

# Exemplary Ministry Tool

## What are Some Characteristics of an Exemplary Church?

### 5 Seeds of the Exemplary Church That Will Help Produce Fruit

- Church's leaders are advocates for the Christian formation of children.
- The church and parents are partners on a child's Christian formation journey.
- The church understands that Christian formation is a life-long journey of growth that integrates the head, hands, and heart.
- Children are meaningfully integrated into the life of the church.
- Presence of an authentic, gracious, caring, and affirming environment.

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### Church Leaders are Advocates for the Christian Formation of Children.

List the ways our church's leaders are currently advocating for the Christian formation of children?

What additional ways could our leaders advocate for the Christian formation of children?

How can we encourage the adoption of these new initiatives?

**The Church and Parents are Partners on a Child's Christian Formation Journey.**

List the ways our church partners with parents on a child's Christian formation journey?

What additional ways could our church partner with parents?

What needs to be done to adopt these new initiatives?

**The Church Understands that Christian Formation is a Life-Long Journey of Growth that Integrates the Head, Hands and Heart.**

List the ways our church has explored an understanding of Christian formation?

What additional ways could our church explore and engage in Christian formation?

How can we encourage the adoption of these new initiatives?

**Children are Meaningfully Integrated Into the Life of the Church.**

List the ways our church has meaningfully integrated children into the life of the church?

What additional ways could our church integrate children?

What needs to be done to adopt these new initiatives?

**Presence of an Authentic, Gracious, Caring, and Affirming Environment.**

List the ways our church has reflected the presence of an authentic, gracious, caring and affirming environment?

What additional ways could our church reflect the presence of an authentic, gracious, caring, and affirming environment?

How can we encourage the adoption of these new initiatives?