

FOSTERING



Resourcing – A partnership in which a stronger church sends missionary volunteers or resources to a declining church for some time to establish/strengthen a strategic ministry.

Residency – A partnership in which a stronger church or association sends a trained revitalization ministry resident to pastor a declining/plateaued church with the goal of revitalization.

Merger – A merger occurs when two or more churches decide to combine into one entity. This could be a new entity (consolidation) or an absorption (merger).

Transfusion – A stronger church sends a trained church revitalization team to lead a declining/plateaued church back to health.

Coaching – A pastor or associational leader, who has experience in revitalization or other key areas, coaches a pastor and his leadership team in order to equip them to more effectively lead revitalization in their context.

ADOPTION



Relaunch – A stronger church provides oversight and leadership to a declining church. As the healthy church's DNA is infused into the adopted church, it becomes stronger until it can be rereleased.

Multi-Site – A stronger church adopts a declining church as a campus utilizing a campus pastor and/or simulcast sermons from the adopting church. The adopted church can remain a campus or be rereleased once it is self-sustainable.

Network – A church, or group of churches, with a heart for revitalization adopts a declining church to rehabilitate the church and include it in a network of churches investing in other revitalization efforts.



REPLANT



Reinvestment – A church determines that the best path forward is to close. As a part of their closure, they would sell or donate their facilities to the association with the expectation that the assets will be used to fund ministry efforts in a more viable community.

Replant – The remaining church members decide to surrender control of their facilities/ministry over to a church planter(s) with a vision for ministry in their community. The remaining church members may decide to stay in one of the new congregations.

Restart – A church pauses its current ministry and invites a new leadership team to establish a new ministry paradigm, church polity, and identity before relaunching.

Legacy – A church decides to close/disband and leave its remaining assets to the association, hoping that the association can invest in a new work in the same community. The church's legacy is continued through its sacrificial investment into the new church.

REVISIONING



Relocation—A thriving church in a declining community decides to relocate to a different community.

Internal Plant – A mother church launches a daughter church on their campus which meets at different times and is targeted to reach a new demographic.

Strategic Focus – A church begins a strategic planning process to determine an effective future mission and vision.

Cross Cultural – A church determines to reach an underreached people group in their community with the goal of transitioning the church to that people group or a blend of people groups.

Migration – A church empowers the pastor and a core group to use resources and facilities to relaunch the church in a way that will reach a strategic demographic in the community.

Pastoral Transformation – A church empowers their pastor to be trained, coached, or equipped to more effectively lead the church to greater health.



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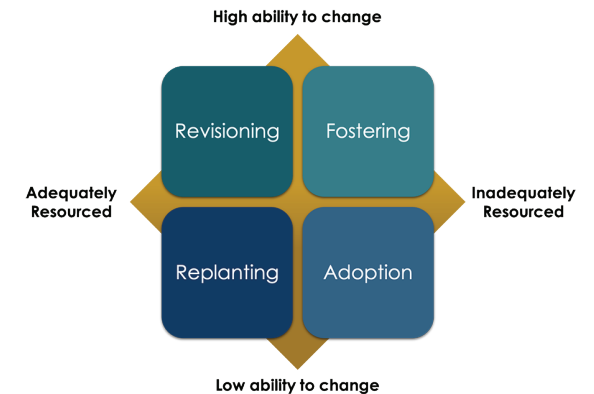
“God is glorified when our churches are thriving and multiplying. Since every church is unique, there is no one-size-fits-all solution to plateau or decline. There are many revitalization options for your church. The BMBA wants to walk with you as you discover God’s plan for your church. This pamphlet lists a few revitalization options. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more.”

- Dr. Josh Cook

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