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Summer Retreat Reminder! Rev. Billy Brath LCEF Vice President Ministry Solutions

Summer is a perfect time for pastors and church leaders to get away and plan for the next year of ministry.

How to hold a successful planning retreat?

1. Schedule the retreat

- Plan a few days to a full week.
- Make sure to put it on the calendar to lock in the days and avoid conflicts.
- If possible, take the retreat to an off-site location to allow for focused work.

2. List what you want to accomplish

- List the different areas you want to focus on planning.
- Suggestions: sermon themes, Bible study content, worship music, strategic planning, communication writing.

3. Decide who needs to be there and when

- Determine who needs to be there to make decisions for different areas and who can help you with the work.
- Invite those who can help with the process to be at the retreat.

4. Set the agenda and clearly define the desired outcomes

- Make the agenda detailed to make the most of your time together.
- Schedule prayer time, discussion time, brainstorming, meals, breaks, etc.

5. Schedule fun time

- Scheduling non-focused time makes the focused planning time work.
- A retreat is supposed to be a fun experience as well as a productive one.

6. After the retreat, plan for next year

- Get it on the calendar early.
- Make notes on what you can improve for next time.