

# Seven Modes of Church Reproduction

1. Attraction
2. Attrition
3. Duplication
4. Division
5. Addition
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7. Multiplication

# Reproduction by Attraction

A talented pastor with a lively church program attracts new members who leave less interesting churches to attend his.



One church grows while others shrink.  
Their combined growth = none.

# Reproduction by Attrition

A lazy or greedy pastor disappoints his church members, so they leave and go to other churches.

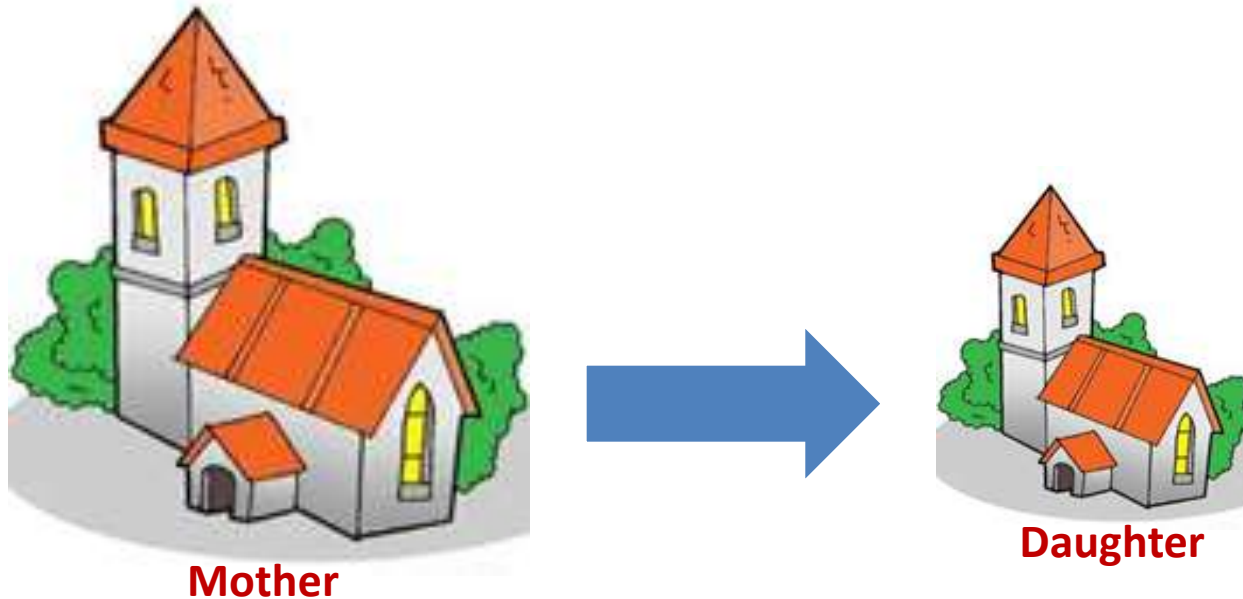


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One church shrinks while others grow.  
Their combined growth = none.

# Reproduction by Duplication

A 'mother' church plants a 'daughter' church. Each church has its own leaders and ministries.



Where there was one church, now there are two or more. Both may grow or may stagnate.

# Reproduction by Division

Some members of a church split away from that church; they go start their own church.



