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## One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

### One Priority

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

## One Priority Briefing Live! on Engaging Generation Z – Wednesday 2:00 p.m.



*Engaging Generation Z: Raising the Bar for Youth Ministry* is the subject of the One Priority Briefing Live! video conference on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88331049451>.

Our guest will be Tim McKnight, director of the Global Center for Youth Ministry and associate professor of youth ministry and missions at Clamp Divinity School at Anderson University. Tim is the author of the book *Engaging Generation Z*. Check out the book at <https://amzn.to/3sn41A1>.

**SPECIAL!** Everyone from a financially contributing church or church network connection with CMBA who is live on the interview with Tim on Wednesday can receive a free copy of the book.

## As the One Year Anniversary of the Pandemic Approaches . . .

. . . **what have you learned about doing church?** Around March 15<sup>th</sup> – the Ides of March – will be the one year anniversary of the response congregations were forced to make to the COVID-19 induced pandemic. One of the things that have been of great value to many congregational leaders is to learn how other congregations have responded to the pandemic. One of the best ways to do this is to share with our family of congregations your answers to four questions so that others might benefit from your observations. This is your power to bless others. Take the survey at <https://forms.gle/B3myJW16mDdZ3tRc6>

## Visionary Leadership Community Report from February 16<sup>th</sup> Gathering

CMBA's Visionary Leadership Community (VLC) met virtually last Tuesday to conduct business and share ministry updates. Comprised of CMBA ministers and lay leaders, the VLC operates under the association's vision of "starting and strengthening congregations to serve as vital and vibrant missional communities." Executive Director George Bullard and newly-elected VLC Leader Jacob Helsley conducted the meeting. Read the report at <https://columbiametro.org/vlc-report-02-16-21/>.

## The Key Warning Sign Your Church is Dying

The key warning sign your church is dying is that you are becoming an *overly churched culture congregation*. *Is this fatal? Is there anything you can do about it?* It is not initially fatal. You can effectively address this situation. Read an article by George Bullard on this warning sign at <https://columbiametro.org/key-warning-sign/>.

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