



May 20, 2020

Dear Mission Trip Parents and Youth:

After the disappointing postponement of the in-person high school mission trip from the originally scheduled dates, we have sought to re-imagine our commitment to the people of Oljato, and our own missional callings. Below is our plan for an at-home alternative within the guidelines of the United Methodist Church and the Louisiana Governor. These shorter, but meaningful activities will help us support Oljato UMC and connect with God. **Each day will have an online devotion and activity, with nightly Zoom calls from 7-8pm.**

Monday, May 25 Orientation Day:

Read 3 news articles about the effect of the pandemic on Native American communities, and the chronic issues that compound COVID's impact. Spend time in prayer over these issues. Share and discuss in a Zoom call with your "work group."

Tuesday, May 26 Connection Day:

Live video call with Angela Nelson, Associate Pastor at Oljato United Methodist Church. Small group time to follow.

Wednesday, May 27 Vacation Bible School Day:

Create 3 cards for children in Oljato with the message of Christ's love, forgiveness and grace (in place of VBS), to be sterilized and sent in our place. Supplies available for pick up at FUMC. Game night via Zoom at 7pm.

Thursday, May 28 Donation Day:

If you are able, drop off to FUMC, (or order) a grocery gift card, or sanitation supplies to be sent to Oljato UMC. (hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, paper towels, latex gloves, trash bags). Closing video message, discuss in small groups online.

By connecting with their community in *any* way, we give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to mold our hearts as disciples. If it becomes advisable to resume in-person service work this summer, we will make our best attempt at that option as well.

Sincerely,

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