

# PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 11/07/2021**

**Text(s): Hebrew 6:1–2; Numbers 27:18-20; 1 Timothy 4:13-14; Acts 8:14-17; James 5:14**

**Sermon Title: Laying on of Hands (Foundational Stones)**

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

## **READ (5 mins)**

### **Hebrews 6:1–2 (NKJV)**

**1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

**2** of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

### **Numbers 27:18-20 (NKJV)**

**18** And the Lord said to Moses: “Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him;

**19** set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight.

**20** And you shall give some of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient...”

### **1 Timothy 4:13-14 (NKJV)**

**13** Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**14** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

### **Acts 8:14-17 (NKJV)**

**14** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

**15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

**16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

**17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### **James 5:14 (NKJV)**

**14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

1. **Discuss the first four purposes of laying on of hands. Are any of these new to you? Do any of these challenge you or cause you to struggle?**
2. **The fourth purpose of laying on of hands was to pray for healing. Read James 5:14. Then discuss if we still need doctors? Does going to a doctor reflect a lack of faith?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **What can we do if we do not receive healing? What if death follows? Are there biblical examples to draw inspiration from?**
2. **What are some ways that we can consistently apply the practice of laying on of hands in this life group, our families and our church?**

### **REST (15 mins)**

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See **MyPMC > PRAY** for the monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to grow in trust and faith that God is in control no matter whether what we face in our lives. Pray for those needing healing and especially those who are hurt due to past bad experiences and unable to trust God to heal in our context.
- Pray for our church to be a people who have the faith to lay hands and pray to impart blessings, gifts, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and even healing in the Body of Christ.
- Pray for those serving in both the healing ministry and medical line that they will not give up or feel the weight of depression when faced with situations where people are not healed or even lose their lives. Pray that they will press on and minister as long as there is life and hope.