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Visible Invisible Hope

Special points of interest:

- Hope-Casts to listen to encourage you
- Stewardship
- Georgia Black Leadership Project to connect the church, public, and non-profit to help the people
- LIT Initiative providing opportunities

"¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the

lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.. ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. " - Isaiah 11:1-10

During this time of advent, we

celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ who was born in a manger in Jerusalem to a virgin. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Those who seek Jesus will find Him however hope may not always look like us or sound like us. Hope is visible to those who are open to see the glory of God. Hope may be invisible to discriminating, close minded people who want to tell God how God should look and operate in the world.

May you experience the full joy, peace, and love of the Root of Jesse who comes to world to bring salvation.

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Theologians Speak: Jürgen Moltmann

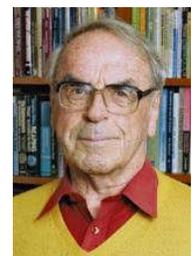
"Theology of hope" is the name of a movement that gained international attention in 1964 with the publication of *Theologie der Hoffnung* by Jürgen Moltmann, a Reformed theologian who became a teacher at the University of Tübingen.

As a prisoner of war in a British camp during World War II, Moltmann observed that his fellow prisoners who had hope fared the

best. After the war, it seemed to him Christianity was ignoring the hope offered in its promise of a future life.

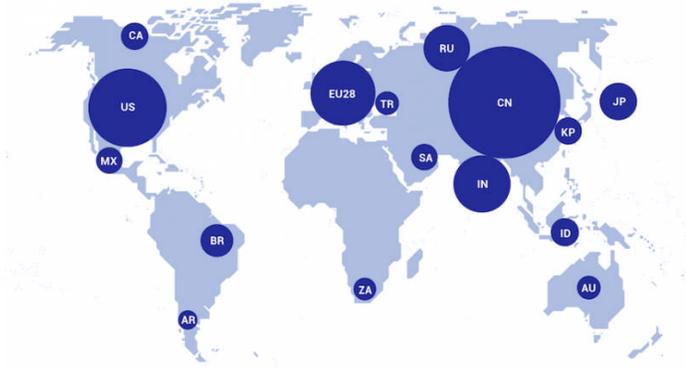
Moltmann is known as "one of the leading proponents of the theology of hope. He believes that God's promise to act in the future is more important than the fact that he has acted in the past. What is implied by this focus on the future, however, is not withdrawal from the

world in the hope that a better world will somehow evolve, but active participation in the world in order to aid in the coming of that better world."





Creation Care



Source: UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2019

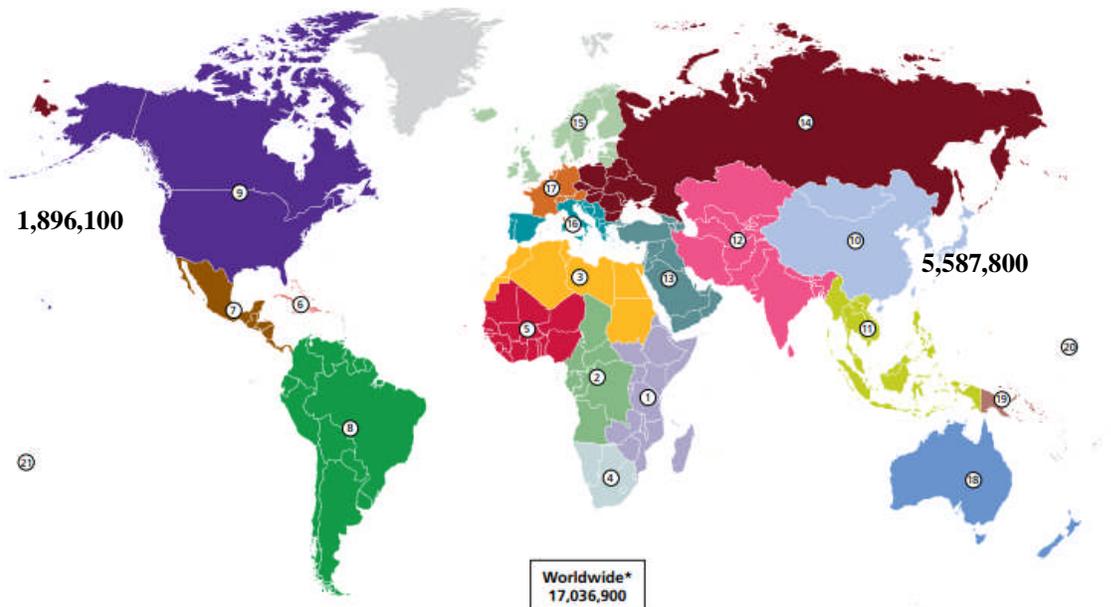
G20 nations collectively account for **78 per cent** of all emissions, but only five G20 members (the EU and four individual members) have committed to long-term zero emission targets, of which three are currently in the process of passing legislation and two have recently passed legislation. The top four emitters (China, USA, EU28 and India) contribute to **over 55 per cent**

