Kensington Church's Response to the COVID-19 Situation:

Be the Church

The church isn't a *building* but rather a *body of people* who love God and love others – our two greatest commandments (*Matthew 22:36-40*). In the midst of this uncertain time, we have an incredible opportunity **to be the church** outside our four walls while still maintaining social distancing and other safety precautions.

Below are some suggestions for reaching out in your neighborhood or partnering with Move Out Teams that are serving in the local community.

However you choose to Move Out, please continue to practice appropriate health and social-distancing measures for you and your family. Your well-being and that of those around you is our utmost concern.

Thanks so much for being the hands and feet of Christ, and if you have any questions about our Move Out opportunities, please contact us at moveout@kensingtonchurch.org.

Ways to Help

1) Reach out in your own neighborhood and spheres of influence.

Pray and ask God

- Who around me needs encouragement, prayer or help meeting essential needs?
- What do I have in my hand that can help someone else?
- What skills/gifts/services can I offer to my community?
- What steps do you want me to take?

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2) Connect with serving and resourcing opportunities in Oakland County. MyCovidResponse.org is an online resource working to serve central Oakland County including the cities of Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Waterford and the

County including the cities of Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Waterford and the surrounding areas. Click here to offer help and be connected to specific volunteer and resourcing opportunities.

3) Serve with our DRAW Move Out team to help those impacted by flooding in Midland.

DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work) is a nonprofit dedicated to providing relief services to communities around the United States hit by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and tornadoes, providing whatever the survivors need as soon as they need it. Volunteer activities include relief supply bucket assembly, supply collection and donations, on-the-ground responders, and collecting grocery bags, making plastic yarn, and creating woven bags for people evacuating disasters as part of our Green Initiative. Click *here* to learn more.

4) Connect with local serving teams through our Move Out Network.

As we navigate the reopening of businesses, organizations and gatherings, our Move Out teams are working hard to ensure that social distancing and other safety measures are in place. Click *here* to search through our more than 40 Move Out teams and learn about the opportunities they have available.

5) Help restock the shelves of our neighborhood food pantries.

These times have been especially difficult for those with low incomes or out of work. As a result, supplies are dwindling at many of our local food pantries. You can help by purchasing non-perishable items and dropping them off at the location nearest you. Choose from the locations below, or visit *pantrynet.org* and enter your zip code to find other nearby locations. We also recommend that you contact the pantry/church directly to find out best times for drop off and visit their website to see what types of foods they need most.

- Neighborhood House Rochester Hills 248.661.5836 www.ranh.org
- Oakland Hope Pontiac 248.309.3658 www.oaklandhope.org
- FISH Lake Orion/Oxford 248.628.3933 www.oxfordorionfish.org
- Open Hands Pantry Royal Oak 248.546.1255 www.openhandspantry.org
- **Macomb Food Program** Mt Clemens (Macomb County Action Center) 586.469.2572 https://mca.macombgov.org/MCA-ES-Food
- **Heritage Church Food Pantry** Sterling Hts 586.997.9490 https://experienceheritage.org/ministries/care/the-pantry