

# STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

## LCEF MINISTRY MOMENTS VIDEO SERIES

### **Community Ministry #3 – Adopt a Business**

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Neighbors aren't just the people who live next to you; they include those who work and serve around you. Community organizations and businesses can be blessed by connection with your church.

#### **How to bless the organizations and businesses around your church?**

**1. Choose places to adopt**

- Start with those closest to your church property and with employees who work throughout the week.

**2. Meet the people**

- Get up from your desks or take time after a church meeting to walk over to the business.
- Intentionally meet the people working and serving there.

**3. Remember the people**

- Take notes to help you remember. Who did you meet, where did you meet them, did you learn anything special about or from them?
- Refer to the notes before you walk in next time.

**4. Return often**

- How often and why you return with vary and evolve, but have a return mindset in place.
- Find ways to stay connected. Continue to stop in to say hi, set up a meeting to connect and share your ministry, become a patron at the business.

**5. Inquire and listen**

- Ask the employees about themselves as well as the business.
- By returning often and having conversations, you will develop real relationships with your neighbors.

**6. Serve**

- As people share their wants and needs, respond with service.
- Can be as simple as giving them a kind smile every once in a while.