A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

As people who seek to align ourselves with the higher good, who are accountable to the spirit of perfect justice and love, we are called to support the work of harm reduction and reducing stigma for people who use drugs.*

The evidence-based principles of harm reduction are central to the prevention of deaths by overdose and to reducing negative effects of drug use on individual lives.

Faith communities play a crucial role in the mental health delivery system, and people in crisis will often seek help from the church before contacting a physician or psychiatrist.

With this program, we equip faith leaders and communities of faith to respond compassionately to people in crisis with accurate information, accessible resources, and the knowledge to dispel myths that stigmatize people who use drugs.

With accurate information, we can work together to turn from retribution toward restoration, and transform lives and communities.

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