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Christmas Offering 2020  
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- ◆ Instead of our Regional Ministers coming to visit us, they came to us virtually, preaching, praying and leading search processes online
- ◆ Instead of Wild Women of the West Event in Las Vegas and our women's retreats, we held events with women from around the globe coming together online
- ◆ Instead of driving up and down the interstate to see each other in meetings, our people drove up and down freeways delivering supplies for those impacted by the summer wildfires
- ◆ Instead of our Regional Assembly in Salem in May, we met on line with a couple hundred people, receiving an offering of over \$6,500 for COVID 19 relief in rural Ecuador with our partners of FEDICE
- ◆ Instead of doing our anti-racism training in person, we met on line with multiple congregations' members for this important work
- ◆ Instead of meeting in person, our regional board met on line with more people at the table than when we met in person

Instead, instead, instead..... so many ways we had to adapt.

AND, what we learned is that our regional church is resilient.

- ◆ We met the impact of wild fires with compassion
- ◆ We met racism with prayerful conversation and action
- ◆ We met COVID with strategies for gathering and generosity with our partners in Ecuadorian rural communities
- ◆ We met restrictions with ingenuity
- ◆ We met distance with technological connection
- ◆ We met isolation with community

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