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# THINGS TO DO RELATIVE TO MEETING NEEDS

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TO: Pastors  
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*Actions to take:*

- 1) *Call or empower someone to call the people you are serving.*
- 2) *Activate or utilize existing email communication.*
- 3) *Activate and/or utilize 'One Call'.*
- 4) *Establish a Private Facebook Church Page (Only those invited can view.)*
- 5) *Provide brief video message on church Facebook page or send via email link*

Terry Hunter, Nurse & Pastor at Bokeelia suggests:

1. Encourage your congregation to monitor the news outlets closely.
2. Be a calming presence. Use common sense, not just in communication with your congregation, but everywhere you go. The Church is to be light in a dark situation.
3. Discourage panic and panic buying.
4. Encourage the continued use of frequent and proper handwashing.
5. Encourage the elderly, those with chronic pulmonary conditions (chronic obstructive Pulmonary Disease, COPD, asthma, and suppressed immune systems) to stay home and away from crowded areas as much as possible.
6. Organize a delivery system for the elderly in your congregation, and community, who are afraid to go out for supplies.
7. We discourage home visits, especially to the elderly. You can carry contaminants on your clothing and your Bible. (Think where your Bible has been.)
8. Encourage wellness and maintaining a strong immune system. That means adequate sleep. Studies show that 7-8 hours of sleep nightly is necessary for a healthy body and mind. Eat healthy, and exercise. Pastors should lead by example.
9. Encourage kindness! If ever there is a time to be kind and considerate to one another, it is now.
10. Watch and pray.