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*Church Leadership,
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Strategizing for Growth

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- Lay leadership to assist with programs and ministries pursuing Christ’s mission.
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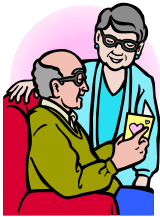
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