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The Barnabas Ministry itself is new – it is an innovative attempt to deal with a difficult reality in a way that honors the life of a congregation and provides support for the remaining members during the time of transition. While we know that The Church is indestructible and will continue until Christ comes back – individual congregations come and go and always have. The end of ministry for a particular congregation is a challenging decision and one that is difficult to face.

Barnabas had the task of accompanying Paul on his journeys, to be by his side and provide encouragement as Paul was preaching and teaching. When life gets tough, we need someone accompanying us, too. Our Barnabas ministry is specifically about accompanying churches in their last days.

It is sad when a congregation reaches the end of its life cycle. The Barnabas ministry is designed to assist a congregation as its ministry changes from being a congregation to recognizing its legacy and potentially contributing to a ministry that continues to reflect the core values of that particular congregation.

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