

Technology Empowers Ministry Collaboration

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And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him — a threefold cord is not quickly broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:12, ESV)

What you should walk away with

- ✓ Why should we collaborate?
- ✓ Levels of collaboration
- ✓ Why Technology empowers ministry collaboration
- ✓ Success factors for technology collaboration
- ✓ How do you get started?
- ✓ Risks to successful collaboration

Ministries want to collaborate, which requires common ground and a starting point.

- Technology can be that starting point because it is expensive, complex and usually isn't the focus of most ministries.
- Technology can be shared with others. In doing so, it can be a testing ground for partnerships in other areas of ministry.

Technology empowers ministry collaboration because

- Technology is a neutral platform
- It does not threaten organizational core competence
- It is a safe environment to engage with others
- Operational teams start working together quickly
- It stretches donor dollars and demonstrates fiscal prudence, thereby building stakeholder trust
- It paves the way for collaboration in other areas

Success factors for technology collaboration

1. Create specific goals and objectives
2. Define the purpose technology must support
3. Establish a facilitator for collaboration
4. Choose the right tool for the context

A few technology tools enabling collaboration

- Project Collaboration, Eg: Basecamp
- Creative Collaboration, Eg: Filestage
- Mindmapping, Eg: Miro
- Group Communication, Eg: Teams
- File Sharing, Eg: Dropbox
- Web Presenting, Eg: Slideshare
- Screen Sharing, Eg: Zoom, Teams
- Videoconferencing, Eg: Zoom
- Event Scheduling, Eg: Doodle
- Collaborative Writing, Eg: Google Docs
- Collaborative Design, Eg: Notism
- Project Management, Eg: Smartsheet