

Recipe for Success

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1. Get clear about mission and purpose – see the Ministry in the MN Annual Conference document
2. Develop a Breakthrough Prayer to ask for God’s guidance to show you the way
3. Form excellent partnership with your pastor
4. Study I and II Corinthians together; Do your Rule of Christ training
5. Examine the congregation’s norms – “Norms are the silent, unspoken rules by which we live in congregations and all other social settings, such as work or family. While people do not often talk about their norms they guide our behavior for good or ill.” – *Behavioral Covenants in Congregations by Gil Rendle*
6. Create behavioral covenants in order to develop a healthier congregational culture and break bad habits and norms
7. Hold one another accountable – “One of the most important functions of the Church is to be a sanctuary in which people can disagree, even vehemently, and yet still see the other as a brother or sister in Christ. If we cannot do this ourselves, then we have no ground to preach unity and reconciliation to others. There’s no such thing as a perfect institution.” – *Bishop Michael Curry from the book Love is the Way*