

Transcript of Oral History Interview with Angie

Interviewee: Angie

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Abstract: Angie discusses how COVID-19 has affected her faith and beliefs. They also discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected how their religious community interactions and what community service activated they are engaged in to help those affected by COVID-19.

Interviewer 00:00

First question is how has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

Angie 00:06

So far it hasn't really had any affect. If anything has just made connection stronger with Jehovah, I find myself talking to him and praying to Him more often than I usually would. So, so far it's just been like positive changes in regards to me and my religious beliefs and practicing them and putting them into practice.

Interviewer 00:28

Ok. Is your religious community still gathering currently?

Angie 00:36

Yes, but we don't go to other in person, we've been doing Zoom meetings. And if we are not able to attend our elders, they send us a recording of the meeting.

Interviewer 00:49

Okay. How has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

Angie 00:56

Um, so far, we've been trying to help as much as we can by staying home, obviously, canceling all of our in-person meetings and turning to zoom. But we've also been, there's been instances where you gather as a congregation, obviously on zoom, and they try to teach us to make medical mass. And, yeah, so we can send that to our local hospital.

Interviewer 01:21

All right. Is your religious community supplying or engaged in any kind of community service and then attempt to help alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? If so, what are those efforts?

Angie 01:35

According to our elders, when this all began, as it got worse, he said that any donations that would originally go through the Jehovah's Witness congregation were going to be sent to many of our local hospitals to help them gather supplies such as hand sanitizers, face masks, anything they need.

Interviewer 01:54

Okay. All right. Thank you for your time, Angie.