Selected List of Resources and Repositories on Faith Based Responses and Pastoral Guidelines on COVID-19

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The Corona Pandemic is a major challenge for many Partners of Bread for the World. Several international and ecumenical organizations have compiled resources and established important websites where FBOs can identify and get hold of important resources for coping with the medical, pastoral, educational, political and social consequences of the Pandemic. A working group of staff within Bread for the World has compiled the following short list, which provides a survey of selected resources, which can be identified and could provide helpful for partners.

The following six thematic areas are distinguished:

a) Medical and epidemiological resources
b) Educational resources
c) Pastoral and religious resources
d) Theological resources
e) Interfaith resources
f) Resources for global networking

a) Medical and epidemiological resources

World Health Organization (WHO):
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) technical guidance: Infection prevention and control / WASH
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: Myth busters
- Q&A on coronaviruses (COVID-19)
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and Sexual and Reproductive Health

German Institute for Medical Mission (DIFAEM):
- Webinars on infection routes, protective measures and additional sources of information. Records via the following links (you must register): English – Français – Português
- Toolbox (English and French) with information, links to online courses and posters

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention:
- Resources for Community and Faith Based Organizations - Plan, Prepare, and Respond

Amref Health Africa:
- Amref COVID-19 Africa Information Centre

Africa CDC:
- Community use of face masks (Brochure in English, French, Portuguese, Arabic)
- How to wear a face mask correctly (Brochure in English, French, Portuguese)

The LANCET:
- Redefining vulnerability in the era of COVID-19
b) Educational resources

ACT Alliance:
- COVID-19 ACT Alliance programmatic response

United Nations:
- COVID-19 Response

Dan Church Aid (DCA) Learning Lab:
- Programme Guide on Coronavirus – Fabo course on COVID-19
- E-Learning Course on Faith-Sensitive Humanitarian Response: Mental Health & Psychosocial Support

Religion and Diplomacy Network (Transatlantic Policy Network):
- Blogs & Articles on COVID-19

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c) Pastoral and religious resources

Brot für die Welt:
- 10 Commandments for Responsible Pastoral Reactions to the Corona-Crisis

World Council of Churches (WCC):
- Coping with the Coronavirus

Lutheran World Federation (LWF) responds to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic:
- Updates, resource, and information on how to support the LWF’s efforts to reduce its impact

WCC and Regional Ecumenical Organizations (REOs) joint pastoral statement:
- Ecumenical Organisations around the world affirm to protect life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic

Church of England:
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for churches

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d) Theological resources

World Council of Churches (WCC):
- Health and Hope: The Church in Mission and Unity

Tearfund LEARN:
- Theological Resources on COVID19

Duke Divinity School: Faith and Leadership Resources on Coronavirus Pandemic
- Resources for Christian leaders during the coronavirus pandemic
- How should Christian leaders respond to a pandemic? A collection of Faith & Leadership articles, essays and other content »
e) Interfaith resources

Religions for Peace:
- **Religions for Peace’s Multi-religious COVID-19 Hub:**

World Health Organization (WHO): Faith based organizations and faith leaders
- Recommendations for faith-based organizations (FBOs) to ensure safe gatherings (where permitted)
- Practical considerations and recommendations for religious leaders and faith-based communities in the context of COVID-19
- This document and risk assessment tool and decision tree provides practical guidance and recommendations to support the special role of religious leaders, faith-based organizations, and faith communities in COVID-19 education, preparedness, and response.

Joint Learning Initiative
- The COVID-19 Crisis: Taking Stock of Religious Responses
- Faith and COVID-19: Resource Repository

Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs:
- Consultation on COVID-19: Exploring Faith Dimensions: The COVID-19 pandemic represents one of the greatest challenges in both global health and religious practice today. How are religious institutions, beliefs, leaders, and practices contributing—positively and negatively—to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and response? This brief draws on the experience and insights of leaders, past and present, on global health.

Globethics.net:
- COVID-19: What Our Network is Saying: During these exceptional times, we’ve been reaching out to you to hear your thoughts on COVID-19. It is a selection of letters we’ve received from members of our network.
- Globethics.net President Statement: Coronavirus COVID-19: Let’s stay together – at a distance

f) Resources for global networking

UN environment programme:
- Faith in the Frontline with COVID19 – Interfaith Response to COVID-19

PaRD – International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development
- Religion in times of COVID-19

ACT Alliance:
- ACT Global Appeal: Global Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic – ACT201