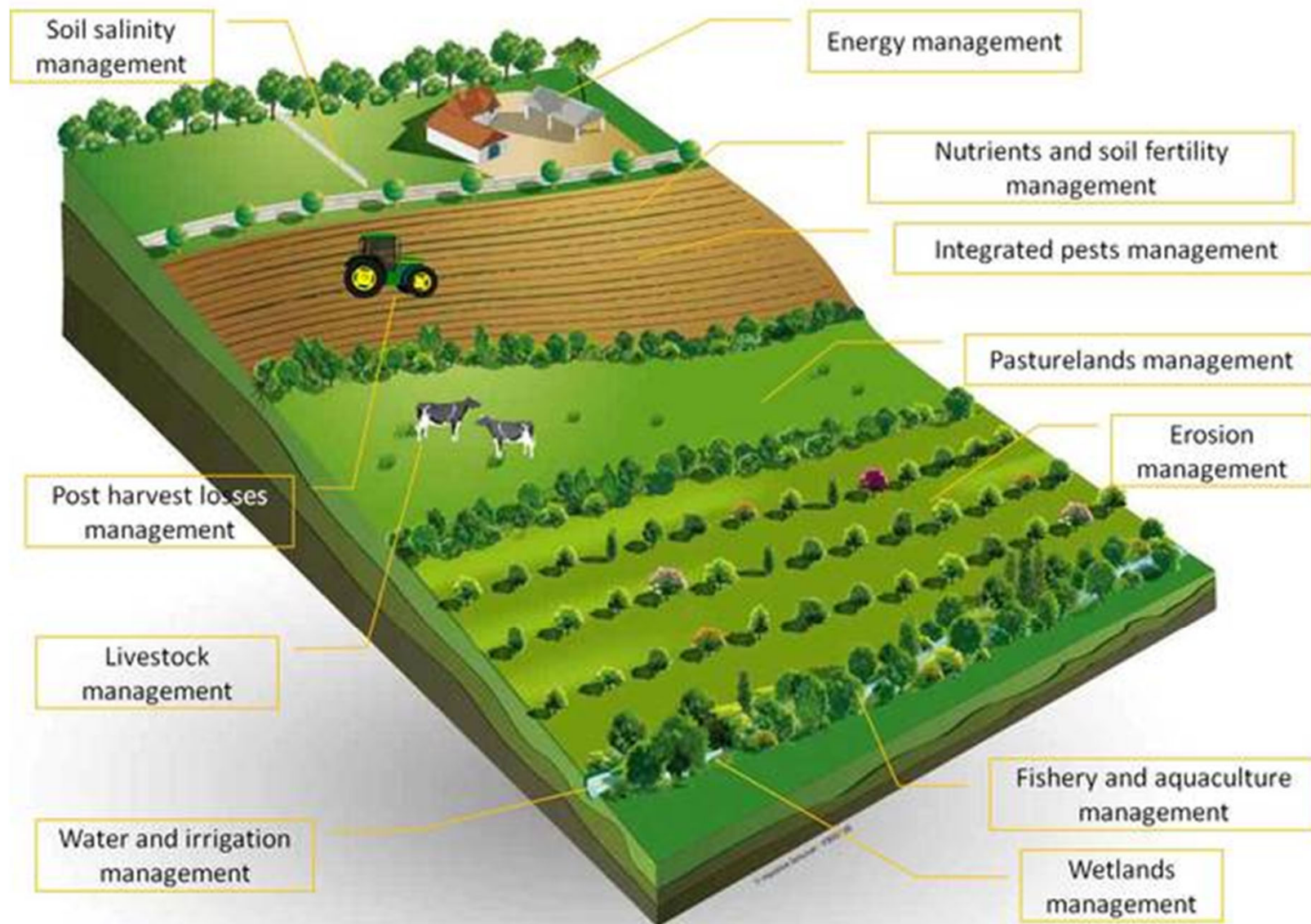




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Conventional Practices are Unsustainable







# Conventional Ministry Practices



# Sustainable Ministry Practices



Authentic Affection

Good for the Congregation

A photograph of a shepherd in a wide-brimmed hat herding a large flock of sheep across a field at sunset. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, with the sun low on the horizon. The shepherd is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing away from the camera and slightly to the left. The sheep are densely packed in the foreground and middle ground, moving towards the right. The background shows a line of trees and distant hills under a hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# Spiritual & Moral Example

