

# STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

## LCEF MINISTRY MOMENTS VIDEO SERIES

### **Wellness in the New Year #2 – Planning Retreat**

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The busyness of today's church can feel overwhelming at times, and the lack of time to properly prepare increases the stress.

#### **How to plan ahead to ease some of the stress?**

**1. Schedule a planning retreat**

- Schedule the retreat well in advance. Mid-summer is often a good time.
- Create a plan that will ease the burden of the busyness of ministry.
- Could be for the pastor alone or include the whole ministry team.

**2. Plan worship starting in Advent**

- Decide on themes, hymns, and songs.
- Work out the schedule for musicians, lectors, and assistants.

**3. Plan sermon texts and themes**

- Start each week with the text, purpose, simple outline, and ideas for the next sermon.
- Take the opportunity to develop sermon series based on the schedule of themes and topics.

**4. Plan fellowship and servant events**

- Give volunteers time to prepare, enlist a team, budget, and get the word out.