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Dear Church Leader,

This month's *Flipboard* challenges some stereotypes. What happened when a pastor knocked on a few doors (article #3) and another made a few phone calls (article #7)? You might be surprised. —Dr. Warren Bird

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A promotional graphic for a webinar. It features a dark blue background with a laptop keyboard and a smartphone. On the left, there are two small inset photos: the top one shows a man smiling, and the bottom one shows a man speaking into a microphone. The main text reads "Keys for Developing High Potential Millennial Leaders" in white. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text "October 18 Free Live Webinar".

Keys for Developing High Potential Millennial Leaders

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Keys for Developing High Potential Millennial Leaders

Lee Kricher took on a nearly impossible task. In 2003, he became pastor of Amplify Church in Pittsburgh. It was a declining church of less than 200 aging parishioners.

Early in the process Lee cast vision for a “New Generation Church,” one where the attendees’ average age is at least as young as the average age of the community served by the church. Year after year, they focused on reaching and developing the next generation.

Fast forward to today: Amplify is a vibrant multisite church of over 2,000 people meeting in 3 locations. The average age of attendees is now 35 years old. Lee is in the process of handing over the reins to a younger leader, Jason Howard (25 years younger), to be his successor.



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Pastoring: Giving It the Personal Touch and Other Articles Church Leaders Should Read

by *Dave Travis*

Here’s a collection of interesting, thought-provoking articles from around the web from recent weeks. For more links, check out our *Flipboard* magazines: [Leadership Network Today](#), [Leadership Network Deep Trends](#), and [Ideas to Implementation to Impact](#), where we curate the best in



Podcast: How to Help Couples Have Conversations About Giving

It may be one of the most awkward conversations a couple can have. One or both has been inspired by their church leader’s latest message on financial giving, and they would love to talk about it with their spouse. But how do you start a conversation like that? What do you say? And how does a couple follow up with each other and make financial giving

innovative ideas for church leaders.

decisions they feel God may be leading them to make?

[1. We Can Be Hopeful For Houston The Church Is There](#)

(TheGospelCoalition.org) The devastating floodwaters have displaced thousands of Texans. But volunteers are also flooding into Houston, as Americans link arms and demonstrate already a remarkable spirit of resilience and grit. Those of us watching are in awe at the catastrophe, but also at the character of ordinary people who inspire us with acts of heroism and kindness.



[2. The Quiet Comeback Of The Middle Class](#)

(TheWashingtonPost.org) On this Labor Day, the American middle class survives. Indeed, it's expanding. That's not the conclusion of some arcane scholarly study. It's the judgment of Americans themselves, though it hasn't received much attention from politicians or the media. Most Americans have moved beyond the fears bred by the Great Recession. The middle-class comeback may be the year's most underreported story.



Features You May Have Missed

- [Tips and Trends for Launching Your Next Church](#)
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