

6 Helpful Ideas from All Those “Leading in a Crisis” Emails We Are Receiving
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1. **“Disruption is hard because disruption is inconvenient. It’s far easier to keep doing what you’re doing, hoping for better results, or going back to normal as quickly as possible to regain what you’ve lost.”**— Carey Nieuwhof discusses seven disruptive trends that he sees happening as we navigate ministry in today’s emerging landscape. <https://careynieuwhof.com/the-original-2020-is-history-7-new-disruptive-church-trends-every-church-leader-should-watch/>
2. **“I am pretty sure one thing will change for a lot of congregations. Many will hold meetings virtually rather than asking people to drive to the facilities to meet face-to-face.”** – John Wimberly discusses the potential for meetings to become primarily virtual in a post-COVID world. <https://www.congregationalconsulting.org/will-there-ever-be-a-non-virtual-meeting-again/>
3. **“In the brave new world where most of us are NOT worshipping in person and most of us ARE worshipping online, a new challenge is how we track attendance. Or, more broadly, what are the metrics for measuring our online worship?”** – Pastor David Hansen provides helpful insight into online metrics for tracking digital attendance and engagement. <https://digitalpastor.org/online-metrics/>
4. **“Congregational leaders often feel pulled to be all things to all people—but there are ways to approach both sets of values and practices around generosity within the same congregation.”** – Meredith McNabb discusses how to respond to the traditional and emerging paradigms driving faith-motivated giving. <https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/traditional-and-emerging-paradigms-part-two/>
5. **“Alex Shanks says the question of whether to reopen is different for a church than for other institutions. Rather than just reacting to what others are doing, churches need to model responsible decision making and exceed basic health guidelines to protect the most vulnerable.”** <https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/why-reopening-a-church-is-different/>
6. **Erik Parker imagines what a return to worshipping in-person might look like** as congregations try to balance health, safety, and tradition while following legal requirements for physical distancing and reduced capacity gatherings. <https://millennialpastor.ca/2020/05/26/so-your-church-is-opening-up-after-covid-19-closures-it-wont-be-what-you-are-hoping-for/>