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But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical.
 James 3:17 (NET)

When these biblical principles reflect the practice values of church leadership, then there is space and opportunity for ministry effectiveness resulting in church growth and health. When they are absent or lacking, then leaders and churches lack the foundational relational and organizational culture for spiritual and congregational health and growth.

I appreciate the opportunity to use this space and medium to share my personal and professional passion for church growth and health teaching and consulting. My purpose for these occasional articles has been to introduce CCMA ministers and other church leaders to my willingness and sense of call to share what I have learned, experienced, and practiced as a pastor and consultant to the benefit of churches and ministry organizations. I couldn't be more serious and sincere about my willingness to make sufficient space in commitment of time and resources to honor any consulting engagements.

My first step is to start with a conversation to explore needs and expectations. My next step is to form an agreement of commitment and understanding with the consulting community. Here are some reflection statements focused primarily to help pastors and church leaders rate the need and readiness for a strategic focus on church growth and health.

Questionnaire/Scope of Discussion

- 1) Our church/congregation is focused on and structured for prioritizing church growth and health.
 Rate your answer from one to ten
 (1-not at all _____ 10-totally)
- 2) Our church/congregation leadership and assets are strategically aligned around clearly stated identity / values / purpose.
 Rate your answer from one to ten
 (1-not at all _____ 10-totally)
- 3) Our church/congregation is apathetic/passive/conflicted regarding the need for change in the face of obvious indicators of decline and demographic relevance.
 Rate your answer from one to ten
 (1-not at all _____ 10-totally)
- 4) Our church/congregation would respond positively to working with an outside consultant to address these and other strategic church growth and health issues
 Rate your answer from one to ten
 (1-not at all _____ 10-totally)

A careful assessment of the range of responses to these statements should help discern a need for a consulting conversation. Interested persons can contact me directly or inquire through the CCMA Regional Offices.