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Empowering Disciples



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### Denominational Compelling Vision Bible Study

The Compelling Vision Team is developing a 13-session Bible study series around the Compelling Vision. Designed for use by youth and adults, the series will be available at no cost on the Compelling Vision webpage in February 2021. Recognizing the importance of discerning the mind of Christ through communal study of scripture, it is our hope that this Bible study series will serve a two-fold purpose: to help congregations engage more deeply with the Jesus in the Neighborhood vision and to help congregations and their delegates prepare for the conversations to take place at Annual Conference as we move toward affirmation of the vision. Each of the thirteen sessions has as its focus a question that invites participants to explore a different word or phrase in the vision and has been written by a different person, creating a series that is rich in both breadth and depth. You can find a list of themes and presenters on the district website. We hope your congregation will plan to use this resource as part of your Spring 2021 Bible studies.

### Conversations and Connections

*Gifts and Challenges of COVID*

*February 19, 2021, 7:00 - 8:30 pm*

The District Women's Retreat Committee is sending an invitation to an evening for women to talk about living in a Covid world on Friday, February 19, at 7:00 pm, on a Zoom connection. The gathering will include devotions, discussion in small groups sharing Covid experiences, and other delightful activities to engage hearts and spirits. It will be an opportunity to connect with other women without masks and safe at home. Casual clothes, fuzzy slippers, and a cup of hot chocolate or tea will put everyone in a relaxed mood for the evening fun. Registration is very simple. By merely sending Karen Dillon an email at [crimdill@aol.com](mailto:crimdill@aol.com) and saying, "I'll be there!" one will be registered. (Please include your name.) Karen will use that email to send the Zoom connection the day of the event, so it doesn't get lost in the mounds of emails one accumulates. The Committee hopes the joy of being together again will encourage women across the District and beyond, to set aside this evening and celebrate our shared sisterhood. A printable invitation can invitation which you can share with your friends can be found on the district website, or contact your church office.

### Racial Justice for Lent

Recent current events and news stories around such topics as racial justice, white privilege, equality/equity, etc. have spurred conversations within the SOKD Missional/Renewal Commission.

As a result, in an effort to increase understanding within the district, a task team has been formed. They would like to invite you to join them for a Lenten study: Racial Justice for Lent. The study will take place each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. from February 16th - March 30th on Zoom. You can register to receive the Zoom link on the district website.

This team has also compiled a list of resources which will help you understand and talk about diversity within your congregation. These are posted on the district website. The Task Team will add to this list as they continue to meet and learn what resources are available.

### Southern Ohio/Kentucky Disaster Ministries Updates:

**2021 BDM Sites** – Be a BDM volunteer this year serving at Bayboro, NC or Dayton, OH. The Bayboro, NC site, which is open through March, is in a rural area near the coast. The homes being rebuilt were damaged by Hurricane Florence in September 2018. The Dayton, OH site will open in April and remain open throughout 2021. Volunteers will be rebuilding homes damaged by tornadoes in May 2019. Overnight housing will be available at the former Memorial Presbyterian Church on S. Smithville Rd. or volunteers can return home each evening. Consider serving during 2021! A printable flyer with all the 2021 trip dates is posted on the district website. Sign up by calling/texting Burton Wolf at 937-287-5902 or [SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernOhioBDM@gmail.com)

**Sewing Bee** – Come join other sewers making school bags for Church World Service school kits. Bags are pre-cut, so just bring your sewing machine, an extension cord, and a sack lunch. The next Sewing Bee is on Saturday, February 20 at 9:00 AM at Greenville Church of the Brethren. For more information call Barb Brower at 937-336-2442. A printable flyer showing all the 2021 Sewing Bee dates and locations is posted on the district website.

*For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, email the Southern Ohio/Kentucky District ([sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org)) or visit our website: [www.sodcob.org](http://www.sodcob.org). In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to [sodcob@brethren.org](mailto:sodcob@brethren.org) **before the 15th of the month.***

