

REDEMPTIVE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

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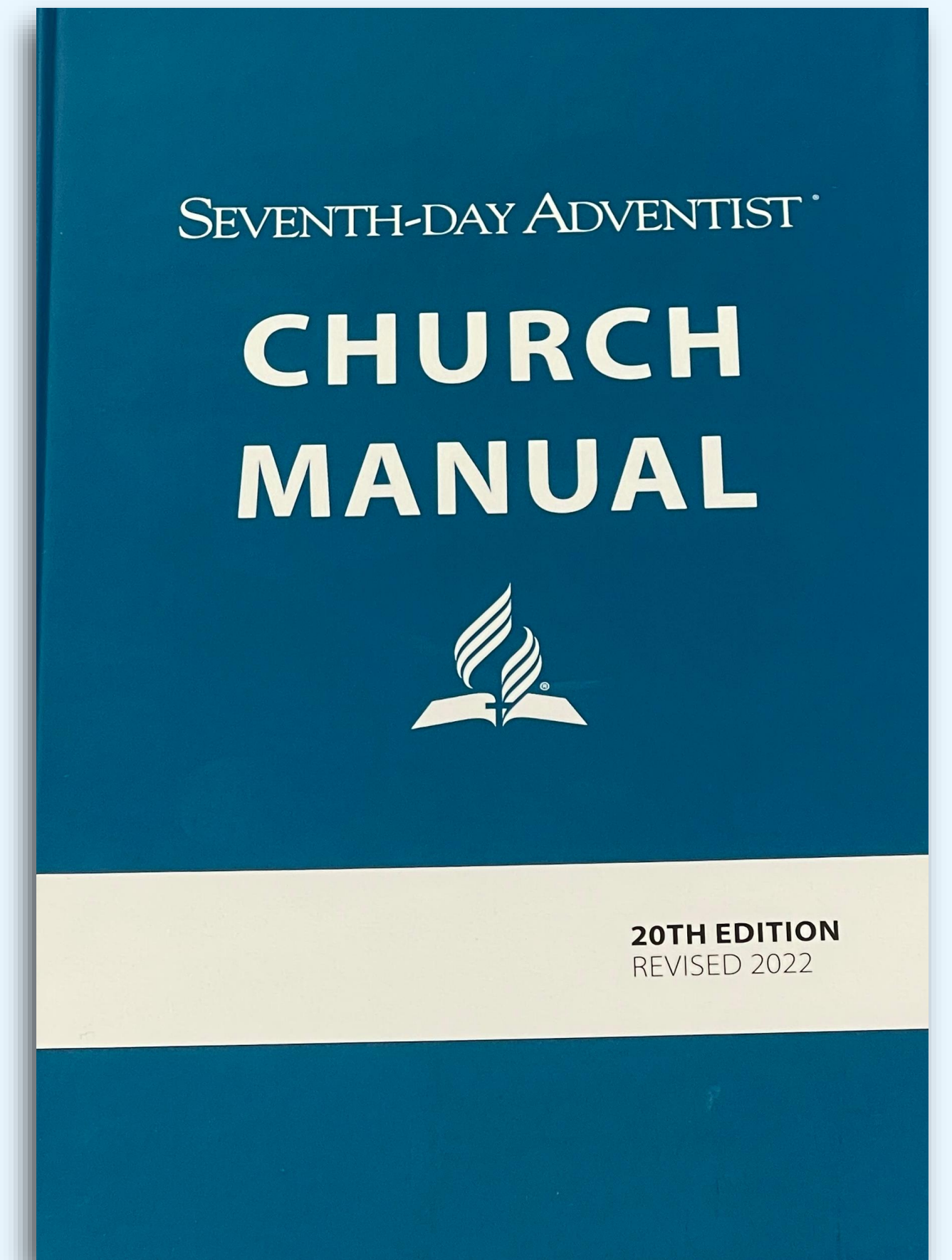
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3. Develop strategy to reclaim former and inactive members through:
 - a regular *Redemptive Membership Review* process
 - reclaiming ministries



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A Redemptive Membership Review provides more effective pastoral care based on establishing accurate membership records with the purpose of redeeming people not numbers.



