

# What needs among your neighbors are you seeing?

food and utility assistance, necessities

childcare (out of money for subsidies in Collin Co for much of 2020)

transportation (little public in Collin Co)

support for doing school at home (tech)

free and reduced lunches for virtual students is harder to access

Home-Centered individuals are sufficing with phone calls, and technology can be a hindrance (patient helpers can be beneficial)

Mental Health Needs across the board

Teens and Young Adults needing mental health resources; Finding a counselor; Self-Soothing routines are rocky and people who could cope are now in unhealthy places

Parents and Children Going into treatment facilities;

Utility Assistance Requests have increased; Budgets of helping orgs are stretched

Marriage Counseling Needs; Elderly are very lonely in many cases and distancing makes connection very difficult; Fellowship in the midst of distancing

Home Centered group is hard to gauge in terms of needs; food insecurity with school students is major need (doubled)

food insecurity-schools especially

financial assistance

job insecurity

volunteer need

Empowerment has become difficult - partner for further reach

keeping people motivated to give

# What opportunities for ministry with your neighbors are emerging?

Denton County initiative to start food ministry co-op?

Mental Health Conversations with established groups

Zoom calls with counselors and anonymous q&a

Podcasts and mental health professional interviews; Moms group

partner with schools to address free and reduced meal needs, function like UberEats to deliver meals (requires trust) - Allen

counseling - growing depression and anxiety among kids in particular, off their schedules (virtual)

bag of "encouragement" for families

pastoral care on social media, this is where we meet our neighbors

job insecurity connecting point

support entrepreneurship - help with creativity

strengthening partnerships

relational ministry vs transactional

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

leverage our connection, including ecumenical partners

find creative ways to be present with our neighbors

support community partners who are the experts

take care of our own people, many of whom are experiencing new stresses...rather than only deploying our people

small groups for mental health, how is it with your soul? spiritual disciplines

caroling

blue christmas service as the norm this year

teach sabbath and self-care in pandemic

Reach out in new way; Be Open to Embrace Change; Even though it is exhausting it is fun;

Staying Flexible and responsive. despite volunteer fatigue. Staying in connection with partners

Sense of Helplessness creates opportunity to minister in community

Creating Repository of congregants' gifts and professionals and their variety

Space to Care for Those who aren't okay: packing bags for families, yet discovering that discipleship formation is foreign to parents/guardians

physical distancing is very difficult to engage people; getting people to idea that you may have to do things on your own when we can't be centralized; the church was THE facilitator of connections; discovered they didn't

Discipleship: The Church was the discipler, now parents/guardians are the teachers (new paradigm for many); home is the primary formational space

Congregational Mapping and Connecting people geographically across experience/age/spiritual/demographic difference

relational ministry - meeting people where they are

housing solutions

closer partnerships with other agencies

Monthly interfaith connection/partnership to meet needs

strengthen jurisdictional connection for mission work and ideation - built for mission not just for votes

build/strengthen business relationships

global mission/local church mission - build and strengthen that connection

teams with sidewalk chalk to leave messages of hope

collections - good for those with little COVID risk tolerance

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

**sharing  
resources,  
county by  
county**

where something is working, where there is trust (could be a local church), direct people to it, move resources from affluent places to areas of need

basic human resources, directory for your community, on the website

**neighboring  
movement  
equipping**

**use video  
capacity to tell  
these stories**

**Convening  
Brainstorming  
Conversations  
to facilitate  
sharing**

Gathering Resources: Counselors, Shared Webinars, List of Mental Health Professionals, Some that are aligned with faith and Wesleyan theology; group therapy; elderly and loneliness,

**job insecurity  
connection -  
serve as a  
connecting  
point**

**relationship  
with central  
and other ac  
partnership**

CMO identify agencies/partners in communities doing the work in local community

Mission Connection -continuing this model of webinar to know what is happening in the Conference

Provide/facilitate How to's for setting up non-profits

**Identify  
community  
resources**

