Dear partners in ministry,

The offices of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW) are located within the Chicago Temple, home to First United Methodist Church of Chicago. Due to the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of Illinois, and the City of Chicago, GCSRW adopted an office policy on Friday March 13, 2020 to allow all staff to work remotely. GCSRW seeks to practice social distancing and to help minimize the spread of Covid-19 for our staff and for the health, safety, and welfare of our families and those whom we serve. All GCSRW staff will be working remotely and all business travel on behalf of the agency is cancelled through April 15th.

Please know that GCSRW will continue to be operational during these uncertain times. The following are a list of links that may be helpful to you:

- Our main website ([www.gcsrw.org](http://www.gcsrw.org)) has free, downloadable curriculum and resources for you to engage as you continue to partner with us in challenging The United Methodist Church for the full and equal participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church.
- Our sexual ethics website ([www.umsexualethics.org](http://www.umsexualethics.org)) is available if you need resources regarding sexual ethics in The United Methodist Church. If you have a sexual ethics question or concern, please email Senior Director of Sexual Ethics and Advocacy, Becky Posey Williams, at bwilliams@gcsrw.org.
- Continue to engage with us on social media. We can be found on Facebook and Twitter and would love to keep in contact with you during these times.
- If you have any general questions or concerns, please email info@gcsrw.org and a GCSRW staff member will be in touch with you as soon as they can.

We are holding you and the world in our prayers. Practice social distancing and stay home as much as you can, and be safe. Together, we will all get through this.

Yours in mission,

Dawn Wiggins Hare