



*The Resiliency Time Capsule:
Stories of Adaptation, Lessons for the Future*

Step 1 of 2: Tell Your Story!

Your church can participate!

We invite you to contribute to the creation of this ground-breaking project by proclaiming your congregation's faithfulness and resilience. Share the story of how your church responded to these two pandemics.

Remember our overarching question: *How did your congregation respond and continue to be the church in innovative, creative and unfamiliar ways during this time?*

What was your response to COVID-19, to continued Racial Injustice, or both pandemics expressed through you:

- Worship service
- Mission outreach
- Community engagement
- Pastoral Care
- Faith Formation and Christian Education programs
- Relationships and the congregation's connection to each other as a church

We Cordially Invite You to Tell Your Story.

Written or spoken word:

Please share your church's story with us in written form or audio/visual format. We've listed a few touchstones for writing below to help you get started!

Contribution to the Resiliency Time Capsule:

We will be creating a "time capsule" and multi-media presentation that creatively captures and tells this story. Please submit items that reflect your congregation's unique experience.

- 1. YOUR CHURCH'S STORY:** We invite you to use the touchstone questions below, any or all that may be useful, as inspiration for reflection and sharing your story. We invite you to create and share the written and/or audio story of your church during this unique time. In key areas of your mission and ministry, tell us how your congregation demonstrated adaptability, creativity, presence, and innovation during this time of twin pandemics?

Touchstones for writing your story.

Tell us something of how church leaders and your congregation responded to the **CoVid-19 pandemic** and the resulting challenges.

- What was the impact on your congregation of the CoVid 19 guidelines and physical distancing restrictions?
- How did it impact your mission and ministry activities? Tell us something about one or more of these:
 - Worship services
 - Mission outreach
 - Community engagement
 - Pastoral care
 - Faith Formation and Christian Education programs
 - Relationships and connection to each other as a church?
- How did your church continue to be engaged in innovative, creative and unfamiliar ways during the COVID-19 shutdown?
- How were decisions about transformation and innovation made?
 - How were decisions implemented? Who implemented them?
- What were the high points and successes?
- What were the low points, failures or frustrations?

How was the church affected by the increased awareness of the systemic **Racial Injustice** in our nation?

- How did the church respond?
- What is your continuing response?
- How has this growing realization impacted your way of being the church?
- How has grief, fear and anxiety impacted your congregation during these two pandemics?

2. TIME CAPSULE: What artifacts would you choose to illustrate your story in the Resiliency Time Capsule? *Some ideas of items may include unique artifacts, pictures of events, news articles, audio/video of online worship, artwork, poetry, music, and photographs of items for home study and youth formation, etc.*

Questions? Please contact us at TimeCapsule@SNEUCC.org.

When finished... Please go to Step 2 of 2 to submit your story!