

Growing Disciples and Funding Ministries Amid COVID-19

(An edited version of the chat box)

- 00:27:51 Owen Ross: <https://horizons.net/giving365/>
- 00:38:18 Abril Goforth: How does that text to a number work? How do I get that?
- 00:38:49 Owen Ross: I know Union has been using Text giving. Others?
- 00:39:10 Valerie Donahue: Argyle UMC uses text to give
- 00:40:33 Joshua Manning: Vanco has an option for Text to Give. It is an additional service. Will still require the donor to register online through a mobile phone browser to complete their first donation.
- 00:41:15 Kathryn Strempeke: I'll be a lot it's on the church's website:
<https://www.provchurch.net/>
- 00:48:57 Owen Ross: Melvin's book "Celebrating the Offering" Addresses what Joe talked about in preparing persons to give in worship: <https://www.amazon.com/Celebrating-Offering-Melvin-Amerson/dp/0881775266>
- 00:49:36 Owen Ross: Here is another book by Rev. Amerson: <https://www.amazon.com/Fruit-Celebrating-Offering-Melvin-Amerson/dp/1466457945>
- 00:50:45 Owen Ross: Rev. Amerson also wrote the book: Stewardship in African-American Churches: A New Paradigm.
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0881777714/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_bibl_vppi_i1
- 01:26:14 Owen Ross: For those who do not have online giving, the NTC has offered churches to be able to give to their congregation through www.ntcumc.org
- 01:27:48 Owen Ross: The simple link is the 2nd banner: <https://ntcumc.org/coronavirus-resources>
- 01:35:13 Rosedanny Ortiz: Andy: Can you share the name of the resource doctor that share about spirituality and social media?
- 01:36:39 L P: Angela Patterson, Director of Communications
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- 01:38:21 Nathan Presley: - I know Rev. Wade mentioned the smaller churches - What advice do you give to the churches of 10-20 in this time of social distancing? (open to any panel)
- 01:39:18 Patti Martin: We've promoted that our outside mailbox is locking. We already had the locking box outside our front door. We encouraged members to drop checks off in addition to USPS.
- 01:39:34 Owen Ross: Vanco, Planning Center, Network for Good are potential text

01:39:59 Ken Benson: Andy, Cassie, are you emailing your members on a regular basis on church activities, programs, services, etc. If so, how often. We do a weekly e-newsletter at Northaven UMC, but not much more. Should we do more?

01:43:32 Zack Landis: For those in smaller churches who have people who don't have internet capabilities, we have been doing this for a long time for our older congregation who are unable to come to church. We have a stock of small MP3 Devices that you can stick a thumbnail flash drive in with the church service audio uploaded to it. The device is a simple MP3 Speaker with an ON button and volume buttons only. They turn it on and the audio plays automatically. We have still been sending these out through contactless drop off for our at risk people to still be able to listen to the service.

01:47:24 Kevin Strepke: First DeSoto has been posting a devotional by a lay member every week. We also have lay volunteers call members each week and send out weekly email explanations how to give.

01:51:09 Mary Martin: Grace Avenue has a front door unlocked from 10:00-4:00. 7 days a week with a locked drop box inside for those who are not computer savvy where people can drop off their giving. We also have a locked mailbox for people that mail in checks.

01:51:16 Edgar Bazan: At Casa Linda, we send a Pastoral Letter every other week with a brief word of encouragement (devotional), an update of ministry work, schedule of ministry opportunities, and a reminder on ways to support the church (giving). Also, we have been very intentional in giving tasks to our leaders/ministries to do. It is critical to offer ways for them to find purpose in serving amidst this season. We offer daily devotionals on Facebook led mostly by lay leaders (adult, young, adults, youth, and those involve in children ministry). We decided that it was important for the church to see the faces of their leaders often and stay connected with them.

01:51:42 Owen Ross: Next Week Apr. 23: Gathering New Faces in Online Spaces

May 30 - Thriving in the new reality

01:52:22 Kathryn Strepke: I hope a bunch of us can continue to lead praying the Lord's Prayer every Wednesday at noon.

01:52:32 Zack Landis: https://smile.amazon.com/Digital-Portable-Player-Speaker-TD-V26/dp/B00A8GY59I/ref=sr_1_12?dchild=1&keywords=mp3+speakers+portable+cube&qid=1587054653&sr=8-12

01:54:11 L P: Let us know if you have more questions! liliana@ntcumc.org