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Dear minister of Jesus Christ:

The GCI Ministry Development Team (MDT) serves churches and ministers by providing training, consulting and web-based resources. This issue of *Equipper* profiles the resources offered on the internet. We welcome your questions and suggestions—to contact us see <http://www.wcg.org/mindev/services.htm#Scheduling>.

Blessings,
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MDT websites and blogs

The MDT has three websites and several blogs that outfit pastors, ministry leaders and ministry workers for various aspects of ministry with Jesus. An easy way to find these resources is to go to the **GCI website** (<http://www.gci.org/>), then double-click on the **church development** tab at the top of the homepage. This will take you to a catalog that includes the following resources (and see page 2 for additional GCI resources):

- **Church Multiplication Ministries** website at <http://cmm.gci.org/> - outfitting individuals, churches and district networks for starting new churches.
- **Generations Ministries** website at <http://genmin.gci.org/> - outfitting churches to include young believers and young leaders on a cross-generational journey with Jesus.
- **Ministry Development** website at <http://www.wcg.org/mindev/> - outfitting churches for many aspects of disciplemaking ministry with Jesus.
- **It Looks Like This** blog at <http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/> - videos and pictures showing the disciplemaking ministries of GCI congregations in the United States.
- **FaithTalk Equipper** blog at <http://faithtalkgroups.blogspot.com/> - outfitting members to start and facilitate small groups that connect with unchurched people.
- **Sermon Series** (described at <http://www.wcg.org/mindev/equipper.htm#sermon>) - a weekly email Bible study in a series covering a book of the Bible. This resource is useful in preparing expository sermons and studies and for personal Bible study.
- **The Surprising God** blog at <http://thesurprisinggodblog.wcg.org/> - discussing GCI's Trinitarian, incarnational theology (with answers to common questions).
- **Trinitarian Worship** blog at <http://trinitarianworship.blogspot.com/> - discussing the application of Trinitarian theology to the worship of the church.



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Additional GCI ministry resources

Here are other GCI resources that pastors, teachers and others involved in church-based ministry will find helpful.

Articles on GCI.org

Hundreds of helpful articles are indexed at <http://www.gci.org/index> (you can search by topic using the “Google search” box at the top, right corner of each page).

Weekly Update

This weekly publication is automatically emailed to all U.S. pastors, then posted at <http://update.gci.org/category/update>. It includes GCI church news (U.S. and international), GCI ministries information and announcements, prayer requests, and resource links. Many pastors forward it to their leaders and members.

GCI videos

GCI has dozens of videos on multiple ministry-related topics:

- **Speaking of Life** (<http://www.gci.org/spol>)
Many congregations show one of these 3-minute videos with Dr. Joseph Tkach during worship services or in for small groups and Bible studies.
- **You're Included** (<http://www.gci.org/yi>)
Many congregations, in place of a sermon (or for a discipleship class or small group) show one of these 30-minute videos featuring interviews with trinitarian theologians and teachers.
- **Dimensions in Ministry** (<http://www.gci.org/media/dimensions>)
These videos examine various opportunities and challenges faced in contemporary ministry.
- **Sermon videos for pastors**
For videos useful for sermons, go to <http://www.gci.org/pastoral/wfos>. Additional video sermons are at <http://online.gci.org/live/scriptcontent/WCG/PastorResources.cfm> (log in, then click on “A Word from our Sponsor”).
- **GenMin Life** (<http://genmin.gci.org/GenMinLife.htm>)
These youth-oriented, 6-minute videos are useful for small group discussion starters. They are posted on YouTube and may be downloaded from there (see download information at right).
- **On Mission with God: Study in Acts**
(<http://gci-usa.blogspot.com/p/church-multiplication-study-in-book-of.html>)
These 10-minute videos present Bible studies in the book of Acts (chapters 1-11), with Dr. Dan Rogers. They are posted on YouTube and may be downloaded from there (see download information at right).
- **GCI Church Development videos on YouTube**
(<http://www.youtube.com/user/GCIChurchDev>)
- **FaithTalk training videos**
This series of short videos are posted on the FaithTalk Equipper blog at <http://faithtalkgroups.blogspot.com/> (click on the ‘training’ tabs).

How to download and show GCI videos

Make a DVD

Download the video file to your computer then burn the file to a DVD. You can then show the DVD on TV using a DVD player or project it from your computer using a projector. For help, go to <http://www.gci.org/pastoral/imgburn>.

Stream using Wi-Fi

If you have Wi-Fi access in your meeting hall, you can show the video by streaming it on the internet using a computer, smart-phone or other Wi-Fi enabled device. You can then view it on your computer screen or project it from your device using a projector.

Download from YouTube

Many of the GCI videos noted at left are posted on YouTube. You can download them from YouTube quite easily by using *YouTube Downloader* available for free at <http://youtubedownload.altervista.org>. Once you download the video to your computer (or other device), project it on screen using a projector. You can also stream the video live on the YouTube site using a Wi-Fi enabled device.

Need help?

For assistance in downloading and projecting videos in church, email Ted.Johnston@gci.org.