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My friends,

Blessings to you during this Lenten season.

Not since the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic have so many people in our region experienced economic uncertainty on the scale that we are witnessing now. Sharp and sudden reductions in the federal workforce, changes in federal policies and expenditures, and the determined effort to deport migrants are taking a toll on many we love and hold in our circles of concern.

In an effort to respond to the immediate economic and humanitarian needs many are facing, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington has established an Emergency Relief Fund to provide direct assistance to those within our congregations and the communities they serve. As during Covid-19, we will distribute those resources through our clergy and congregational leaders. The grant application is straightforward, so that as a diocese we can support and amplify the good pastoral efforts of our congregations.

I have seeded money from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, and we are able to accept applications right away. Full grant guidelines and the application link are available on the [Emergency Relief Fund webpage](#). Please note that applications must be submitted by clergy and/or wardens of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

If your circumstances allow you to contribute to this [fund](#), it would be a great blessing to others in our diocesan family (choose "Emergency Relief Fund" from the drop-down menu). Often, when making such an appeal, the task is about relaying needs that are occurring far from us. In this instance, the needs are within our arms reach—members of our congregations and our neighbors.

We of the diocesan staff hold you in our prayers and ask that we remain in yours.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde
Bishop of Washington