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***Our One Priority* Briefing for Ministers from George Bullard**

A Family of Baptist Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

***Our One Priority***

*Starting and Strengthening Churches to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.*

**CMBA Church Leaders Dialogue and Prayer Gathering**

**When:** Tuesday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m.

**What:** ***Relaunching Your Congregation -- The What and How*** --The CMBA Church Leaders Dialogue and Prayer Gathering will focus on what and how it will be like to relaunch your congregation when the COVID-19 Pandemic allows. We will begin a dialogue about what needs to happen before you relaunch.

**Where:** A Zoom Video Dialogue (with embedded password and a waiting room for security). As an extra security and for us to connect with you, everyone must register for this dialogue at [***https://forms.gle/LVsK9JH4xbZW5K6U7***](https://forms.gle/LVsK9JH4xbZW5K6U7).

* When you register you will receive by return e-mail the link for the online dialogue.
* Within a few hours after the dialogue you will receive the video recording for review and sharing with others.
* You will also receive following the dialogue a handout of the notes used to lead this dialogue.

**Why:** We are hearing and seeing information and knowledge sharing about the what and how congregations can return to full face-to-face ministry. We have studied several approaches and ideas being shared and want to offer a presentation and dialogue for CMBA-related congregations.

**Who:** Pastors, church staff, and lay leaders are welcome to attend.

**Questions:** Contact George Bullard at ***GeorgeBullard@ColumbiaMetro.org*** or 803.622.0923

***These Dialogue and Prayer Gatherings are a regular weekly ministry of CMBA during the current season.***

**A Prayer for the Fifth Week of Virtual Church**

O Lord our God, we bless Your holy name. We share that we were fine for a few weeks. We admit there are actually some things we like about virtual worship. But it is beginning to feel like a long time of staying home and staying safe.

I miss people. I miss the high touch experience of worship with my sisters and brothers in Christ. My congregation was engaged in some new ministries for 2020 and now they are sidelined. I had people I was cultivating for a relationship with Christ and for connecting with our congregation, and I have not yet found the way that seems to work best to continue this cultivation beyond prayer and some virtual contact with them.

(Read/download the remainder of the prayer at [***https://www.columbiametro.org/prayer-for-04-19-20/***](https://www.columbiametro.org/prayer-for-04-19-20/).)

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