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Dear servant of Jesus,



We are in that wonderful 40-day-long stretch between Easter (March 31, this year) and Ascension Day (May 9, this year; celebrated on Sunday, May 12).

It was during this period that the resurrected God-man Jesus Christ appeared on earth—bringing his followers both the comfort of his presence and the challenge of his words to join him in his work in the world.

Thank God—Jesus still lives and still is on mission! By sending the Holy Spirit (celebrated on Pentecost—May 19, this year), Jesus extends to us his personal presence and incomparable power. In Jesus, we have all that we need for life, including our part in his life-giving mission.

It is my joy and privilege to partner with so many dear brothers and sisters in Grace Communion International who have devoted their lives to the Father's mission, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Below and on page two are links to various websites, articles and videos that you might find useful in your ministry, including your work to equip others for mission.

Enjoy,

Ted Johnston, regional pastor & CAD communications

Here are two websites offering resources to pastors:

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- **The Pastor's Coach** (from Dan Reiland)
<http://danreiland.com/>
- **Pastors.com** (from Rick Warren)
<http://pastors.com/>

Here is an article and a video about stewardship:

- **5 top reasons people give to your church**
<http://tinyurl.com/cf8enla>
- **Generosity: a fundamental spiritual discipline**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RMEbOFnt1o>

Here are three articles and a video about mission:

- **25 ways to be missional in your neighborhood**
<http://tinyurl.com/crzgb3g>
- **FaithTalk Equipper**
<http://faithtalkgroups.blogspot.com/>
A GCI blog offering resources for starting, facilitating and multiplying small groups that are designed to connect with unchurched people.
- **Everyone needs a Gandalf**
(an article about discipleship from Dan Kimball)
<http://tinyurl.com/c8367t6>
- **Community engagement** (from Reggie McNeal)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiYwMRYpuy>



"When I was a kid I would go up to someone's porch, ring the doorbell, and run like the dickens. I still do that, except now our church calls it 'outreach training.'"

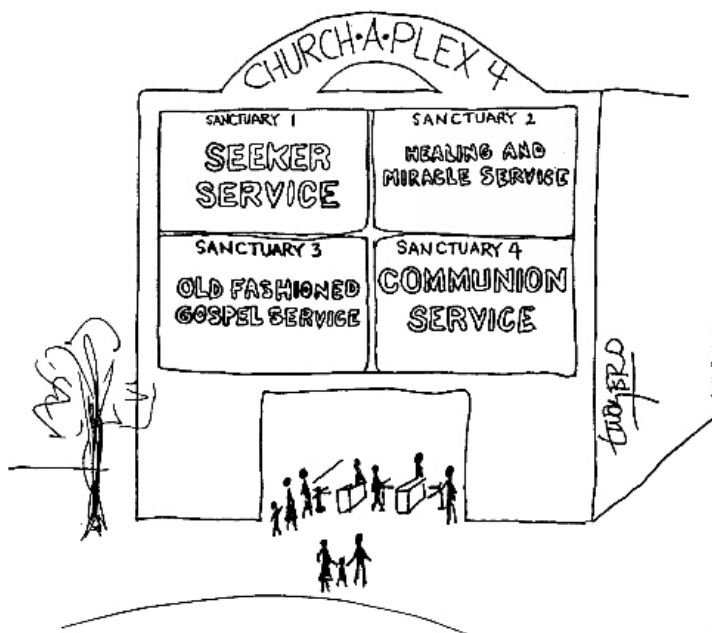
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Here are four videos about church leadership:

- **What is shaping the next generation pastors**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f6jFg3MhS0>
- **Leader development (old challenge, modern day twist)**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6V6C0GhcZU>
- **The heartbeat of rising influence churches**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAADFiHRFvU>
- **Team collaboration**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3hf2I7o_nQ

And here are two articles about churches:

- **5 major trends for churches in America**
(from Thom Rainer)
<http://tinyurl.com/brulguw>
- **Five factors that brought a dying church back to life**
<http://tinyurl.com/7qkggsn>



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