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“The shepherd who discovers that one of his sheep is missing does not look carelessly upon the flock.... He counts and recounts the flock. When he is sure that one sheep is lost, he slumbers not... He makes every effort to find that one lost sheep... **The parable does not speak of failure but of success and joy in the recovery.**”

Christ Object Lessons, p. 146



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“If the lost sheep is not brought back to the fold, it wanders until it perishes. And many souls go down to ruin for want of a hand stretched out to save.”

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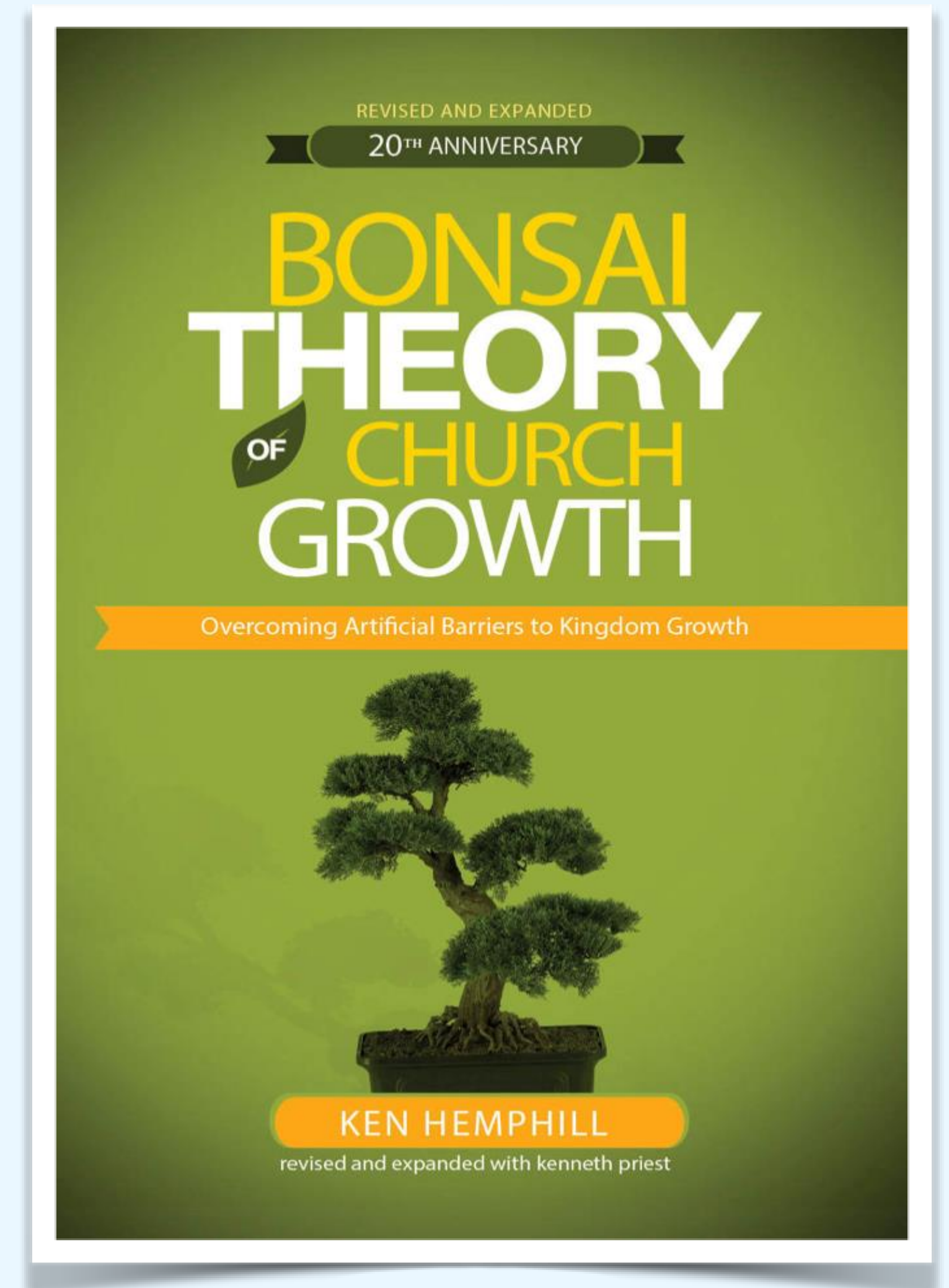
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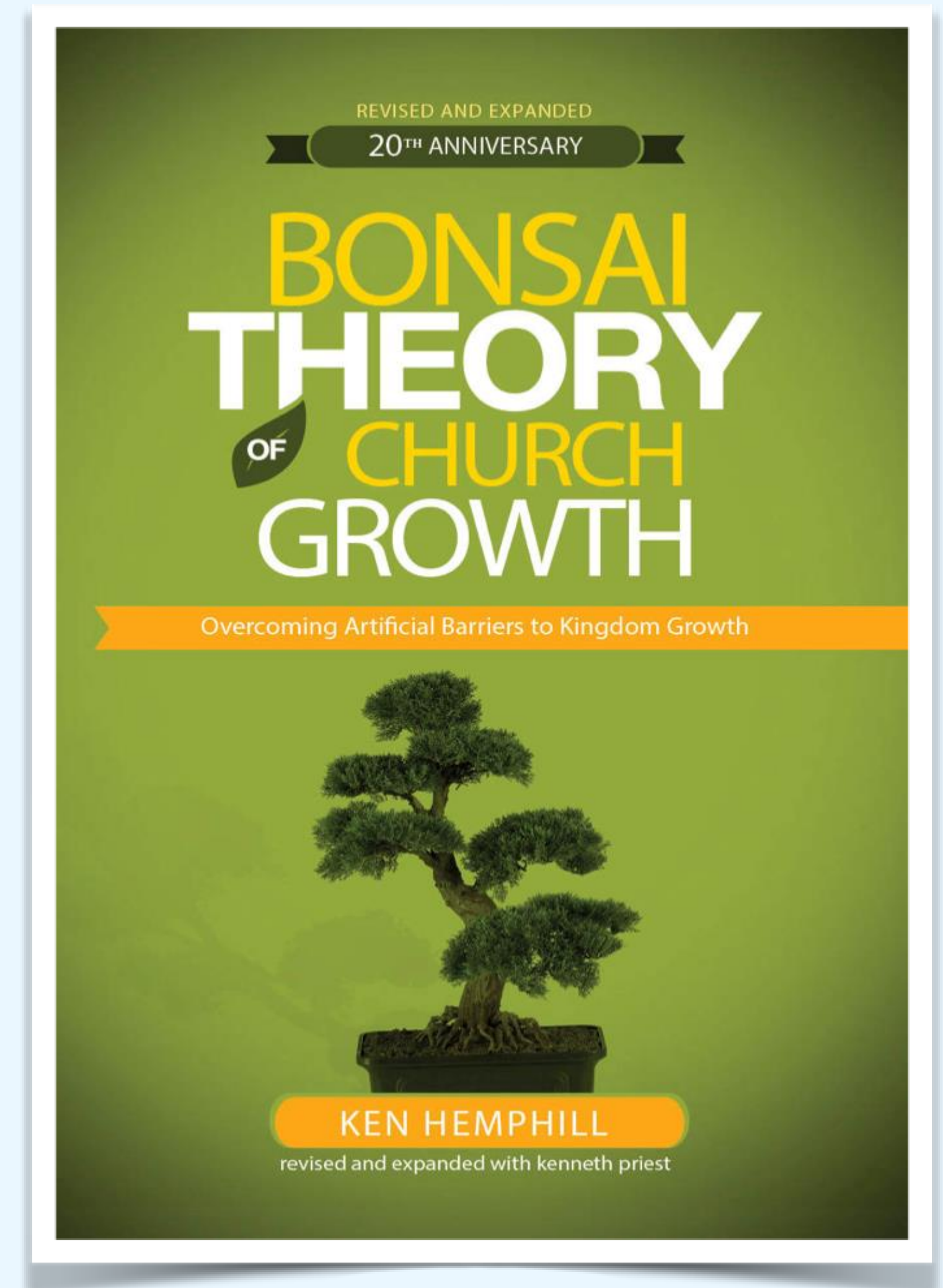
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When a church prunes what appears to be 'dead' roots, they will often damage healthy roots. In other words, friends, and family members of those purged from the church rolls can be offended and leave the church...



