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# FAITH BASED SERVICES

## WHY ASK THE QUESTIONS?

Houses of Worship provide communities with an opportunity to come together with a shared purpose.

For many, helping those in need is a key part of the mission. Many veterans, service members and families use a House of Worship as a “front door” for assistance or after their needs have gone unmet.

The House of Worship’s connection to the veteran and their family can facilitate hopeful connections. However, the only way to know if someone is experiencing service-connected challenges is to ask!



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- “Have you or a family member served in the military?”  
“Do you have children?”

**When the answer is “YES”**, you may consider thanking them for their service. You may also be able to find out more about their military experience which can help you and your group to provide the best possible services, support and referrals.

### Asking further questions will also help you to:

- Link to any needed resources and referrals, including non-profits in Orange County that serve veterans and their families.
- Enhance fellowship and find ways that your group can provide support
- Help them find a home “House of Worship” if they are looking for one
- Highlight their spiritual and religious practices that bring them comfort
- In engaging in pastoral counseling, identify mental health concerns that will need further diagnostic and treatment which will impact treatment goals. [needs editing]

**When the answer is “NO”**, you may consider asking if they know of any veterans in the community.