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Introduction to Special Section: Innovations in Churches During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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SPECIAL SECTION

Innovations in Churches During the COVID-19 Pandemic

This section of the *Great Commission Research Journal* presents six case studies of innovations that were introduced into churches during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Although pandemics have touched previous generations, many church leaders felt unprepared for the government regulations, the lockdowns, and the need to protect church members during what has become the deadliest pandemic of this generation.

The innovations described in these case studies represent some of the creative and effective ways that churches responded to the situation to continue focusing on the Great Commission. Some innovations should be kept and continue to be used after the pandemic is over. Others may serve as examples of what churches can do the next time a similar situation occurs. All six of these case studies are useful for comparing one's present church situation and pandemic response to what could have been done or to what can still be done and introduced into the church.