



# How Do You Grow a Church?

What does that mean, anyway?

# To Grow or not to Grow

- ① There is nothing wrong with being a church the size of St. Luke! You are big compared to a lot of churches.
- ① Be clear on the reasons to grow.
- ① Be clear on the cost of growth.

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- ① Organize, behave, lead and manage like a small organization (Big sisters vs. little sisters; SVs vs. WMs)
- ① Don't expect to

# Your Future

