

"As we come to the end of 2020 we should pause to reflect for a moment. The year opened with dreams, hopes, and plans but soon we found ourselves in the midst of a pandemic unlike anything we had ever encountered. All too quickly, we found ourselves speaking of "self-quarantining," "social distancing" and "virtual worship" as we struggled to stay "on task" of making disciples, transforming the community and being a beacon of hope to a troubled world.

As this New Year opens and we find some positivity with the discovery of a vaccine that may help combat Covid19, let us be reminded that our mission, our task, our call is for us, the church to become the vaccine for the "human condition!" The church (and especially the Greater Detroit District) must be the vaccine, the antidote for the "human condition" of poverty, social and racial disparity, bigotry, and hatred!

I am proud to be able to work with clergy and laypersons that are striving together to help energize congregations, to develop and equip leaders as we share the grace and love of the Almighty the world! May we join hands and hearts to become even more impactful in the year to come!"

*Rev. Dr. Ray McGee*

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