

by *Todd Rhoades*

Leadership Network's Implementation LAB makes its debut in just a few weeks. Today, we are excited to announce some of our speaker line-up and topics:

November 2017 – **Kara Powell** – Strategies to Help Your Church Grow Younger

December 2017 – **Geoff and Sherry Surratt** – Ministering as a Couple (Without Killing Each Other)

January 2018 – **Steve Stroope** – Going Farther with More

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March 2018 – **Dave Ferguson** – Reach Your City: How to Dream Big and Start Small...



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Does a Church's Growth Rate Affect Salaries?

by *Warren Bird*



Helping Couples Become Financial Soulmates

by *Chris Willard with Warren Bird*

Yes it does, but not exactly how you might guess. The reality is that most Protestant churches in North America are smaller, as the visuals in the blog illustrate. Further, about 80% are plateaued or declining. In those churches where attendance inches downward year after year, salaries typically do not likewise inch downward. Instead they're more likely to stay relatively level. If any portion of remuneration is the first to get trimmed or frozen, it's often the benefits. Then major reductions in compensation tend to happen when the church faces a financial challenge or when a staff member is replaced, sometimes by a part-timer or a strategy of combining positions in order to save even more money.

For growing churches, salaries do change, but not quickly in most cases...

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Ron Jones was doing pre-marital counseling with a young couple when it became clear they were on very different pages regarding finances.

“He had many years of running his own financial life, and he wasn't trusting enough to open up his finances,” says Ron, the lead pastor of Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach. “I strongly encouraged them to work that out before they got married.

“We all learn about money in different ways, and we bring that into a marriage relationship.”

Ron has seen many married couples struggle in this area over the years. And he's not alone, as money issues are still cited as the #1 reason for divorce in America—even among Christ-followers.

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