



The Justice and Peace Foundation Receives Grant from the Funeral Services Foundation

It is with deep appreciation that the Justice and Peace Foundation announces the receipt of a grant from the Funeral Services Foundation as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding will allow us to fund the JPF project entitled *Every Goodbye Ain't Gone: Trauma and Grief in the time of COVID-19*.

The goal is **to support the grief process, to innovate and disseminate best practices for funerals and public memorials, and to provide self-care tools for African American religious leaders in this crisis**. This will be accomplished by six months of collaborative, interactive webinars led by Lisa Brown, PhD, ABPP; Rev. Darrell Armstrong, MDiv, EdS – MFT, DD; and Dr. Phyllis Carter. The churches will be chosen from geographical regions who have experienced multiple deaths due to COVID-19 and have networks of influence in their denominations.

To reach that goal, JPF seeks 15 African American churches of various denominations and from a variety of geographical locations nationally to become involved. Each church can choose a representative to commit to attend bi-monthly online workshops for 6 months; the chosen representatives will also receive coaching about setting up and maintaining a bereavement ministry, and gain skills in self-care for ministerial leaders. While this participation is not compensated an incentive will be offered to all representatives.

If your church wants to be a part of this project and you meet the criteria, please let us know by filling out the form at <https://forms.gle/Hbk4ZDpZRi7xkgAz9>

As the project advances, the best practices and resources that are developed through this collaborative project will be made available on the JPF website for all.