Good for the Congregation



# Pastoral Competence

Good for the Congregation





# Servant Leadership

Good for the Congregation

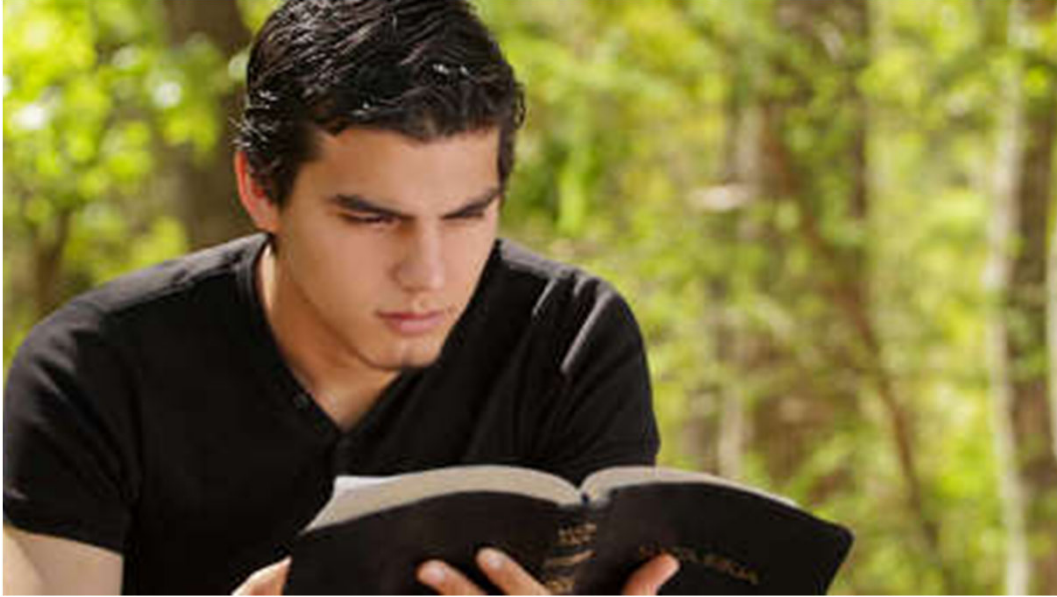


# Equipping Ministry



# Good for the Congregation





# Personal Wholeness

Good for the Clergy

# Accountability Structures



Good for the Clergy



# Support Systems

Good for the Clergy

# Family-Friendly Environment



Good for the Clergy

# Opportunities for Renewal



Good for the Clergy

# Good Neighbor Practices

A photograph of two men standing on either side of a wooden fence with wire mesh. The man on the left is older, with grey hair and glasses, wearing a light blue polo shirt and jeans. He is leaning on the fence and looking towards the younger man. The man on the right is younger, wearing a tan baseball cap, a light grey polo shirt, blue jeans, and white work gloves. He is smiling and looking back at the older man. The background shows a lush green field, a wooden fence, and rolling hills under a bright sky. A red tractor is visible in the distance on the right.

Good for the Community





# Generous Service

Good for the Community



# Vital Partnerships

Good for the Community



Dependable Responsiveness

Good for the Community

A black and white photograph. In the background, a large, dark wooden cross stands against a light, slightly blurred wall. In the foreground, a person's hand is visible, holding an open book. The lighting is soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

Consistent Witness

Good for the Community



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# Questions for Reflection

- What is one practice that is firmly in place in your ministry that is good for your congregation? What is one practice that could be strengthened in order to make your ministry more sustainable?
- What is one practice that is in place in your ministry and in your congregation that is good for the ministers and their families? What is one practice that could be added or strengthened that would make your ministry in this place more sustainable?
- What is one practice that is firmly in place in your ministry that is good for the community that surrounds your church's building? What is one practice that could be added or strengthened that would make your congregation's ministry more sustainable?
- What do you think it would take for you to serve your current congregation for ten more years? What changes would you need to make? What changes would the congregation need to make?