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This project proposes an alternative way of facilitating congregational change. Initially, the project outlines a theological understanding of what the church is, and who people are as created persons of God. Then the project asserts that by combining Solution-Focused individual care with understandings from congregational leadership theories and styles, there will be a new way of thinking about the congregational change process. This project researches current methods of congregational leadership, and looks in-depth at the Solution-Focused individual care model as it attempts to combine these two important fields of work and study. In conclusion, the project suggests that using the main tenets of Solution-Focused care on a congregational level can create a healthy model for ministry. Solution-focused congregation change therefore is recommended and offered as a new way of thinking about congregational systems and leadership through an ever changing reality.

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