

# Seven Marks of Vital Congregations

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## **1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation vs.**

complacent “Christian” piety; simply teaching good morals; or offering the latest programs

## **2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism vs.**

“Jesus freaks”; “Christian” hypocrisy; a committee responsibility

## **3. Outward Incarnational Focus vs.**

inward institutional survival; closed communities of assimilation/exclusion

## **4. Empower Servant Leadership vs.**

The pastor’s job; monopolized leadership; hiring the young energetic pastor; burning out good volunteers.

## **5. Spirit-Inspired Worship vs.**

self-gratifying worship; stale ritual divorced of meaning; or consumer entertainment worship

## **6. Caring Relationships vs.**

any other social club; facades, hypocrisy and judgments of the “church” and “religion”

## **7. Ecclesial Health vs.**

unhealthy dysfunction; toxic environments; obsolete and irrelevant buildings

### **More information:**

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/vital-congregations/>