



## Living Our Values in Lockdown

### PARTICIPATING



*Churches that encourage participation value the gifts and skills of their fellow human beings and create room for them to take part in forming all aspects of church life. In this way, they foster a sense of belonging and identification with the church.*

- › **As you endeavour to use online platforms for church meetings**, invite young people with online/social media expertise to assist in setting up and running prayer meetings, Bible studies and worship services.
- › **Enlist the help of young people who tend to be more internet and social media savvy** to contact elderly members. Provide them with the telephone/mobile number of an elderly member and ask them to connect and help the member with any internet or social media needs they may have, such as connecting to the church service, setting up a group chat for prayer etc.
- › **Enlist volunteers to help generate online content for your church's website.** Such as contributions to a newsletter or bulletin, stories and testimonies of members, specific prayer requests.
- › **Involve more mature youth** to engage with people on live chat during streaming of live services.
- › **Have a pause during the live streaming of services** for households to participate by discussing among themselves a couple of preset questions. Use a countdown clock so everyone is aware of the time.
- › **Organise a prayer chain for your church** where each member can contact 1-2 other people to pray with, eventually creating a web that encompasses all your members.

#### Useful links

- › [https://www.sdadata.org/goingdigitalcovid19.html?fbclid=IwAR2iAQ5fK5\\_jmdrDH-TCbzQ4TLVwS650O5WTSD\\_FJBMSWk22\\_CXS2ivf1c](https://www.sdadata.org/goingdigitalcovid19.html?fbclid=IwAR2iAQ5fK5_jmdrDH-TCbzQ4TLVwS650O5WTSD_FJBMSWk22_CXS2ivf1c) a landing page produced by NAD with resources covering topics addressing the many different aspects of doing digital ministry.

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