**Original church**



**Old church**

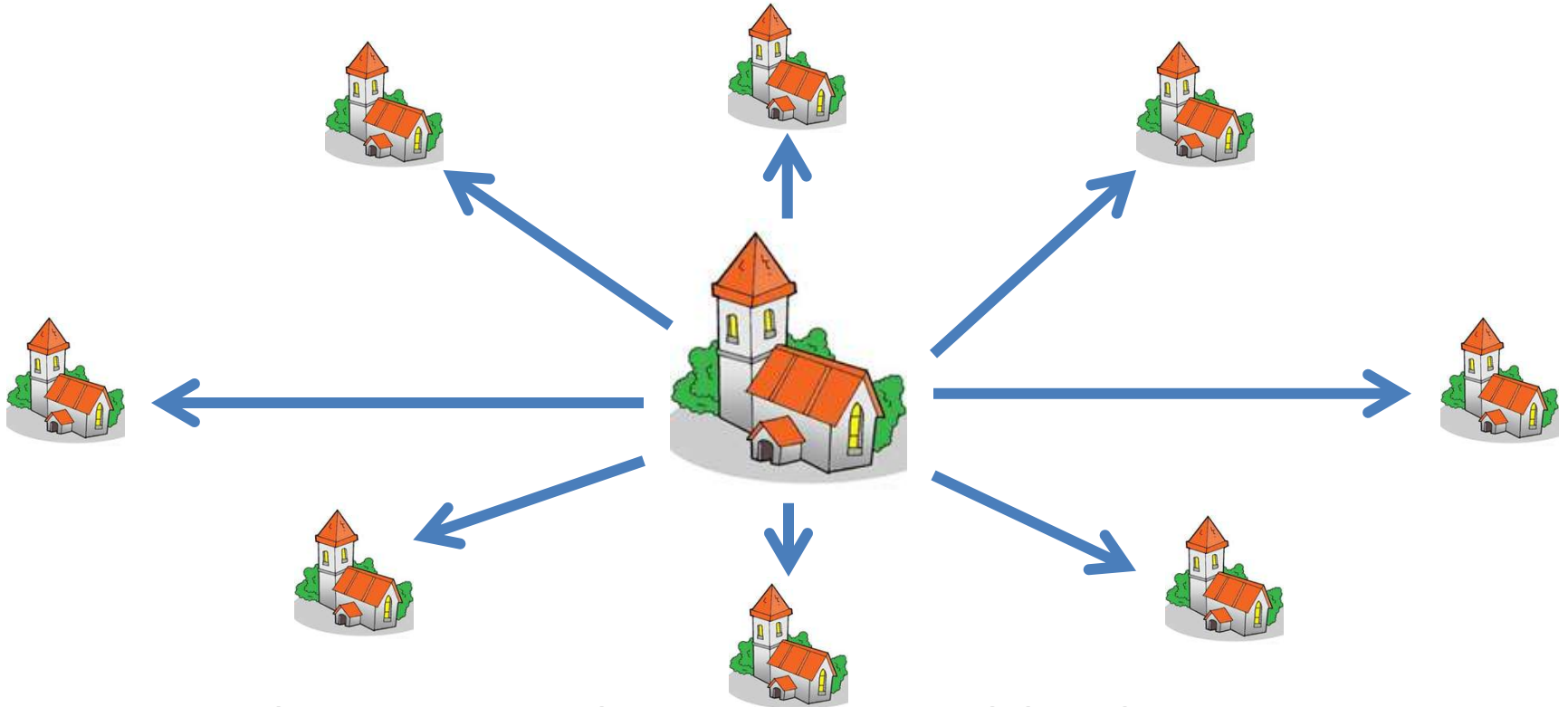


**New church**

Where there was one church, now there are two smaller churches. Both may grow or may stagnate.

# Reproduction by Addition

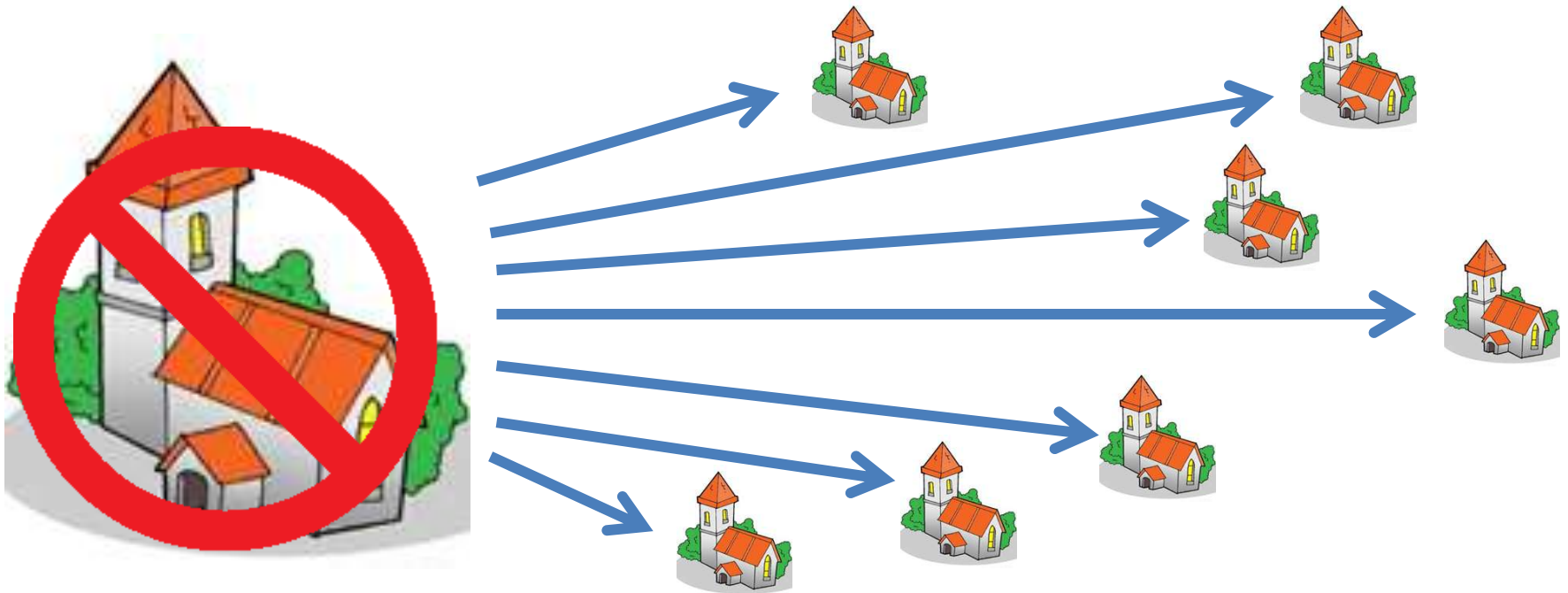
A strong pastor plants several 'branch' churches. He appoints an assistant in each branch.



