

Who/What	Why
walk or drive the area	get a sense of the size; what is there vis-à-vis schools, churches, care facilities, amenities, housing developments, etc
councillor	can give you a picture of the area, the economic and social issues in the community, what groups are active, etc. that may be worthwhile meeting
community health coordinator	they have already built a profile and will share it; also gives you info on the programs available in the community that they offer; can possibly do some partnering; great to know for referrals
other clergy, other spiritual leaders	network; see what may be possible cooperatively, what has been done in past, what they do to avoid duplications, etc.
foodbank	to get a profile of the community and assess needs
police or RCMP	to give them an opportunity to know you as responder in a crisis situation; also to make connection with the first responders so that they know you are available for them; also to get idea of the issues they encounter - particularly re crimes
fire department	to give them an opportunity to know you as responder in a crisis situation; also to make connection with the first responders so that they know you are available for them
community services offices	get a picture of the economic issues facing the area, the numbers of clients, etc.
social sites such as trails, waterfront, coffee shops	be out and about - be visible
funeral homes	establishes contact so they know availability, etc.
longterm care facilities	may lead to being able to provide some form of spiritual care personally or through a missional encounter such as connecting parishioners on a volunteer basis to read, play cards, etc.
hospitals	again to give them an opportunity to know you as responder in a crisis situation
grocery store managers	good contacts for help with outreach, etc.
library	see what programming is available and who attends - may also give a sense of needs
MLA	again can give you a picture of what the issues are in the community
legion	great gathering place - often hosts groups; also connections with veterans, etc.
community graveyards	ensuring they know who you are
schools	hard to access - but not a bad idea if you can - again to get a profile of the community and to make presence known to the leadership team; may identify a need that could be addressed through outreach
service groups such as the Lions, etc.	again, allowing them to know who you are