

What needs among your neighbors are you seeing?

drug and alcohol abuse

Sheltering, Food, Clothing, Jobs

access to safe childcare

mental health care (access, insurance)

alternative to scouting?

grief over those who are dying of COVID and inability to grieve them well

system. These children are most vulnerable and even more so during pandemic. Youth aging out, trying to be placed etc. during pandemic. Got a call before Thanksgiving that children are not being able to be placed in Dallas and

lack of internet access

lots of grieving folks

quality of internet access

remote learning puts more pressure on working parents

need for stress relief

food insecurity

parents that aren't able to be home with remote learning kids

unemployment

food security

lack of internet access

For many of our seniors in our congregation, internet literacy has been a big issue especially when it comes to tele-medicine (esp. folks with dementia and caregivers)

need for more rental assistance

economic challenges

older adults feeling lonely and disconnected

Issues that are hidden: divorce, abuse, addiction

Mesquite ISD - struggling to provide adequate ed instruction for virtual learners, even for those with access

community needs a convener, to bring them together (when the church has opened its doors, people show up and are looking for safe social space)

teachers with health challenges that aren't able to teach virtually...causes a lot of stress

Help with grief

Evictions and Housing

Need for connection and re-connection; community and social isolation

Potential Tsunami of Need

What opportunities for ministry with your neighbors are emerging?

new partnerships with other organizations

Advocacy and Policy Change; Prolonged Disaster Relief stage

Winter Sheltering

Partnering with service providers and TMF to help services continue, especially around homelessness resourcing

Food Distribution and assisting with Network or other orgs doing the work; resourcing others doing the work

Not replicating work

Dallas ISD, Faith Communities partnerships

Fundraising Efforts and Other Online

increase access to testing

wider community looking for relational ways to connect emotionally and spiritually

deepened partnerships with non-profits

digital ministry

opportunities to minister to families struggling with domestic violence

American Red Cross partnership

partnered with a personal finance company to help people who are struggling

some organizations lost their volunteers who were elderly, so churches have to pick up the slack and do more

trying to get information out about vaccines and testing

raw pain among POC re: racism; fatigue about talking about it

facilities' potential being noticed among people in the community

reviewing ministry to and transforming toward ministry with

Virtual Space can be asset for efficiently advocating and hearing voices, listening to new and diverse voices much easier

Using Outdoor Spaces

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

focus on making deeper disciples of the people we already have, so they go out and transform the world

rethink the use of our buildings, our relationship with our building (ownership, control)

equip people to be the church, rather than come to the church

there is a disconnect between what community members need/are comfortable accessing and what the system offers (this requires teaching to bridge this gap)

work with residents to access resources available to them (people power)

we have a trust and a reputation in the community, so we can be a vehicle other groups can use

called to work together

Speak out about needs and opportunities (mental health, racism, being very candid about these issues)

Need to partner along existing advocacy groups doing the work for a long time

Set expectations and articulate ways to address the big issues we have opportunity to address (e.g racism, mental health) and point to where work is taking place already

Call to do both hands-on relief work & advocate for the policy changes that are needed through the lens of racial equity

keep our eyes and ears open...talk to city officials...pay attention to opportunities

have to maintain ministry at a base level to be able to reach out missionally

how do we actually work and stop duplicating?

leverage our connection

provide job training

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

value deeper discipleship alongside professions of faith (NFNS), not be so restrictive about NFNS

who is the CMO connected to? share those valuable relationships for networking

Ways to find collective/larger grants (\$300-\$500k) if we can collaborate

Recognize those churches who don't have the resources and pastors who may just not know where to find what they need (monetary, extra person to help point in direction, help filling-out paperwork [grants, mou's])

some churches have volunteers that would serve if they knew where to go

if we knew what other people are doing, we might be able to help each other

connect esp. smaller churches that are doing the same work

convening conversations with churches and maybe community partners

Helping in the research for advocacy groups with whom to partner in area, Texas, nationally, globally (education, criminal justice, healthcare, racial justice, etc.)

Amplify Impact: Volunteer, Communication, Financial of local church efforts

directory that tells what all the churches are focusing on

don't ask churches to join in any new NTC initiatives

vet and recommend mental health providers to address stigma, be sure there is diversity

are there things we could do collectively, be more effective together

Having a global focus and help see different perspectives; Safe Spaces Lebanon and areas where presence is needed; Help grow into deeper missional maturity through making difference in a part of the world

leverage CMO power for internet access

micro-grants are great

anything they can do to motivate or boost giving from donors

East Dallas Cooperative Parish blessings - create a circuit, group spirit

Helping orienting new pastors to their contexts and environments

praying for our churches and letting us know

help be a central hub to connect us

