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Dear friends of PCUSA,

we are going through hard times right now. Our globalized civilization has been hit by a global viral infection. Many of the assurances we took for granted yesterday are gone. Every day we hear about the tragedy that people are struggling with all over the Europe and the USA.

Suddenly we are much more aware of how interrelated we are, how vulnerable we are. And perhaps we in Diakonia are even more aware of how vulnerable many clients of our services are. Most of people are on HO at the moment, schools are shut, the emphasis is now on online learning and social separation. Very new way of life.

The pictures of medical staff helping the people in their most difficult phases are repeatedly reported. The witness of those who have offered their time, property and safety to help others do write a new chapter in the history of saints.

We do stand with You in our prayers: with You who have lost Your beloved ones, and with You who struggle to minimize the loss. Together with You we are plucking up the courage to trust in our heavenly Father who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness".

Let's the Easter message – testimony of life be present with us these days.

Behalf Diaconia,

In Christ, Your

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