

# Charlottesville Area Community Program

750 Hinton Avenue | Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

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Dear Friends and supporters,

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic we have suspended our regular ID Registration Drives. Even as the Commonwealth of Virginia begins to open up, it remains risky to return to normal operations given the potential size of gatherings, close contact required for registering ID's, and particular vulnerabilities of our target populations. We have, on several occasions, met one-on-one with clients by appointment only, and will continue to do so where there is an urgent need for identification. Alongside other programs in the FaithAction ID Network, we will continue to suspend other operations except in cases of emergency.

**We will *not* process ID renewals for the remainder of 2020. All Charlottesville Area Community ID Cards should be considered valid through January, 2021.**

- To our cardholders, we would ask that you would continue to use your card as normal. You may wish to carry this letter if the expiration date on your card has passed.
- To our supporters, we would ask that you continue to honor cards that may have passed their listed expiration date, and to contact our office at **(434) 260-0586** if you have any questions.

The Commonwealth of Virginia will begin issuing Driver's Licenses to residents irrespective of their immigration status on January 1, 2021, which will offer another option for obtaining identification. We will continue to consult members of our community to assess whether there remains a need for our Community ID Card. We welcome feedback and referrals that let us know of individuals for whom our card would be beneficial.

***Many thanks,***

Russ Linden, Welcoming Greater Charlottesville

Rev. Brenda Brown-Grooms, New Beginnings Christian Community

Rev. Liz Emrey, New Beginnings Christian Community

Rev. Robert Lewis, Hinton Avenue United Methodist Church

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