

Dear Ministry Partners,

During times of crisis, I find myself looking for the “helpers”. These are the people who care for others in need even when their own lives are at stake. It is in the work of these helpers that I see God and find hope.

Our Early Childhood Development work has changed, but it still continues thanks to the helpers. In Ghana, we are partnering with the local Anglican Diocesan Development and Relief Organization (ADDRO) to provide masks, gloves and sanitizers to our Early Childhood Development promoters so that they stay safe while working with families. In Mozambique, we are partnering with Anglican Social Action (ASA) and the local government to deliver food parcels and face masks to vulnerable families.

I share this [coloring book](#) with you as a sign of hope- God’s work is still being done in the world! Share this hope with others by sharing this coloring book with your community.

Here are three ideas:

1. Share the coloring book during “virtual coffee hour”

Chat the [PDE](#) of the coloring book in the “chat box” during your virtual coffee hour after church. Explain your relationship to Episcopal Relief & Development and how our programs have adapted during COVID-19. You might also mention how the coloring book serves as a great quarantine activity!

2. Share completed drawings with friends

Do you have a child in your life who would enjoy coloring in pages from the coloring book? Print out the child’s favorite [drawing](#) and encourage them to color it in, then share the completed project with their grandparent or other family member. You can also color in pages of the coloring book yourself and share them with friends.

3. Share the book with your youth minister

Forward the [coloring book](#) to your youth minister and encourage them to share the coloring book with families at your church. Youth could even have a quarantine competition to see who can create the most colorful page! And encourage the youth minister to post completed coloring pages to social media using the hashtag, #1000daysoflove.

As always, thank you for your ministry with Episcopal Relief & Development. May you continue to recognize God’s “helpers” in the world around you each day and feel grateful,

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