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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard
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One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

Future Church Moment One

Speaking in CMBA recently, Will Mancini declared that the functional Great Commission in North American Churches has become – “Go into all the world and make more worship attenders, baptizing them in the name of small groups and teaching them to volunteer a few hours a month.”

My response: This calls for a major reset for the North American Church.

– From the forthcoming book, **Future Church: 7 Laws of Real Church Growth** by Will Mancini and Cory Harman. Baker Books, 2020. (CMBA is working on a purchasing a quantity of these books when they are available within the next 30 days. If you want one or more copies for your church at a deep discount, send an email to CMBA@ColumbiaMetro.org with your request.)

CMBA Annual Business Meeting – November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

CMBA Annual Business Session – Online. In lieu of an on-site, face-to-face annual business meeting, CMBA will hold a virtual annual business meeting for the election of officers for the next year, approval of the budget, and any other business items that need attention. The meeting will also involve a review of the activities and progress of CMBA since October 2019 and plans for the coming year through October 2021.

Where: Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81156129685>.

Who: The pastor (or the pastor’s representative) plus a layperson from each church.

What: An agenda will be available and distributed the week of the gathering.

Annual Church Profile Submission Update

This year our association has designed a **CMBA Easy Version** for reporting the statistical information and the database. It is much simpler, takes less time, and asks for less information. So, you have two choices this year.

Choice One: Complete two simple Google forms for the association, and we will upload your information for you into the SCBC/SBC workspace. Plus, the person who completes the form will be sent a “thank you” gift card (actually two if you complete both forms).

- Part One is the Statistical Report: Go to <https://forms.gle/H95AVCfdQ8DkfNmc7> to complete it.
- Part Two is the Database Report: Go to <https://forms.gle/BHSpicDbV1YgbWP96> to complete it.

Choice Two: You provide your information online to the SCBC/SBC workspace. Some churches prefer to do this because they want to share more information. You do the work. No gift cards for this choice. **IF** you would prefer Choice Two, send an email to Kyndra Bremer at KyndraBremer@ColumbiaMetro.org and she will send you the workspace site and the ID and password you need to get into the system to provide your information.

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