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Stewardship #8 – Annual Reassessment of Ministries

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Many congregations never update the ministries they offer due to ease of continuing with the way it's always been done.

How to update ministries to best serve members and community?

1. Create and maintain a master ministry menu

- Keep an exhaustive list of everything your congregation does.

2. Gather a team for annual re-evaluation

- Early summer or before budget work begins are ideal times.

3. Thoughtfully assess the effectiveness of ministry

- Ask of each ministry: "How can it more effectively facilitate the mission of our church?"
- Keep a shared document to record observations and ideas throughout the year.
- Create and utilize a guiding mission statement for your congregation if you do not already have one in place.

4. Look for holes in the congregation's ministries

- Ask what the ministries are not addressing.
- Document needs that you could address with additional ministries.

5. Put it all together into a Ministry Plan

- Details do not need to be entirely fleshed out, but document big ideas for further discussion and planning.

6. Set follow-up meetings

- Meet with ministry leaders.
- Create brainstorming teams.
- Reach out to other congregations or to the district.