

“Do’s and Don’ts” for “Move-In” Day for New Pastor  
Suggestions for the Local Church  
Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointment

**Do’s for Move-In Day**

Do provide food and appropriate welcome gifts for the pastor and family.

Do check ahead to see if anyone in the family has food allergies and prepare accordingly.

Do offer to help the pastor on move-in day. Let the pastor decide what help is needed.

Be on time as you bring food or gifts.

**Don’ts for Move-In Day**

Do not drop in unexpectedly – call ahead!  
Respect the pastor’s privacy.

Do not start to unpack boxes without asking the pastor if help is needed.

Do not expect the pastor to personally pay for the moving expenses on move-in day.  
Pre-arrange payment through a church account.

Don’t overstay your welcome! Give the pastor and family space to settle into their new home.