congregations and Members web page that is linked to the denominational webpage.
<https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>
- ✓ PDA will continue to participate in conference/zoom calls with faith-based and governmental partners. As new information and new resources become available, PDA will forward to mid-councils for board distribution.
- ✓ If possible, PDA will prepare digital resources that are requested.

PDA Grants for COVID-19

- ✓ PDA has allocated funds from critical reserves for the response. Due to the global and denomination wide impact of the pandemic, funds will be limited and prioritized according to urgency of need.
- ✓ Taking into consideration the needs expressed on our call, PDA will write guidance for applying for a grant. We anticipate that the guidance will be available by 3/25/20.
- ✓ As with other responses, PDA will look to the mid-council to initiate the request and all approved grants will be sent to the mid-council. The mid-council can then forward the funds to the congregation(s), community partner(s) to use the funds as requested. The mid-council will be required to report on the use of the funds within one year of the date that the funds are received.

PDA Grants for New Disasters

- ✓ We know all too well that new events will happen. PDA will continue to consider Church Damage Grants of up to \$5,000 and consider Presbytery Initial Assistance Grants of up to \$7,500 for community immediate response. In addition, PDA will continue to consider National Recovery Grants for long-term recovery.

PDA Refugee Ministry for COVID-19 and Emerging Needs

- ✓ PDA refugee ministry support programs will continue. Some additional funds for COVID-19 response will be available for those mid-council who have active refugee ministries.