

Offering Invitation

“Grow your compassion.” We know God can work wonders with small things. A mustard seed; a spark; a child; our faith; or any gift given in love. Each of these small beginnings, when transformed by the spirit, can have a tremendous impact in the world.

The COVID-19 crisis has created many big problems. The need seems overwhelming. But when we give out of compassion, our gifts are transformed. Disciples congregations across the U.S. and Canada are able to feed their neighbors and meet needs in their communities; and partners around the world can meet the needs of this present moment, while also planning for long-term needs. More communities can access clean water. More people can wash their hands. More families can feed their children, and plan for a future with sustainable food sources. Even the smallest gifts, when rooted in faith and compassion, yield an abundance beyond our wildest dreams.

With God, all things are possible; there is enough for everyone, and there is always more room at the table. When we grow our compassion together, it reaches around the world-- from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We invite you to give generously [text to give, via website, or as baskets are passed...]

Prayer: Blessing of the gifts God of abundance, we give you thanks for small seeds of faith that yield miraculous returns; we give thanks for small acts of love that make way for new life; we give thanks for the generosity that, when shared, reaches around the world. Bless these gifts that they may give life and hope; bless these gifts that they might be transformed to meet the needs of a hurting world. These and all good things we ask in your name, Amen.

