

IDEAS TO HELP CHURCHES RELAUNCH CREATIVELY

- 1** **DON'T GO BACK TO EGYPT.**
*Continue to identify and focus on the essentials.
Keep encouraging people to think outside the box
and do not tolerate, "we've never done it that way before."*
- 2** **KEEP EXPANDING HOW WE USE TECHNOLOGY.**
*Continue our online presence – streaming worship, devotionals,
Bible study groups, fellowship for all ages from senior adults down to preschoolers.
Make worship and other opportunities available at more times of the week than just Sunday mornings.
Continue to incorporate people not inside the building, even when some people are meeting in person again.*
- 3** **CONTINUE EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**
*such as drive-through "Pray with the Pastor," parking lot worship, parades outside
of the church building for birthdays, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc.*
- 4** **CONTINUE MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN CHURCHES**
in multipoint charges, and between larger churches and smaller churches.
- 5** **CONTINUE DOING MORE SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED**
*and without any expectation that the recipients will come to church.
Continue the expectation that clergy will spend more time in the community and less time in the office.*
- 6** **EXAMINE HOW CHURCHES CAN HELP PROMOTE THE REBUILDING OF THE FAMILY UNIT.**
*We are learning that we have overscheduled our children and families, and the church often contributes to this.
In this time when most of these activities are cancelled, we are learning that church is still a priority.
We need to help families to slow down, re-prioritize church and share their spirituality at home.*
- 7** **CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERATE OF SINGLE PERSON FAMILY UNITS**
and intentionally incorporate them in the family unit of the church.
- 8** **CONTINUE TO CONNECT WITH AND CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS
OF THE COMMUNITY**
such as those who are elderly or in poor health.
- 9** **CONTINUE TO USE THE POWER OF PERSONAL CONTACTS**
like the old-fashioned phone tree, handwritten cards/letters and porch visits.
- 10** **BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT DELEGATING AND EMPOWERING THE LAITY TO SERVE.**
*Doing more creative things requires more man/women hours.
Assist clergy and lay leadership with delegating and encouraging lay people to use their talents
to serve in a variety of new ways.*