Genesis 2:15 *The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

There is a group of religious leaders who are now speaking out against being environmentally concerned, environmentalism, or creation care. When people are dying because of things placed in the environment in the name of jobs, wealth, and well-being, you decide for yourself.

The data on this page comes from the American Cancer Society and the United Nations. The highest incidences of new cancer occurs where the highest incidences of emissions are occurring.

Estimated Number of New Cancer Cases by World Area, 2018*



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| 1 Eastern Africa (324,900) | 6 Caribbean (106,600) | 11 South-Eastern Asia (975,800) | 16 Southern Europe (872,200) |
| 2 Middle Africa (94,000) | 7 Central America (245,500) | 12 South-Central Asia (1,719,200) | 17 Western Europe (1,212,700) |
| 3 Northern Africa (279,100) | 8 South America (992,100) | 13 Western Asia (390,600) | 18 Australia/New Zealand (163,800) |
| 4 Southern Africa (108,900) | 9 Northern America (1,896,100) | 14 Central and Eastern Europe (1,203,000) | 19 Melanesia (14,600) |
| 5 Western Africa (224,200) | 10 Eastern Asia (5,587,800) | 15 Northern Europe (623,400) | 20 Micronesia (1,000) |
| | | | 21 Polynesia (1,500) |

*Region estimates do not sum to the worldwide estimate due to calculation method.
Source: GLOBOCAN 2018.



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*“What you do each day is
 how you live your life. What
 are you doing today that you
 can thank yourself
 tomorrow”*

Become a Member

Becoming a member is easy. All you need to do is take the step of faith and become a part of this fellowship.

You may join by one of three (3) ways: Baptism, Letter, or Watch Care.

Baptism—If you never have been baptized

Letter — If you are moving membership from another church.

Watch Care—Keep your current membership, but affiliate under care while you are in fellowship with Fountain of Hope.

Now it's up to you. Make the step. We have members who are affiliated with this fellowship throughout the United States. You may be the next member wherever you reside.

Let us know if you have questions.

News from the Disciples of Christ

Regional Assembly

First Christian Church Macon

April 24-25, 2020

Winter Youth Retreat

Lake Junaluska

December 29 2019-January 1, 2020

Black Ministers Retreat

Nashville, TN

March 9, 2020 @ 8:00 am -

March 12, 2020 @ 5:00 pm



African American Communities Still Struggle with HIV/AIDS

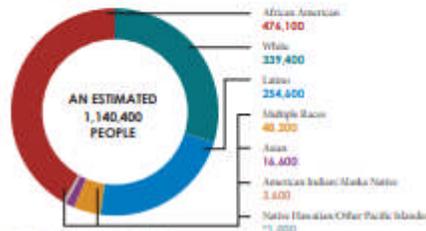
Ignoring this problem will not make it go away. New medicines that have the ability to prevent spreading has not stopped the epidemic. With care, compassion, and intentional preventative measures, make a difference in your community.

