

Increase Attendanceⁱ Today:

2020 Churches in 2020 with 20-20 Vision

Starting in Unstoppable Churches in the U.S. and Canada January 6, 2020

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Introduction. Our experience is that most organizations want to increase attendance and, equally important, they want to increase the number of attendants.

What I like most about leading worship is:

My biggest challenge is:

Why I think relationship matters:

What about you?

Our bias is that we don't know how to change, or we (or they) resist change.

Our belief is the church is more than a building, it is peopleⁱⁱⁱ the unstoppable body of Christ.

Current trend is many churches are declining – the aging of our membership and a world of fear.

God's grace is accessible and with the Holy Spirit we can embrace an unstoppable era.

We know change is unstoppable, faster than ever with God and technology^{iv} = unlimited potential.

It comes together in one word – “online.”

Three congregations, aka churches, in Texas, Illinois, and New Mexico > Unstoppable Churches. Here is their story: *“Our congregations use online guided conversation and grow closer to Christ, we share joys and concerns, and we notice God-sightings today as we focus on what we call genuine questions. We accept each other but challenge unhealthy behavior > mutual accountability.*

We are now learning how to support our community. We are now making available Increasing Attendance for all churches in our community and beyond, up to: **“2020, in 2020 with 20-20 Vision.”** Dennis' wake-up call, *“I think I just got busted. I thought the only thing Jesus wanted me to do is show up.”* Two wake-up articles by churches – one by the Anglican Church in Canada, the other wake-up call by ELCA Lutheran Church in the U.S. What is God saying to us today? *“There is to be no compromise about violating the Sabbath/Sunday!”* A day of rest every week. Our churches and communities and each of us needs this today.

Increasing Attendance has 12 Genuine Questions online, one a month starting January 5-6, 2020.

12 Genuine Questions That Stimulate Congregations to Increase Attendance in 2020

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January- How does increasing attendance spur family, church, and community?

February- How does increasing attendance live into organizational health?

March- How does increasing attendance transform lives?

April- How does increasing attendance connect with the spirit?

May- How does increasing attendance lead to respect?

June- How does increasing attendance recognize the role of men?

July- How does increasing attendance guide us to look forward?

August- How does increasing attendance make a difference in the world?

September- How does increasing attendance create forgiveness?

October- How does increasing attendance produce ownership and responsibility?

November- How does increasing attendance amaze us through gratitude?

December- How does increasing attendance develop an atmosphere of love?

ⁱ Healthier Church.org, a non-profit organization begins with exploring the varied meanings of "attendance" and includes all the variations, from silent avoidance to champion living and leading – “Wherever you are, be there”

ⁱⁱ Romans 8:37 (NRSV)

ⁱⁱⁱ The best description of the “church” is “body of Christ,” consisting of people who have spiritual gifts to glorify God and build up the body of Christ – Ephesians 4, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 4

^{iv} Technology is a gift of God and can be a curse if abused or used in excess