

## MERGER READINESS ASSESSMENT

Is your church a good candidate for merger?

If your church believes it could become a vibrant church and experience a new beginning by joining a like-minded church, then it is a good candidate for a church merger.

### TAKE THE MERGER READINESS SELF-ASSESSMENT

*Take the survey then score your church's readiness for a merger, using a scale of 1 to 5. (1=no, not at all, 5=yes, strongly so). Estimate your score on each of the questions below, add up the tally, and then look at the interpretation. This assessment is not the "voice of God," but it will give you an indication of how God might be leading.*

1. Could the kingdom of God be further enlarged as you do ministry by merging with another church? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Would your community be better served if your church and another church merged together?
3. Could your church and another church accomplish more, do effective ministry together, than you could separately?
4. Would your congregation be healthier and more vibrant by merging than remaining separate?
5. Is your church having difficulty finding a pastor? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has your church been approached by another church or denominational leader to consider merging?
7. Are you aware of a church in your area who has lots of people but no facility (whom your church could potentially help by sharing its facility)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is your church having trouble reaching the next generation with the good news of God's love?
9. Is your church facing financial pressures, unable to meet its financial obligations or maintain its facilities?
10. Is your church spending the majority of its finances to maintain the building?
11. Are there any congregations in your area with whom you could imagine merging?

### RESULTS

The higher your total, the stronger you are as a merger candidate. If you score at least 20, do explore further the idea of merging. If you're above 30, merging seems to be a very good fit. If you're about 40, merging seems to hold huge promise for your church.