AFRICAN AMERICANS CONTINUE TO FACE THE MOST SEVERE BURDEN OF HIV COMPARED TO OTHER RACIAL/ETHNIC GROUPS IN THE NATION

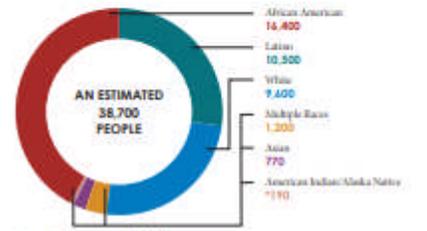
JUST OVER 40% of people with HIV in the United States are African American

MORE THAN 40% of new HIV infections in the United States occur among African Americans

PEOPLE WITH HIV INFECTION IN THE U.S., BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2016

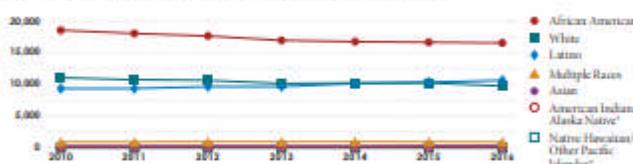


NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN THE U.S., BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2016



THERE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING DECREASES IN RECENT YEARS, but new HIV infections remain higher among African Americans than any other race/ethnicity

NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN THE U.S., BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2010-2016



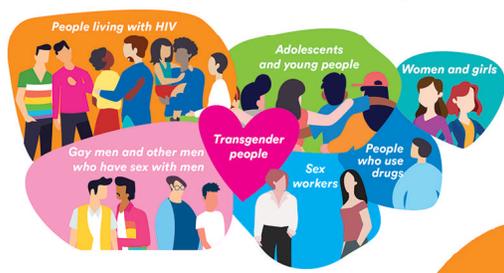
LIFETIME HIV RISK
If current rates persist

- 1 IN 2 African American gay and bisexual men
- 1 IN 20 African American men
- 1 IN 48 African American women may be diagnosed with HIV in their lifetime

WORLD AIDS DAY
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1 DECEMBER 2019

COMMUNITIES ARE THE BEST WAY TO REACH



COMMUNITIES ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A MODERN HEALTH SYSTEM



COMMUNITIES ARE THE TORCHBEARERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS



COMMUNITIES make the difference

COMMUNITIES HAVE THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE



INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES IS VALUE FOR MONEY



COMMUNITIES ARE LEADERS IN INNOVATION



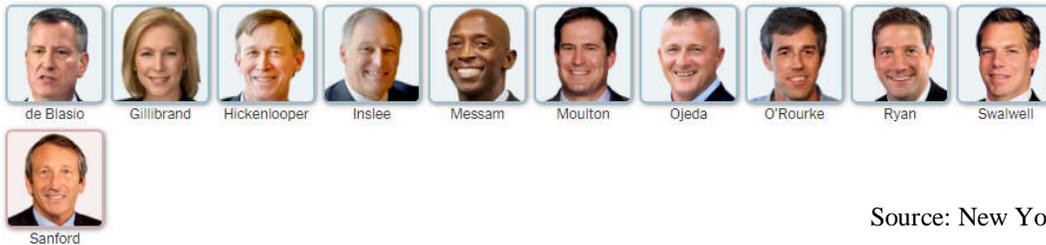
Source: United Nations

Who Is Running For President in 2020?

Running
18 Democrats
3 Republicans



Dropped Out
10 Democrats
1 Republican



Source: New York Times

The Georgia law requiring moving registrants who have had “no contact” with election officials to “inactive” status if they fail to return the confirmation card was challenged in court in 2016, but the lawsuit was dismissed. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a similar Ohio law in 2018.

