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## General pandemic guidance/checklists for churches

[General Church UMC: Resources for responding to the pandemic](mailto:https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/covid-19-ways-to-respond) (UMC/FAQ)

[6 steps your congregation should take in response to the coronavirus](https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/6-steps-your-congregation-should-take-in-response-to-the-coronavirus/?id=li20200311) (Lewis Center for Church Leadership)

[Coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness](https://www.tnumc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-preparedness) (Tennessee Conference)

[COVID-19 preparedness template](https://www.awfumc.org/files/tables/content/13430649/files/Covid-19+.pdf) (Alabama-West Florida Conference/First UMC, Port St. Joe, Florida)

[Faith-based & Community Organizations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Checklist](https://michiganumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/faithbaseedcommunitychecklist.pdf) (MIchigan Area)

[Article on What Churches Can Do](https://hackingchristianity.net/2020/03/i-pastor-a-church-near-a-covid-19-outbreak-this-is-what-churches-can-do.html) (UM pastor in Seattle)

## Accurate pandemic information for church and community

[CDC resources for faith-based leaders](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html)

[Public Health Awareness planned for General Conference](https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/public-health-awareness-planned-for-general-conference) (Commission on the General Conference)

[National Institutes of Health Information on Coronavirus](https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus)

[Advice for Public from the World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

Coronavirus Information from the Centers for Disease Control ([English](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html), [Spanish](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index-sp.html))

[COVID-19 Coronavirus Global Health Tracker](https://www.kff.org/global-health-policy/fact-sheet/coronavirus-tracker/) (Global Health Policy)

[Coronavirus Resource Hub](https://campaigns.moveon.org/coronavirus-resource-hub/) – interactive (MoveOn.org)

## ALPHABETICAL BY TOPIC

### Financial: General financial management strategies

[10 ideas for church financial leaders amid the COVID-19 crisis](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/10-ideas-for-church-financial-leaders-amid-the-covid-19-crisis) (Discipleship Ministries)

[6 steps your congregation should take in response to the coronavirus](https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/6-steps-your-congregation-should-take-in-response-to-the-coronavirus/?id=li20200311) (Lewis Center for Church Leadership)

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 [Resources for Church Financial Leaders](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/10-ideas-for-church-financial-leaders-amid-the-covid-19-crisis?mc_cid=81bbc5463c&mc_eid=480655ee79)

 [GCFA Collaborator](https://www.gcfa.org/newsletter/) (financial management)

### Financial: SBA loans

[SBA loans – Texas Impact FAQ](https://texasimpact.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/ELCA_FAQ_on_PPP_Loans.pdf)

### Financial: Online giving

[Online church: Online Giving](mailto:https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/videos/920446145076637/) (UMC)

### Funerals

[Rio Texas Guide to Funerals in the Season of COVI-19](https://riotexas.org/covid19-new-page/2020/4/1/guide-to-funerals-in-the-season-of-covid-19) (UMC)

### Parenting while sheltering in place / diligence regarding hidden household strife

[Rio Texas Guide to Family Resources](https://riotexas.org/familyconversations/naturaldisaster) (helps for family conversations)

[Family Resources from Intergenerational Discipleship](https://riotexas.org/covid19-new-page/2020/3/30/family-resources-from-intergenerational-discipleship) (UMC)

### Pastoral care under pandemic

[10 guidelines for pastoral care during the coronavirus outbreak](https://www.christiancentury.org/blog-post/guest-post/10-guidelines-pastoral-care-during-coronavirus-outbreak) (Christian Century)

### Technology: Technical support for online activities

[Online church: Using Technology to Reach Your Community While Social Distancing](mailto:https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/videos/2568266436826368/) (UMC)

[Online church: Online Giving](mailto:https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/videos/920446145076637/) (UMC)

#### Worship

[Worship planning & design with social distancing](mailto:https://www.umc.org/en/content/online-worship-member-tips) (UMC)

[Use Facebook Live to stream your church events](https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/use-facebook-live-to-stream-your-church-events) (United Methodist Communications)

[Creating livestreamed worship in 3 days](mailto:http://hackingchristianity.net/2020/03/covid-19-lockdown-creating-live-streamed-worship-in-3-days.html)

#### Small groups

[“Telecommuting” for church small groups](mailto:https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/videos/613373079394314/) (UMC)

[Small group healthy practices](https://www.gnjumc.org/disasterresponse/coronavirus-information/small-group-healthy-practices/) (Greater New Jersey Conference)

### Technology: Licensing for music/content

[Licensing for worship music/content](mailto:https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/videos/857221898072634/) (UMC)

## Online church resources not specific to pandemic

 [Interfaith Action of Central Texas](http://interfaithtexas.org/)

 [Discipleship Ministries](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/online-worship-music-resources-for-livestreaming)

 [Chuck Knows Church videos](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/chuck-knows-church-things-we-can-do)

# Connection opportunities: Community services & needs

(Seeking content)

# Connection opportunities: District churches

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# New practices / adaptations: examples in our district and conference

## Virtual Choir

**Tips on Doing Virtual Choir**

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What I've been doing for choir so far is recording piano tracks into one of two **digital audio workstations** (DAWs, as they are called). The two DAWs I have been using are Reaper (which is available for a free trial period, and then a $60/yr fee if you want to purchase it), and Ableton (which is more expensive).  
  
Then when choir members send me their vocal tracks (e.g. as voice memos), I import those  
recordings into Reaper or Ableton, do some basic mixing, and then add some reverb to the whole thing to create a little bit of a unified feeling. We display still photographs of each choir member.  
  
For someone looking to start out, I would recommend Reaper, because it's cheap and relatively easy to figure out. Someone recording piano tracks straight into the software would also need some kind of digital interface (I use a little digital interface called a Scarlet 2i2 which runs about $150.)  
  
I am just getting started putting together virtual choir videos that involve both audio AND video. I'll be using Adobe Premiere Pro, which is a very sophisticated piece of software that's available for about $30 a month -- or quite a bit less, if you have an affiliation with a school like  
I do.  
  
There are lots of tutorials available for all of these programs, too.