Greetings!

Jane Harding is picking up the work of Kathryn Hofley as she retired in 2019. Please connect with her if you have any Stewardship questions at all (please see contact information at the bottom of the page).

Greetings beautiful people of God!

What a week eh?

I thought to put together a few ideas to share with your Communities of Faith in the coming days.

I always defer to my Abundant Thinking, but understand that there might be some angst out there.

People not meeting and physically putting an offering in the plates is a real thing. Although that is the way we have done it for so long, there are other ways. We all have concerns about the impact on our finances. As we know, God's work is never done. Ministry continues during the week, over months and years. It is immeasurable and powerful in the way it touches people even when we don't see them face to face.

Please continue your offerings to mission and ministry and/ or use another way to make your beautiful gift this week, this month, this year.

In the face of the Covid-19 virus pandemic, as congregations make plans to care for their participants and their communities, many will not gather for worship and have canceled fund-raising events. Many reliable renters will be unable to pay their monthly rent. Of course we will scale back expenses as much as we can but some expenses are a constant. All of this impacts our ability to do our work

I have included a summary page here about **the use of Canada Helps**. It's a reminder that you can be encouraging people to continue their giving on-line through Canada Helps.

Every congregation already has a page on Canada Helps, and RIGHT NOW people can go to the link and make a donation to the congregation. I encourage leaders of congregations to go on and edit it to make it pretty, inviting and compelling. That's easy, and is part of this note.

You can also encourage people make out post dated monthly cheques and put them in the old fashioned mailbox or **sign up for PAR**.

I also encourage people to make up Sundays offering they have missed with a lump sum donation at some point.

Please use any or all of this to help with financial realities of March 2020.

I am working from home and happy to brainstorm other ideas with you.

Blessings on your work,

Jane Harding

Here are some links and interesting information. A few at the end are repeats from February but worth repeating if you did not see them last month.

- A United Church Discipleship Growth group you may be interested in
- A great article on what pastors need to know about fundraising in current times
- 2019 Charitable Giving Report – 27 New Church Fundraising Facts Pastors Need to Know
- United in learning opportunities here
- The Moderator's Lenten message
- **New** Called To Be The Church (CTBTC) has been shipped to your congregation
    - To get extra copies – order from UCRD https://ucrdstore.ca/ NO Charge/NO shipping costs
    - Please do the survey for CTBTC – it helps us improve the product each year
- **2020 Seeds of Hope granting cycle – cut off dates are March and April 15**
    - Submit by email here
    - Success stories of who received grants in 2019
    - Download application here
- Please friend my professional Facebook page – lots of info for stewardship and generosity
- How Thank You notes make the world a better place
- How you can help those faithful church goers where to give

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