

# Remedial Health Care

When the local church is seriously ill, it can no longer fulfill its purpose. Furthermore, it can wreak havoc in the lives of its members, it can destroy the testimony of Christ in a community and its very survival can be at risk. Unfortunately, a growing number of local churches are in such a state.

In cases when there is an honest acknowledgment, on the part of the church leadership, regarding the need for remedial and even radical corrective action, coupled with a genuine commitment to address the causes of such illness, there may be an achievable positive outcome!

Under certain circumstances, in keeping with its strong commitment to the local church, Midwest Church Extension offers itself to assist such "at risk" churches in recovering their viability and re-establishing vitality in ministry once again.

A Ministry Assessment Team provides objective analysis of the church and its ministry. This team will conduct confidential personal interviews with the members of the church family in an attempt to minister to them while, at the same time, seeking to identify problem areas in the life and ministry of the church. The team also seeks to engage in frank and open discussion with church leadership personnel to gain insights into the workings of the church.

A detailed report of the findings of the Assessment Team is presented to the church along with recommended and/or possible courses of action. Should the church request it, Midwest Church Extension is open to exploring ways in which it might be able to assist the church in pursuing such courses of action.

If your church is seriously ill, a Remedial Health Care Assessment could be the first step on the road to recovery.

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# Preventative Health Care

Many people don't really give too much day-to-day thought to their health unless they are confronted with some obvious symptoms that suggest there is something wrong. Unfortunately, the same can be said of many local churches. A health check-up is just not very high on the list of priorities for most local churches unless there are already symptoms indicating that something is wrong. Tragically, in many cases, by the time those symptoms are recognized for what they are, it is too late to prevent considerable damage to the church, the spiritual well-being of its people, and its testimony in the community. In some cases, the church may even lose its life.

In an effort to hold the line against an increasing number of churches that are struggling to survive due to ill health, Midwest Church Extension seeks to help the generally healthy local church to be pro-active in objectively identifying current ministry strengths and weaknesses. Having done so, the local church can develop a strategy to capitalize on its strengths, and shore up its weaknesses, thus enhancing the potential for a continuing healthy and viable ministry future.

A Ministry Assessment Team evaluates foundational church documents, finances, ministry vision and strategic plans, as well as selected church policies and procedures. The Team works onsite, observing (when possible) actual church services, assessing the physical plant of the church and the interaction of the church family. It also conducts confidential personal interviews with as many church members and leadership personnel as possible.

At the conclusion of its onsite visit, the Team then publishes a report based on its observations and findings. That report will include any recommendations the Team may have. The report will be shared with the church leadership, and the team will be available for further interaction and counsel as may be requested by the church.

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