A bipartisan state law enacted in 2019 added an additional notification to people whose registrations are subject to cancellation in addition to the initial notice. That new notification will be mailed out next week. Raffensperger is initiating an additional feature beyond the notice required by the 2019 law. As a convenience to those on the list, the notice they get in the mail will include a postage-paid postcard that they can simply sign and drop into any mailbox, no stamps required. He also decided to post the list online.

Anyone can search the list of registrations that are subject to cancellation. Only information that is public pursuant to state law is included. If your name is on the list and you are still an eligible Georgia voter, you can simply update your registration at <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov> or contact your county elections office. You may also respond to the confirmation card that will be included with the notice, but keep in mind that the notice is mailed to your last known address of your voter registration, which may not be accurate if you have moved and not updated your registration. Any registered voter can check their registration information to confirm it is accurate and up-to-date at <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>.

The list contains 313,243 records, or about 4 percent of Georgia’s total number of registered voters, which is in line with the number of records cancelled by other states according to the 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey conducted by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. The number is less than the census estimates of people moving out of Georgia during the two-year period since the state last conducted this routine list maintenance process.



Georgia Disciples of Christ Black Leadership

The 2018 Georgia Regional Assembly adopted a resolution to support the Poor People's Campaign. The Poor People's Campaign has a focus "uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. This project will address three objectives associated with this initiative:

1. Create a platform to give African American DOC churches historical context for African Americans in the Disciple of Christ movement and improve connection with identity within the Disciples of Christ (The Christian Church).
2. Raise awareness of systemic issues of racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and health disparities in Georgia
3. Provide opportunities to connect with grassroots organizations in the communities of the churches in the Georgia Region to improve conditions.



Mission of Hope

We are enhancing and creating partnerships to improve the delivery of youth ministry in the Metro Atlanta Area. In this new program, we would like to bring together the best and most hopeful young people across the Metro Atlanta region to provide meaningful opportunities to each of them. Does this mean that we are seeking students with the highest GPA's? Absolutely not! We are seeking students who have a desire to improve their condition and to be all that God has created them to be. In this program, we would like to help assist youth leaders, teachers, mentors, and other in providing programs such as the following:

1. College Tours
2. African Heritage Tours
3. Leadership Development Experiences
4. Career Development and Exposure to Opportunities
5. Interface with Philanthropic Organizations that serve our community

OBJECTIVE: *Provide hope enriching opportunities for the development of youth as future citizens, leaders, and support the development of meaningful personal goals.*

Hope-Cast

Audio and Video Inspiring Messages

Our ministry will attempt to reach you where you are. There will be drops of hope in messages to give you that encouragement of what you need when you need it.

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| Faith | Hope | Love | Finances | Relationships | |
| Work | Dreams | Government Home-life | Salvation | | |
| Sin | Heaven | Hell | Jesus | God | |
| Holy Spirit | Joy | Children | Enemies | Friends | More..... |

Bible Study

Join us in person or via conference call each Wednesday to journey with us through pages of the bible to hear God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the many people and animals who lived and walked on this earth and some who didn't. Go and grow with us we listen to what God speaks into our spirit as we move through the many stories in the bible. Just let us know if you are interested.



LEARN ■ INTERACT ■ TRAIN

- Students will have the opportunity to hear and speak with persons in various careers who will share paths to these careers.
- Students will have opportunity to speak to vocational and technical school admission professionals.
- Students and parents will have the opportunity to speak with professionals who can help finance their education.
- Opportunity for Students to earn while learning and leave with a career
- Students will have the opportunity to sign for college

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A Godly place where you matter.

Founded in 2008 in the basement of a flower shop, Fountain of Hope Christian Church has actively done ministry around the world. Along with worship, bible study, our missions and ministry includes providing shoes for thousands of people around the world, clothing the homeless, nurture for battered women's shelters, pastoral care to nursing homes and incarcerated youth, environmental justice, advocacy, and much more. It is possible by the Grace of God who encourages people around the world to sow seeds into this ministry.



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