

# BE THE CHURCH RELIEF OFFERING

May 2020

Belmont Family,

Even more than usual, people in our city are feeling confused, lonely, and lost. We are not a church that wants to just sit by and wait out the coronavirus. We want to wade into the action and 'Help People Be' during this time. We want to minister in such a way that our church and people in our city come out on the other side of this pandemic even stronger in their faith.

Being generous in a time like this may not be our first reaction, but it is the right response for people who follow Jesus. Because of unexpected needs, opportunities, and responsibilities we are feeling led to take up a special relief offering during the month of May. This is an opportunity to trust God and to be a witness of our faith in him to supply our needs.

This 'Be The Church Offering' is a chance to give beyond your regular tithes and offerings with a special gift to help the three causes below. The Elders will distribute these funds based on need. Pray and ask God what he would have you give to this special offering. You can donate online through our website; click the dropdown tab to indicate that it is for the 'Be The Church Offering'. Thanks for giving so that more people can know the love of Jesus-

Belmont Elders

[www.belmontlife.org](http://www.belmontlife.org)

## THREE WAYS WE WILL INVEST THIS SPECIAL OFFERING FOR KINGDOM USE

### Online Ministry

#### Believe

We are going to play offense and not just defense during this time so we can reach more people with the gospel. We want the time and resources that we are investing in our online services and groups to be sustainable beyond this season so that we can continue reaching and discipling people around the world. A portion of the offering will go toward equipment, services, and training that we need to make this happen.

### Benevolence Fund

#### Belong

We are called to take care of our church members when they are in need. Many of our people are beginning to feel the pinch as kids are home from school, job situations are changing, and finances are getting tighter. Our Benevolence Team is working to make sure that we help our people get through this time of struggle and uncertainty. Part of your gift will go toward helping people at Belmont who need assistance with groceries, bills, and other important needs.

### Least of These Ministries

#### Become

This local ministry serves the homeless population with spiritual, physical, and emotional support. This segment of the population is especially vulnerable during this pandemic. In addition to their regular services, TLOT is now also preparing and delivering over 50 lunches to people seven days a week. Part of your gift will go to help keep people fed, housed, and safe. If you are interested in joining the 'lunch packing team' you can reach out to them at [www.theleastoftheseministry.org](http://www.theleastoftheseministry.org)

## BENEVOLENCE

Asking for help is not always an easy thing to do. We get that. But these are special circumstances that we are going through. Your church family loves you and wants to be here for you during this time. If you are going through a financial or emotional hardship of some kind, please let us know. We are setting funds aside to make sure we all get through this okay. Our Benevolence Team is waiting to hear from you. They love to help and will be discreet while doing it. Send an email to [benevolence@belmontlife.org](mailto:benevolence@belmontlife.org) to get started.