

LOVING OUR CHICAGO NEIGHBORS DURING COVID-19

"... radically advancing the cause of Jesus."

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the city of Chicago and its residents differently, we at New Community are committed to loving our neighbors by asking ourselves this question: **"How might God be inviting us to demonstrate Christ's love to our Chicago neighbors?"**

As a church, we've identified several specific groups of people that we want to invite our congregation to come around this season. Each group that's listed either (a) is directly connected to an organization/church that New Com has a previous relationship with or (b) is a group of people New Com is developing a relationship with.

Will you prayerfully discern how God may be inviting you this season to help New Com be a church that "radically advances the cause of Jesus"?

If you have any questions about the contents of this document, please contact Sharon Chun at communityengagement@thenewcom.com.

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My New Com family	Sharing my gifts and resources by filling out the Bless and Be Blessed Questionnaire	Fill out the Bless and Be Blessed Questionnaire: https://bit.ly/blessandbeblessed	The Bless and Be Blessed initiative was launched in direct response to the impact of COVID-19 and was created to establish a resource-sharing system among individuals at New Com and people who have a personal connection with someone at New Com. All "shared" resources will help individuals experience love and support during quarantine.
My New Com family	Giving financially to New Com's COVID-19 Benevolence Fund	Go to http://thenewcom.com/give and designate my donation to the <i>COVID-19 Benevolence Fund</i>	The Benevolence Fund exists to respond to the financial needs of individuals at New Com (and those who have a connection with an individual at New Com). Donations to this fund will help individuals cover their basic needs such as rent, food and basic utilities.
My undocumented or mixed-status neighbors	Sharing my gifts and resources by filling out the Bless and Be Blessed Questionnaire	Go to http://thenewcom.com/give and designate my donation to <i>Solidarity Fund</i> .	Donations to this fund will be directly transferred to the Humboldt Park United Methodist Church (HPUMC) solidarity fund, a fund setup to help individuals and families cover their basic needs such as rent, food and basic utilities. (HPUMC is a majority Latinx congregation, many who are in the category of "working poor" and numerous families who are undocumented or "mixed-status.")

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<p>My neighbors experiencing homelessness</p>	<p>Donating items to Open Arms (OAM)</p> <p>Volunteering with Open Arms (OAM)</p>	<p>Drop off any donation (<i>men's socks, razors, or femine products</i>) at New Com on Tues. or Wed. during drop-in hours (<i>10AM-2PM</i>)</p> <p>Email Darrel darrel@openarmsministry.org to volunteer</p>	<p>Donations to Open Arms Ministry will fulfill the ongoing need for resources at OAM drop-in.</p> <p>Since shelter-in-place, OAM has lost people from its volunteer base and is eagerly receiving short-term help to ensure that meals are still being made available to the OAM community.</p>
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<p>New Com's immediate neighbors <i>(near 2649 N Francisco Ave)</i></p>	<p>Joining a team to create ways to bless the community through art and providing resources</p>	<p>Email Sharon at communityengagement@thenewcom.com to join her team</p>	<p>Sharon is currently recruiting volunteers to help New Community demonstrate a visible and loving presence to its physical neighbors on N. Francisco Ave. and Schubert Ave. Volunteering may look like creating (chalk) art on the sidewalk, flyering, or using design skills to create a flyer.</p>
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<p>My incarcerated youth neighbors</p>	<p>Donating items to send to Illinois Youth Center (IYC) Chicago</p>	<p>Purchase items to donate items to New Com's donation drive for Illinois Youth Center (IYC) Chicago (<i>see below</i>)</p>	<p>Donations to this drive will benefit the youth or serve to enhance youth programming at the Illinois Youth Center (IYC) Chicago. Because IYC has had to close its doors to visitors and volunteers (from external partnerships), they have had to increase their internal programming focus and utilize their resources at a greater demand. Donations to this drive will serve a dual purpose of encouraging both the youth and current staff.</p>
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| <p>Cleaning supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bleach • Disinfectant wipes or spray • hand sanitizer | <p>Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Games (<i>no dice or money</i>) • Cards (<i>Playing Cards, Uno Cards, etc.</i>) • Sports balls (<i>Basketballs, Volleyballs</i>) • Video game consoles and games (<i>No R or Mature rated games</i>) • DVD movies (<i>rated G, PG, PG 13 only</i>) • Puzzles (<i>ex: jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzle, sudoku, etc.</i>) | <p>Clothing/Shoes:
<i>(all sizes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White t-shirts • Grey sweat shirts • Grey sweat pants • White ankle socks | <p>Hygiene Items:
<i>(Directions: Name brand items only. Liquid items must be in a clear container. No bar soap)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shampoo • body wash • body soap • face soap • deodorant. | <p>Snacks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chips (<i>Doritos, Cheetos, etc.</i>) • Candy (<i>ex: Fruit Roll Ups</i>) • Cookies • Soda Plastic container (<i>No glass bottles or metal cans</i>) <p>Gift Cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target • Walmart • Costco • Sam's Club • Dollar Store |
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- Email Sharon at communityengagement@thenewcom.com to organize a donation drop off**