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The purpose of the Barnabas ministry is to provide support and encouragement to churches during one of the hardest times during the life of a congregation. While The Church is enduring and always will be until Christ returns – individual congregations are born, minister and complete their ministry – often then giving birth or assisting new ministries.

The thought of any church closing is hard. No matter the reason it is hard for those who once attended and participated in that congregation to see it be no more. However, it is a reality for churches that just as new churches are started, congregations reach the end of their life cycle. After all, none of the churches that Paul started are still in existence today.

Undoubtedly for some congregations, Covid-19 has accelerated their decision making for next steps. Rather than forcing pastors and church members to struggle through the process on their own the Barnabas ministry is available to provide both emotional and spiritual support during the of saying good-bye and adjusting to being a part of a different congregation. Our goal is to assist the congregation in celebrating their ministry history and transitioning to new spiritual homes. Support is also available to pastors who may feel that they are losing not only their ministry role, but also the people who have been their friends and companions. Changes are nearly always hard, but the plan is that changes don't have to be dealt with alone.

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