

# Metro District Lament and Mourn 100K

## *Interfaith Virtual Vigil*

Monday, June 1, 2020

12:00 - Tolling of the Bells : 12:05 - Interfaith Virtual Vigil

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*"We must stop. We must weep. We must mourn. We must honor. We must lament." --  
Jim Wallis*

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

This week marked a tragic moment in U.S. history. More than 100,000 Americans have now died from COVID-19.

As Metro clergy, we are there for our flock in times of grief -- beside our parishioner in hospital, in funeral homes, at cemeteries, in houses of mourning, and on the path to healing. As Metro clergy, we stand steadfastly in solidarity to pastor our community through this time of immense grief and pain, as we pray for and work together to bring about that physical, economic, psychological, and spiritual healing that are community so desperately needs.

**We ask that you mark this moment of lament and mourning with your faith community throughout this Pentecost weekend.**

**We also invite you to join the Charlotte Lament and Mourn 100K Virtual Vigil on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, at noon.**

Join on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84548599062>

Join on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MeckMin/>

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/540577853249129/>

We will be joining worship centers across the nation as they, too, gather virtually for a day of prayer for the 100,000 lives that have succumbed to this virus. We invite you to

toll the bells at your local church (if you have them) on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon to symbolize a unified moment of lament and mourning for the many families who have experienced the loss of beloved family members and friends. We encourage people to ring bells from their porches, balconies, and lawns as well. We also invite participation by all who are present virtually on Zoom. At one point in the service, you will be invited to participate by either holding up (in front of your camera) a sign with one word in bold print or paint that is your prayer or by holding up a lit candle or light. It will be appropriate for flags to be lowered, as well.

Social media tags for the event

are: **#dayofmourning** **#lament100k** **#CLTlament100k**

We encourage you to share this invitation with your congregation members, your friends, and your neighbors.

Come Holy Spirit.

*David*