5 Ways to Grow Your Ministry

Send a Personal Note

**TELL YOUR VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU!**
Your volunteers have worked very hard. Now is a great time to let them know that they are appreciated. Let them know your ministry is still meeting and you still need their help in this virtual format. Maybe you have a volunteer who is a tech guru and can help you set up your virtual ministry. Build a virtual team.

Pick up the Phone!

**CONTACT YOUR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS**
All of us have families in our programs that have concerns about how this will effect the child’s Confirmation preparation, rescheduled date of the sacrament or may just need to hear a friendly voice. Now is a good time to call these families. You can invite volunteers to help with this or you can do it yourself.

Build Your Virtual Lessons

**GET THE WORD OUT!**
You had lessons planned thru the end of April / May, so take those lessons on-line. Communicate this to your students and families, inviting them for a prayer and fellowship virtually. Don’t forget to take advantage of the Project YM Live or LifeTeen Anchored workshop nights. Set up a separate call after the event for large or small group discussion. Invite a volunteer to lead these group meetings.

Create an Event Calendar

**THINK OUT OF THE BOX!**
Even though on-site group events have been postponed for the next few months, create a calendar of virtual events. Think of new ways to gather your teens together! Maybe it’s a movie event, book club, bible study, or prayer group, look for ways to meet, share stories and maybe a concern or two about the current situation. Don’t forget to communicate these events to your families and students.

Plan for the Future

**FINE-TUNE LESSONS**
We all have a vision for how things are supposed run and operate, but sometimes we don’t communicate this as well as we should. Take some time to really look at the details of your lessons and make sure all of the instructions are clear and understandable. You can also enhance lessons by including some alternative small group activities or questions.

TAKE TIME TO REST & RECHARGE YOUR BATTERY!