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Our primary goal is not to boast about the percentage of members present, but to reach the unsaved in our community and to care for the inactive in our fellowship. We're not caring for someone when we prune them from our rolls. We simply lose contact and opportunity for ministry.



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Home Member Church Departments Tools Auditing Reports

Welcome!

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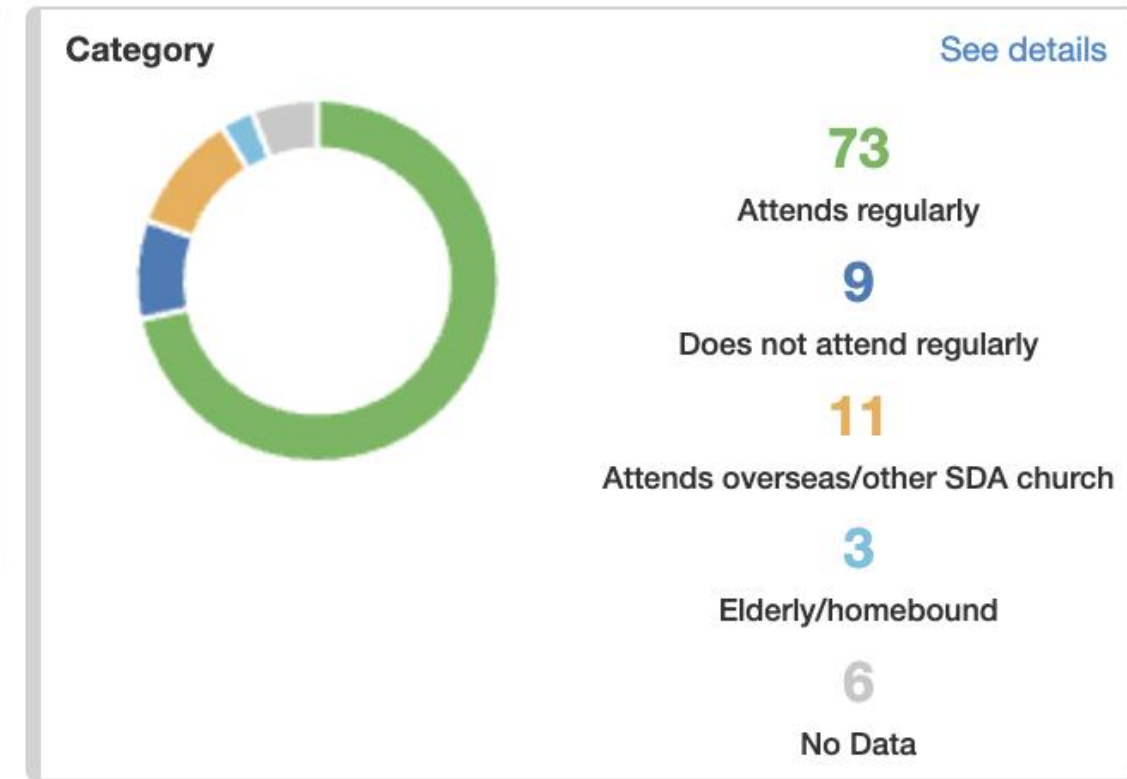
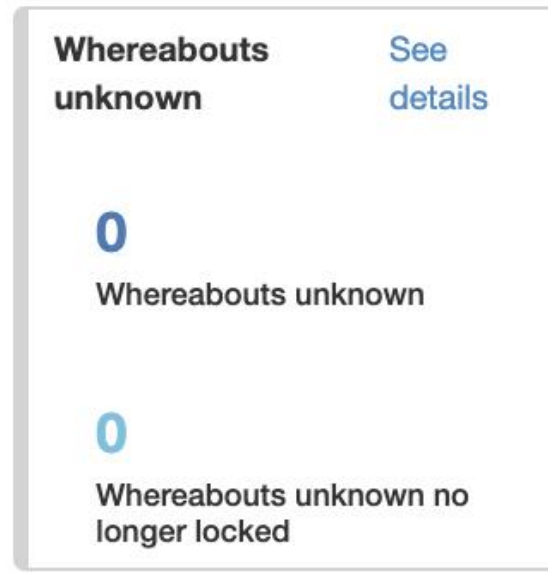


