

HOW CAN THE CHURCH HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS



In times of crisis, our instinct is to want to help and to want to “fix it”

For the local church, and for individuals, we would ask that you consider Wesley’s Three Simple Rules: Do Good, Do No Harm, and Stay in Love with God.

Further, reflect on the following statements:

Understand

- the scriptural basis for caring for your congregants and neighbors
- the nature of compassion

Embrace

- the role of Christ-followers as compassionate companions of hurting neighbors

Remember, for people in crisis, much like in a disaster, life is like a roller coaster of emotions, and there are stages of feelings of grief:

ACCEPT - reality

EXPERIENCE - pain

ADJUST - to new situation

RE-INVEST - in the new

But there is hope . . .

Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Resources and contacts for Connections in Your Community

Community Foundations

https://www.michiganfoundations.org/directory?f%5B0%5D=field_funder%20category%3ACommunity%20Foundation

Health Departments

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5461_74040---,00.html

Food Banks

<https://www.freefood.org/s/michigan>

Emergency Managers

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/LocalDir_external_320561_7.pdf

Local Hospitals

<https://www.mha.org/About/Our-Hospitals/Michigan-Hospitals-By-Health-System>

Missions page on the Conference Website

<https://michiganumc.org/missions/>

Community Outreach during COVID-19

<https://michiganumc.org/community-outreach-in-light-of-covid-19/>