



## Baltimore City Conference

### Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA

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### The Situation in Baltimore: What Can I Do?

Many have asked in these last days, “What Can I Do?” The rostered leaders of our metropolitan area brainstormed these possibilities...

- ✕ Do something around anti-racism education in your community, one resource might be: [www.lhra.org](http://www.lhra.org) – in our Delaware-Maryland Synod, we have our own anti-racism resource team, visit: <http://www.demdsynod.org/racial-justice-ministry-team.html> for contact information.
- ✕ Come to Baltimore! Worship and study with us. Pray with us. Eat with us. Support City businesses by coming to visit - it keeps Baltimore moving forward! Coordinate a church visit with our dean, Bill Gohl, [pastor@god-is-love.org](mailto:pastor@god-is-love.org).
- ✕ Help us staff a peaceful presence at Zion Church at City Hall Plaza. Zion is immediately across from City Hall and we want to maintain a presence to pray with people, provide water, etc. Visit Zion at [www.zionbaltimore.org](http://www.zionbaltimore.org) and coordinate your willingness to help by emailing both [pastor-eric@celconline.org](mailto:pastor-eric@celconline.org) and [pastor@god-is-love.org](mailto:pastor@god-is-love.org).
- ✕ Supply our witness with drinks and snacks – water bottles, soda cans, cheese and crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, etc. We’ll get them into people’s hands at demonstrations – on both sides of the barriers!
- ✕ Come share our stories. We can arrange a place for you to bring lunch and an open heart to talk to folks in the midst of the struggle. Email Bill Gohl to make these kind of arrangements: [pastor@god-is-love.org](mailto:pastor@god-is-love.org).
- ✕ Bring non-perishable foods to distribute through our many feeding ministries. We need everything, especially staples: pasta, fruit, shelf-stable milk, meat, stew, soup, cereal, crackers, rice, peanut butter, jelly (easy on the veggies, we usually have abundant supply). Pop-tops and ready-to-eat supplies are helpful for those who do not have cooking facilities.
- ✕ *Better still:* Offer to cover a day in one of our Community Kitchens (sometimes unhelpfully called “Soup Kitchens”). Shop, cook, serve and clean-up a meal for approximately 100 people. We can connect you! Email: [pastor@god-is-love.org](mailto:pastor@god-is-love.org).

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- ✂ Provide small gift cards (\$5 or \$10) – McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy’s, KFC, Popeye’s, Subway, etc., to help those in “food deserts” to access a hot, albeit fast food meal.
- ✂ Make “peace” art that we can spread out throughout our communities (see [www.thepeaceflagproject.org](http://www.thepeaceflagproject.org) or [www.origamiway.com/origami-dove.shtml](http://www.origamiway.com/origami-dove.shtml) for examples.)
- ✂ Come volunteer in our schools, we need “caring listeners” – call the Baltimore City Board of Education volunteer line: 443-642-5400.
- ✂ Make cards for first responders. We will get them to our Police, Firefighters, EMS, National Guard, State Troopers, Sheriffs, etc.
- ✂ And then, only after you’ve *done* something to help...we would be glad to receive gifts of money to send our city kids to summer camp – and for us to bring the gospel to our kids through church camps in the city and Vacation Bible Schools. Take a collection, have a fundraiser, make a check payable to *Epiphany Church*, mark it *Baltimore Relief*. Through the work of the Baltimore Mission Table, CLAIM, 100% of your gift will help to feed and nourish our kids with the Good News this summer!

The hub for these gifts is easily accessible from I-95, off of Belair Road South, exit 32. Gifts can be received Monday through Friday from 9 ‘til 3.30pm, Wednesday ‘til 7pm and on Saturdays and Sundays by arrangement.

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Thanks for being with us in prayer and solidarity,



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*Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations;  
And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.*

- Isaiah 58.12 -