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## From the Addiction & Recovery Taskforce: Join us

Our Mission....To share God's love with people suffering from the destructive disease of addiction and their affected family members and friends. Our goal is to decrease stigma surrounding addiction by broadening individual knowledge, awareness, and understanding while providing support, resources, and other vital information about this disease to ministers and congregations.

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## New Search and Call Video

We are continuously adding new resources to the PSEC website, psec.org. The newest resource is a video on **What to do when your pastor resigns**. Check out that video with Associate Conference Minister for Search and Call Rev. Kevin McLemore by going to psec.org, and searching "What to do when your pastor resigns".

Happy  
Father's  
Day!

## Fatherhood is an act of devotion...

Father's Day began at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington, on June 19, 1910. Sonora Smart Dodd's father, a Civil War veteran who raised six children by himself, inspired her determination to create a day to honor dads. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day, Sonora told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. And here we are. Father's Day.

I have often found myself navigating the complex paths of parenthood with a blend of trepidation and wonder. It has been for me a journey filled with moments of exquisite joy and profound challenge in a crucible of love. As with all days like this one, it is not without its shadow side. Some of us have lived with the pain of absent fathers and others with pain inflicted by present fathers.

Fatherhood is an act of devotion - a commitment to nurturing and guiding the next generation with wisdom, compassion, and grace. It is a path of self-discovery, where I have learned as much from my two sons (and now granddaughter) as they learned from me, and where the currency of patience, grace, and understanding holds more value than gold.

And fatherhood is not without its trials. It is a role fraught with uncertainty, where the weight of responsibility often feels overwhelming, and where the fear of doing more harm than good looms—even now as my sons' become fathers. In these challenges we discover the true measure of our strength and resilience.

This Father's Day, I am reminded of the profound privilege it affords - the opportunity to bear witness to the miracle of life unfolding and to share in the triumphs and tribulations of those we hold most dear. It is a path of deep significance, where the echoes of our influence reverberate far beyond the boundaries of time and space. While my father and grandfather have long since departed this life, their lessons, for good or ill, still shape the person I am becoming.

We pause this day to honor the fathers in our lives - those who have guided us, shaped us, and loved us unconditionally. We celebrate their sacrifices, their wisdom, and their devotion. We reaffirm our commitment to the sacred journey of fatherhood in all of its forms, knowing that in its embrace lies the true essence of what it means to be a fully human child of God.

- Rev. William "Bill" Worley, PSE Conference Minister