



COVID-19 RESPONSE EMAIL TO PASTORS
Love INC of Vermillion County, IL

Pastor,

The next few weeks are giving us a unique opportunity to serve our neighbors throughout the community. If the COVID-19 situation lasts as long as recent guidance suggests, we will see an unprecedented opportunity to shine light into many lives we haven't had opportunity to do so in the past.

We are praying the situation does not become extreme, however, we are working on contingencies should it get worse. Many community services are being curtailed or cancelled.

We have discussed some way this might provide the CHURCH an opportunity to serve. I believe this list is just the tip of the iceberg.

1. Grocery and prescription pick ups
2. Transportation to Medical Appts
3. Financial Assistance for those with verifiable unemployment as a result of shuts downs
4. Child care assistance for those still working, but with children unexpectedly out of school.
5. Additional food pantries/ and special operation of existing pantries.
6. And who knows what else.

Staffing is obviously an issue. In some cases, businesses will offer services that can help. However, we should also have service opportunities for those temporarily out of work.

There are a lot of options on how we proceed in each area of service. It will also take some time to work out details on how to proceed safely for both neighbors and volunteers.

Would you please let me know if your congregation is currently meeting or planning to address any of these issues or others we haven't considered? We want to be able to help you recruit helpers. We would also like to know who we can send referrals to when a call comes into our office.

If you aren't currently addressing one of these needs, but are willing to take it on, please let me know. If several congregations take on one area, we can work out a collaboration plan.

This is an extremely fluid situation and we really don't know what the next few weeks will look like. While I believe it is imperative we get ahead of things, we need to remain flexible to address unforeseen issues. If the worst doesn't happen we can praise Jesus we were spared. If it does come to pass, we can praise him that we were ready and helped those who needed it.

PEACE!

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