

Helpful Ideas from All Those “Leading in a Crisis” Emails We Are Receiving

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- 1. “Don’t spend your energy trying to recreate what was lost. Try to find something new. When the audience isn’t in the room, new ways open up to connect with the audience.”** Instead of simply trying to create what you did at your congregation for worship, use this as an opportunity to try something new. This is one of 5 suggestions from Carey Nieuwhof has for being better preaching into a camera. -
<https://careynieuwhof.com/5-ways-to-get-better-at-preaching-speaking-directly-into-a-camera/>
- 2. “Is the Sunday-morning-only experience for most churchgoers about to die? How should you respond?”** One of ten thought provoking questions Thom Rainer is asking to help leaders think about what we can learn from our experience with COVID-19? -
<https://thomrainer.com/2020/03/your-church-is-now-a-blank-slate/>
- 3. “9 Ways to Give Beyond the Offering Plate & 5 Things You Should Do When You Use Them”** A blog post from the Ecumenical Stewardship Center with helpful ideas for inviting financial support for your ministry and sharing those opportunities with your congregation. - <https://stewardshipresources.org/giving-beyond-the-offering-plate/>
- 4. “Include “offering” in virtual worship”** Rob Blezard’s blog talks about offerings during the pandemic and specifically offers some suggestions for how to talk about the offering during digital worship services. -
<https://thestewardshipguy.com/2020/04/02/dont-let-the-pandemic-crash-your-offerings/>
- 5. “No, we haven’t ceased to be the church. We’ll never cease to be that. But I miss the gathering.”** – Karl Vaters reflects on what he (an many others) miss about being the church in this time of physical distancing. - <https://www.christianitytoday.com/karl-vaters/2020/april/i-miss-going.html>