



## Mission and Engagement Ideas

### Hope and Peace

There are many forms of darkness in our communities and in the world. As Christians, we are called to share Christ's light and hope with others, so the darkness is no more. Reflect on the forms of oppression people are experiencing in your community, the state, the country or globally. Once identified, create a team whose goal is to fight for justice and spread hope by:

- Learning more about the oppression that is taking place.
- Making people aware of the oppression and speaking out against the oppression on social media, in conversations with people, on a Zoom call to discuss the oppression and what can be done to address it, and/or via sermon illustrations.
- Working to end oppression by writing/speaking to those with power and influence, financially supporting and partnering with organizations who are actively working for peace and justice, or [supporting mission partners or United Methodist missionaries](#) who are actively working to address the oppression you identified.
- Pray for peace and justice.

### Joy

Jesus is the source of our joy! Just as Mary did in her song, share how God has brought joy to your life or community, how you have experienced the joy of Jesus through others, and how you would like to spread the joy of Jesus with three people.

### Love

God loves us and gives us what we need in order to fully love others, even when we feel uncertain or uncomfortable. Identify one area of mission that you are engaged in and reflect on how you can take your engagement a step further and move out of your comfort zone in order to love even greater. For example, if you donate items to a homeless shelter, sign up to volunteer at one or volunteer to have your church serve as a warming station or temporary overnight shelter; if you collect items for a food pantry, host a meal for the hungry in your community. Of course, always follow COVID-19 precautions and mandates, social distance and wear a mask.