



### Update on Upcoming Key Dates

Gathering leadership continues to work through a variety of scenarios of what this ministry may look like in the time of COVID-19. We have decided to pause our upcoming webinars, the release of the Getting Ready Materials and the start of financial assistance so that all may be adjusted accordingly for any possible changes.

We also hope this pause will allow congregational leaders to continue focusing on serving their young people during these unusual times, without needing to devote special attention to Gathering readiness. The Gathering timeline will be adjusted accordingly as updates are announced so that adult leaders have the necessary time to prepare. All updates will be shared on our social media as well as [our website](#).



### Intentional Chaplaincy Work

Our 2021 MYLE team leader, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, shares her experience of assembling local pastors, religious leaders and spiritual care leaders to serve the Minneapolis–St. Paul area following the murder of George Floyd. Her blog post also stresses the importance of volunteers being culturally aware as they enter a space of trauma.

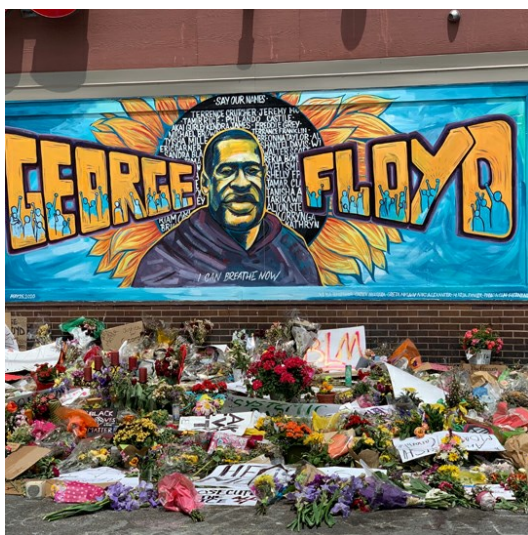
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### Racial Justice Resource

Are you looking for a racial justice lesson to use with your youth group or church council? One of our Getting Ready lessons from the 2015 Gathering is filled with activities, lessons and factoids pertaining to prejudice, bias and racism (overt and covert).

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### Reflections on Volunteering in Minneapolis

Kris BJORKE, Service Learning Project Manager for the 2021 Gathering, shares her reflections and several stories from her time volunteering at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, blocks away from the George Floyd memorial.

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