

dear GOD,, Thanks...♡

#4 An annual report is an act of gratitude toward God. What if you saw the process like writing a thank you note to God? Even if your church didn't have the best year, you have something for which you can express gratitude to God. Use the report to honor God and point people to Jesus.



#5 An annual report is a helpful accountability mechanism. I get the fact that accountability is not always fun. Sometimes you don't like preparing sermons. But this Sunday keeps you accountable. Chances are, no one is going to wake up and bug you for that 2014 annual report. That's what makes this point a big deal. You can initiate the commitment and hold yourself and your leaders accountable to this kind of vision casting.



#6 An annual report builds credibility with people. While an annual report is not everyone's "love language," some people will take a giant step forward because you took the time to provide this tool. It shows the leadership's willingness to be honest with financial information and communicates the deeper "whys" behind ministry decisions and direction.



#7 An annual report is a perfect project to experiment with some new talent and creativity. Since this communication tool is not weekly or urgent, you can recruit some people who are new or uninvolved and see what they produce. If you haven't done a report, you have nothing to lose by trying. Ask some people for something fresh and different. Here's an example of a report to get the creative juices flowing: <http://www.lifechurch.tv/giving/> Check it out. Oh, instead of just admiring the branding or strategy of this cool church, isn't it time to feel good about your own?

Did you notice LifeChurch's strategy has three components: worship, missions, and evangelism? What components does your strategy contain to make fully committed followers of Christ?



A consultation with our region staff and/or participation in our co::lab can help your church discern who you uniquely are and then discover how best to live that. If you are interested in learning more about Co::Lab, please contact Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson, ABCOPAD Co-Regional Executive Pastor & Regional Pastor with Congregations. jjohnson@abcopad.com.

You can submit your church's **2021 Cooperating Church Annual Report online at <http://annualreport.abcis.org>**. To do so, you will need your congregation's Church PIN and Leadership ID. They appear on first page of the hard copy of the Annual Report mailed to your church. If you don't have access to that information, please contact the ABCOPAD office at 1-888-687-0883 / 412-687-3940 or dveselicky@abcopad.com.



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