



COVID-19 RESPONSE SUMMARY

The following are ideas that you can consider for implementation. This page will be updated as new ideas are received. Send suggestions to mark@vacog.org

IDEAS TO CARE FOR THE CONGREGATION

- Assign segments of the congregation to staff or key leaders who will contact these congregants on a regular basis. Frequency of contact should depend upon the circumstances of the congregant.
- Use group text to stay in contact with congregants (many free apps will allow you to set up and maintain lists and groups).
- Create prayer stations around the exterior of the church where people can stop by and spend time in prayer.
- Record a brief update each day to share on the church's social media outlets (stick to words of encouragement – let the government officials deal with the processes and procedures).
- Collect essential items that members of the congregation might need and distribute those items in a safe manner.

ALTERNATE POSSIBILITIES FOR WORSHIP

- Streaming (Facebook Live, Zoom, YouTube, Vimeo, Etc.)
 - Do service live
 - Record a service and distribute via your website and social media outlets.
- Home gatherings led by staff and key leaders (follow CDC guidelines for group size)
- Parking lot service where attendees remain in their car and listen to the service on their radio (third party assistance needed)

STEPS TO ENCOURAGE/MAINTAIN GIVING

- Establish online giving if not currently available. (Check out www.securegive.com, www.easytithe.com, www.givelify.com, etc.)
- Send a letter and stewardship envelopes to all current givers who do not utilize your online giving platform informing them that they can mail their tithe and offering to the church.

- Encourage your givers to utilize their bank's bill pay functionality to set up the church as a "payee."

MINISTERING TO YOUR COMMUNITY

- Set up a drive-through prayer station in your church's parking lot.
- Distribute bag lunches and meals from a station set up in your church's parking lot.
- Pay a fee to target social media posts to segments of your community (provide encouragement through the message).