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# Healthy Church: The 3 Ministry Avenues

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# av·e·nue

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*noun*

1. A broad road in a town or city, typically having trees at regular intervals along its sides.
2. A way of approaching a problem or making progress toward something.

Definitions from Oxford Languages

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# GCI has 3 Avenues: *Hope, Faith & Love.*

Instead of experiencing the avenues as just new terminology, let's try to see them as words that reflect the journey on the road to our deeper "why" – the hope, faith and love we have in Jesus.

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# The Love Avenue: *Witness*

In a healthy church, leaders and members have stepped outside of the church and into the surrounding neighborhood to share the transforming **love** of Christ we have freely received. Joining Jesus as we go about our lives, his love daily compels us to look for ways to share his life with those we come in contact with. This leads to visitors and family members joining us in worship on a given Sunday.

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# The Hope Avenue: *Worship*

Our weekly worship time should put people on the road to regularly experience and embrace the **hope** we have in Jesus. From the time a visitor gets out of a car in our parking lot to the time they pull into their driveway at home, they should find members facilitating their Spirit-led journey of worship, fellowship, inspiration, welcome and blessing.

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# The Faith Avenue:

## *Discipleship*

Once these visitors have engaged with healthy leaders and congregations, the intentional pathway of life-on-life or connect group discipleship should lead them to an ever-deepening **faith** walk with Jesus and other believers. The process makes sense and, as Paul pointed out, starts with “the greatest of these”—love.

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*Love, hope, and faith are more than just biblical words describing a church—they continually remind us why we pursue healthy church.*

Being on the avenue or road that facilitates Christ-centered, Spirit-led growth in **hope, faith and love** is the why of the disciple-maker. It is our prayer to have team-based, pastor-led healthy churches living and sharing the Gospel, being the best expression of the church of Jesus Christ they can be!

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