



Congregations across the country are faced with coming up with ways to respond to the health concerns presented by the Coronavirus.

For those who feel it is better to stay home (*especially the elderly, the sick, and those otherwise health- compromised*), Milestones Ministry suggests that those who stay at home can use Taking Faith Home for their Sunday worship.

A very good question came to us asking how to help those staying home can use Taking Faith Home as a way to still feel connected to the congregation.

**Here are some suggestions:**

1. Email Taking Faith Home to members to print at home or open on a cell phone or tablet to use scripture readings, caring conversations, the devotion, prayers and the blessing for the week together at home with family and friends.
2. Meet online via Facetime, Zoom, or other venue to use the Taking Faith Home as a guide for worship together online.
3. Publish parts of Taking Faith Home on the congregation's Facebook page and ask for reflections on the scripture. Post the prayer and blessing. Or do a Live Facebook worship using the devotion, prayer, and blessing. Sing the hymn of the week too!
4. Follow up with staff or volunteers and post stories for others to read and respond to as a way to encourage worship in the home during this time.
5. Staff and volunteers can contact people who are known to be staying home and encourage them to use Taking Faith Home. It can be emailed or printed and delivered to or left at someone's door for them to have a copy or copies for the weeks during the duration of the Coronavirus pandemic.
6. Pastors and other congregational leaders can publish the stories from those at home and tell stories on websites, in sermons, or in a newsletter.
7. The opportunities to encourage worship in the home are endless at this time when faith communities are seeking ways to continue sharing the Gospel in creative ways.



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