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INTERFAITH ALLIANCE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Lewisville Faith Communities,

By now, I would guess that all of you are aware of the changes this fall has brought to learning for students. This included the creation of Remote Learning Centers (RLC) to accommodate students who needed to do their schoolwork outside of their home for a variety of reasons. Last month, we were approached by the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools (WSFCS) and asked to host a Remote Learning Center for students in Lewisville. Unlike other programs, the students in this program will be referred by the schools as ones who need a safe, reliable, connected, and encouraging space to carry out their remote instruction.

In coordination with Mayor Horn and the Town Council, we are excited to be able to host this new Remote Learning Center at the Lewisville Community Center. The school will provide a tutor who will be onsite daily to help students with academic questions. However, it is up to us to find the volunteers who would act as additional encouragement and support. We are sending you this letter to ask for your prayerful consideration to partner with us in caring for our local students by finding volunteers from within your congregations. Here is a tentative structure for the program, based on a successful RLC at Ardmore Baptist Church:

- Center would be open four days per week, Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a maximum of ten (10) students.
- We are seeking at least four (4) congregations in Lewisville to partner with us, so that each congregation would be responsible for one day (i.e. Church "A" recruits volunteers who come every Monday; Church "B" takes Tuesday, and so on). Two smaller congregations could also share one day.
- Volunteer shifts would be 8:00 – 11:30 and 11:30 – 3:00. We would need 2 volunteers per shift, which means each congregation would need to recruit 4 volunteers. (i.e. That means Mr. Jones would come each Monday from 8:00-11:30 and that would be his volunteer shift.)
- A fee of \$25 per week would be charged per student to encourage accountability and consistent participation. This money would be used to pay for cleaning supplies, bottled water and wrapped snacks, and a Site Supervisor (see below). Lunch would be provided by WSFCS.

- Volunteer duties include:
 - General monitoring of students
 - Assisting students with technology issues, work, and meals
 - Wiping down surfaces with cleaning supplies occasionally

Any parent who volunteers is welcome to bring his/her child/ren who are also in K-12 virtual learning. They may attend the site for free while their parent is volunteering, abiding by the same guidelines as the other students and with the benefit of being in a social setting for their own virtual learning.

Students and volunteers will adhere to all safety and cleaning guidelines outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), including physical distancing and wearing masks.

A complete Volunteer Guide and Student Expectations Guide will be available and required reading for each participant. (To view the documents created by Ardmore Baptist Church, visit this link: <https://www.ardmorebaptist.org/remote-learning-center/>)

In addition to the volunteers, we are seeking a Site Supervisor who would be paid a monthly stipend of \$500. Or this role could be split between two individuals. This person's responsibilities would include managing volunteers and serving as a point of contact between the church and school system. WSFCS has said they need someone who can be a point of contact every day for what is happening at the Remote Learning Centers. While we do not have an official job description, this person would preferably be one who has some knowledge of schools (i.e. a retired or former teacher). And while this person would need to be onsite each day, there is flexibility in the amount of time they would need to spend onsite.

We are modeling this program after one created and hosted by Ardmore Baptist Church that partners with three (3) other churches and serves 18 high school students each day. (Our program will likely serve elementary and middle students.) However, we need our Center to reflect our own community's needs, strengths and abilities. Therefore this is a tentative structure for our Remote Learning Center. Your interest as well as your input are both appreciated!

If you would like your congregation to be involved with this Remote Learning Center or if you have questions, please email or call myself or Rev. Dr. Vincent Howell immediately. We are very excited to be given this task and hope to be successful in loving, supporting and caring for the students of our community!

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