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- Search/New
- Bulk Update
- Transfer
- Absent/Whereabouts unknown
- Categories

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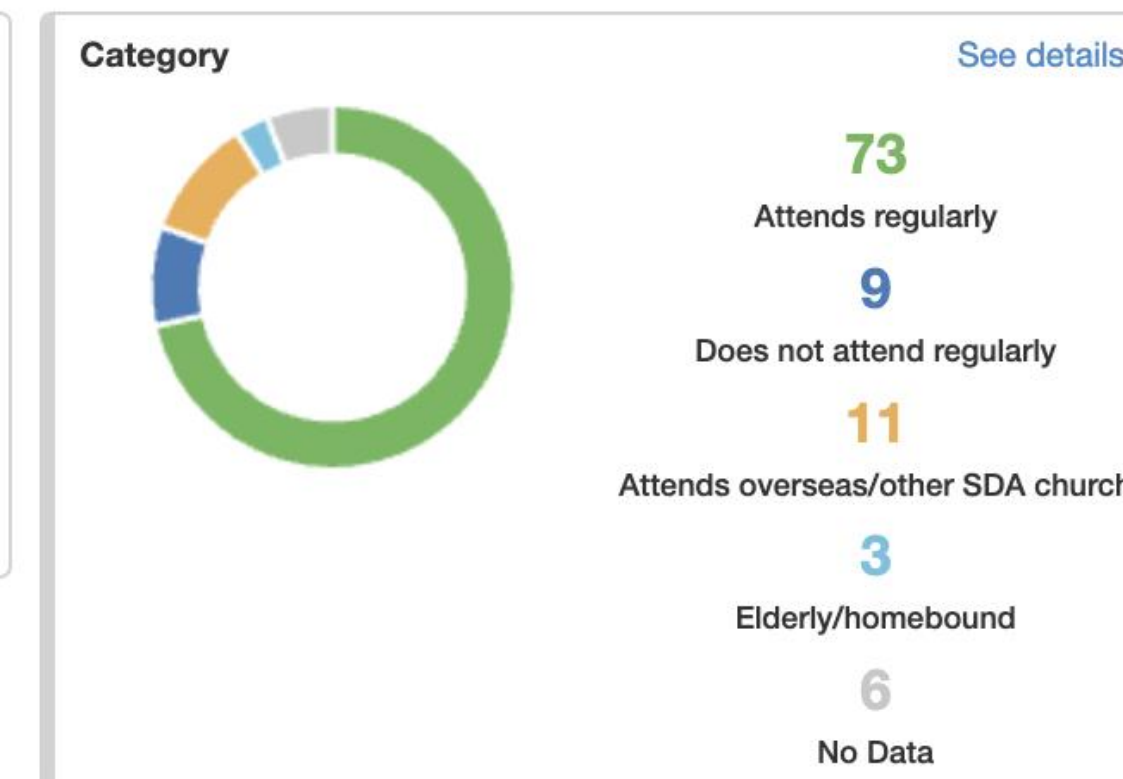
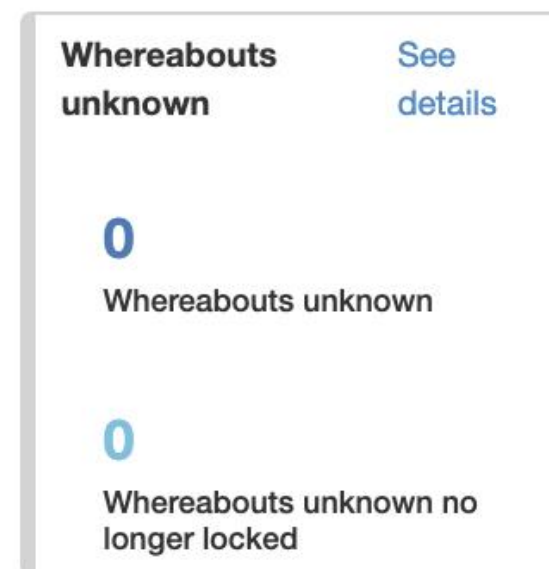
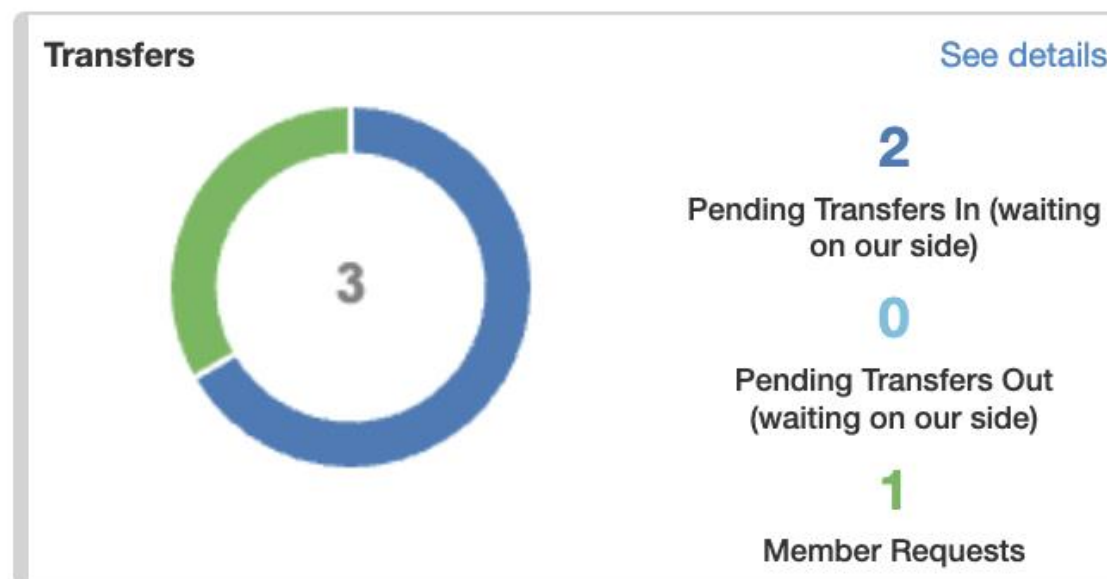


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- **Update the six categories every 12 months**
- **Present a report of the work done to the Church Board once a quarter.**

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- **Appreciate the reports presented by the Membership Review Team.**
- **Appoint a person responsible to lead the work for each membership category.**
- **The team may follow the progress of each list by checking the increase or decrease of members in each list.**
- **Reach out to those who are not attending or missing or whereabouts are unknown.**

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- To provide an updated membership list from ACMS.**
 - To participate in the elaboration of the six category lists as member of the Membership Review Team.**
 - Based on the category lists, to update each member's record after the Membership Review Team submitted its report to the church board.**
 - To update the category lists during the period between the Review Team meetings.**

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- To include in the church board's agenda the membership category analysis (quarterly).**
- To monitor the progress of the work done with the members of the six lists.**
- Aside from their regular duties, church clerks are part of the membership review team.**

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HELP – When to start?

- As soon as possible.
- Transition periods – e.g. change in pastor or church clerk.

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HELP – How do we connect?

- Aim for something creative but caring.
- E.g. via a personal letter.

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Edward Heidinger and Charles Rampanelli, 2020. *People Behind the Numbers – A Positive Perspective on Membership Auditing*. Silver Spring, MD: Review & Herald, pp. 256-269.