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The United Methodist Economic Ministry has suspended Thrift Shop Operations in Salem and Howland, Maine due to Governor Mill’s orders concerning the corona virus. We ask that you hold all materials donations other than non-perishable food and paper goods until the Thrift shops reopen.

Closure of the Thrift Shop means loss of our steady source of income when the need for non-perishable food and paper goods is greater than ever before. UMEM is THE safety net for this region where schools are shut and people have been laid off this week.

UMEM’s food pantry will keep working with a skeleton staff (1) for limited hours, so coordinating delivery is important.

Especially helpful are items such as soups, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta and meats. Canned fruits, vegetables and “kid-friendly” and elderly adult friendly foods are crucial.

If your church, or other location, can be identified as a drop off point for non-perishable foods please let us know.

If you, or someone you know would be interest in driving donations from a collection point to UMEM, please let us know.

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Thank you for your help with communication and for your prayers.