



Identifiers of Health and Vitality in Local Churches

The Church is a living organism and as such, like all living things, it has six characteristics. Without one of these characteristics, an organism is dead.

Please review to discern which of the following characteristics apply to your church. Even if one of the areas do not apply, the organism is not functioning well and its future is in question.

A living organism:

1. Is organized

Effectively aligns and balances its vision and ministry, its organizational structure and congregational life.

2. Uses, needs and converts ENERGY

Without energy, there is no life. Organisms use and convert energy to live, survive and thrive. Without sunlight, there would be no life on earth.

3. Adapts to its surroundings

When the environment and the surroundings change, an organism has to adapt in order to survive.

4. Responds to change

Reacting and responding to the changes around it, an organism remains relevant and pertinent to it.

5. Reproduces

All organisms have a way of reproducing, otherwise, they die.

6. Grows and develops

Without growth, the organism is stagnant and eventually dies.