He can plant new churches until he becomes too busy to take care of any more. When he dies, many branch churches will decline.

# Reproduction by Subtraction

Persecution, economics or war forces a big church to close down. Its members scatter and start many smaller churches.

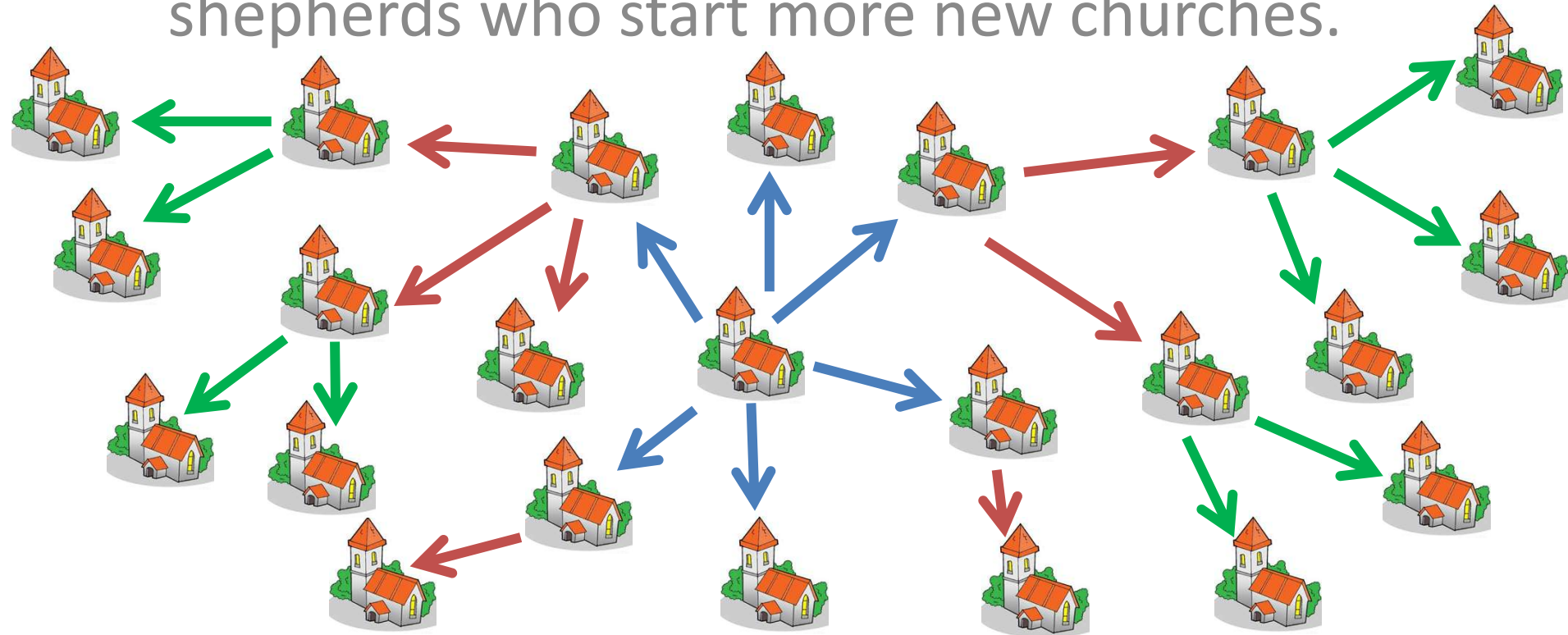


A wise pastor coaches new leaders in the many new churches. These, too, may reproduce.



# Reproduction by Multiplication

A wise pastor coaches new shepherds who start new churches; these coach more new shepherds who start more new churches.



This process can continue to many generations of new leaders and of new churches, forever.



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