

What needs among your neighbors are you seeing?

people are overwhelmed

rent and utilities assistance, many owe multiple months of rent

falling through the cracks, over-stayed welcome at shelters, in by-the-night hotels

mental health, suicide attempts, in nursing homes

food insecurity

still in relief mode

increase in homelessness

immigrants - jobs are at risk

food insecurity - more need than in past - new people weekly & repeat

these needs among immigrants are especially great, some aid not available to undocumented persons

supplies for food pantry

Grief - In several forms Loss, connection, lack of support services

People are overworked, especially parents

Transportation and Access to Food, Mental Health Resources, and Healthcare

Internet Access is hard to find for some students in high-poverty areas; Wi-Fi Access Needed

What opportunities for ministry with your neighbors are emerging?

Networking among neighbors at pantry to get transportation

Pre-School for Essential Workers, but with 1/2 capacity for students; means large \$ deficit for pre-schools; care for front line families is paramount

Economic Impact and inability to meet bills for utilities and rent, especially in communities already stretched thin ; rental assistance

Hospital Workers; Chaplains engaged more than ever; Ways to address frontline folks;

Mental and Emotional Wellness Check-Ins and Resourcing

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local partners delivering aid, food (FISH in Hunt County)

emergency food distributions ramped up with NTFB

Farmers to Families (McKinney) brings fresh food to people

Food Insecurity (dramatic increase in pantry demand after Summer and resources depleted, especially families with children)

Connecting people with Jesus and spiritual resourcing

Opportunities for families with small children, especially very young ones

Harvest Time in Sherman, no restrictions re: documents

Haven Chapel UMC helped with assistance from CARES ACT funds in partnership with the City of Denison; desire to shift parsonage to a Family Life Center for community

What is God calling local churches to do in response? (individually? collectively?)

help with food but in a more collective way, leverage our connection

How do we find those folks who are overworked, and convince them that church is important and make a lasting difference with them

electronically unable to connect physically

parking lot worship

adapting to local context - flexibility

Churches listening to avail themselves for relationship in their community

Opportunities to set up active response outside of the building

leverage our local partnerships with non-profits, agencies and deepen those relationships, what relational resources can the church bring?

risk relationship to understand the person's situation

Staying Connected with Members who are high-risk, but also to reach-out to those who don't have a faith community and may be in difficult time (especially around holidays); Presence and continuity with people during distancing

Mental Health & Pastoral Care: We need new ways to "be presence" have a "ministry of presence" in this more distanced time; digital needs

creative ways to bring relief, pop up food distribution

God is calling us to create something new and let go of some things, but how do we navigate the quick shifts that are happening

create spaces at the church where people can find relief, breathe

Political Divide Pandemic that intensely affects clergy and congregations; pastoral presence during this time

be nimble enough to help in new ways

Clergy Cohort groups are good, but some will need help other than that; Helpful councilors who are quickly available;

start new virtual groups, new opportunities here

Think outside the box for worship and spiritual resourcing

What might the CMO do to inspire, equip, or connect local churches for this work?

**Create
networking
groups**

NTFB volunteers -
be a clearing house,
broadcast site for
needs, make those
appeals personal,
targeted

Working resources
list on the
conference/center
site

provide practical
how-to workshops -
tools to provide
spiritual care, food
pantry ideas, etc.

continuing ed.
opportunities to
help deal locally
with what's going
on in the conference

**educators -
fatigue - how
can we
encourage
them**

Connect with the
Center for Pastoral
Counseling about
mental health
resourcing

Churches to
contribute to a pool
that churches pull
from through
district to help with
immediate needs

library of resources
for what is working
well, gather
examples of what's
working from local
leaders, not reinvent
the wheel

connections with
missions contact at
churches within a
50 mile radius,
network, parish
approach

What would it look
like for us to share a
worship opportunity
that we all link to
and contribute
toward

Easy links to send
folks to
accessible/level 1
resources (how to
cope, etc); A
Conference Page with
curated resources to
help folks access
mental health

**mental health
info, training
that could be
worked into
sermon series**

Short video
presentations that
deal with number of
issues that would fit
worship contexts
but by professionals
to help people deal
with various issues

Make available Digital
Youth and Children
Ministry Spaces,
Senior Ministries
Opportunities that
may be available in
Metroplex that aren't
known elsewhere