

Penn Central Conference Resource

- [Penn Central Conference Church Resource Offerings](#) (a list of some of the resources available from The Conference.)

Vitality

- [How Doing Fewer Events Is Helping Our Church Do Better Ministry](#) (Karl Vaters)
- [Teen's online church draws young people from around the world](#) (Faith and Leadership)
- [Struggling Maplewood church finds new life by living 'like you are dying'](#) (Star Tribune)
- [Sorry, Pastor - Numbers Are Not People](#) (Karl Vaters, a perspective on considering church metrics)
- **Crunch Time for Small Congregations (Congregational Consulting Group - 3 part series)**
 - [When is the Right Time to Close Our Doors?](#) (Part 1)
 - [Merge with Other Congregations](#) (Part 2)
 - [Join a Multi-Congregational Cluster](#) (Part 3)
- [Let's Have the Conversation](#) (CARD, conversations about approaches to church closure)
- [5 Ways Tracking Church Attendance Messes With Your Soul](#) (Carey Nieuwhof)
- [Kevin Wright: Amazon, Whole Foods and the future of the brick-and-mortar church](#) (Faith & Leadership)
- [Church Turnarounds Are About Direction And Consistency, Not Speed Or Size](#) (Karl Vaters)
- [Real Church Growth Doesn't Just Make Bigger Churches, It Heals Hurting Ones](#) (Karl Vaters)
- [Christendom Is Dead. It is Time to Be Vulnerable.](#) (Baptist Global News)
- [Traditioned Innovation](#) (Faith and Leadership article about church growth and vitality)
- [Church of England Resurrects Tradition to Attract Millenials](#) (Church Leaders Article)
- [Is Autonomy Turning UCC Authorized Ministers and Churchgoers into Turtles?](#) (Vital Signs and Statistics)

Disaster Readiness

- [Disaster Tips Sheets for U.S. Religious Leaders](#) (National Disaster Interfaith Network)

Volunteers

- [Why Don't People Volunteer at Church?](#) (Lewis Center for Church Leadership)

Mission and Ministry

- [Lynne Baab: Why Listening Matters for Mission and Ministry Today](#) (Alban)
- [Ministry Matters: New Worship Connection](#) (free subscription available)
- [Name your mission, develop strategies and then evaluate impact](#) (Faith and Leadership)
- [Small church upholds history of outreach to make big impact on frontier town](#) (Faith and Leadership)

Funding

- [Using an Oft-Neglected Asset to Fund Ministry](#) (R. Mark King, Using Church Land to Fund Ministry)

Bible Studies

- [Faith Practices](#) (UCC Bible Study Resource)
- [Faith vs. Fear: A Faith Response to Gun Violence](#) (A Bible Study Series)

Conflict Management

- [Tolerating Bad Behavior in Church](#) (Congregational Consulting Group article about dealing with conflict in your church)
- [The Leader and the Loyal Opposition](#) (Faith & Leadership)