

## PASTORAL TRANSITIONS

# Ways To Say Hello & Goodbye During Covid



### PARADES

People can decorate their cars, tractors, etc. and drive past the church or parsonage to wave hello/goodbye. And have short conversations.

Bonus tip: have a pop up tent for the clergy to be under if it is especially sunny or hot.



### FIRESIDE CHATS

Host outdoor gatherings around a campfire. This is a great way to be socially distanced, and have some great conversations with the outgoing or incoming pastor.

Bonus tip: have everyone bring their own warm beverage.



### CARD SHOWERS

A great alternative to providing home cooked meals is to shower pastors with gift cards to local restaurants.

For new clergy this is also a great way for them to get to know the area.

### ZOOM MEETUPS

Not everyone will feel comfortable with an in person hello/goodbye. Zoom Meetups are a great way to connect!

If Zoom isn't available, you can look into other options such a Google Meets or Facebook Rooms.



### VIDEO INTRODUCTIONS

Record videos about the new pastor talking a little about their ministry history, family, hobbies, etc.

You could also have parishioners tape hello/goodbye messages for the pastor.



### CREATIVE NOTES

Find creative ways to leave hello/goodbye notes.

Use sidewalk chalk, balloons, pinwheels with notes attached or other yard ornaments that can represent members of the church.

