

RISO Snapshot of Success

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Bethany United Methodist Church was organized in 1857 in the small town of Summerville, South Carolina. At first it was a small village church, but as the town grew, Bethany United Methodist quickly started expanding to welcome new members of the community. Today the church has a large congregation with over 3,000 members.

Bethany United Methodist Church prides itself on being a very dynamic community that has many events, activities, and meetings every day. The church also has a number of groups that provide various ministry and volunteer opportunities for its members. There are various children's and youth ministries created for children and young adults of all ages, as well as other ministries such as Membership Recruitment,

Membership Assimilation, Local and Global Missions Committees, and Evangelistic Outreach Committees. The church also presents members, who are interested in volunteer work, with many opportunities to participate in various community service projects within the church as well as the surrounding community.

In April, 2007, Bethany United Methodist purchased an HC5500 [high-speed inkjet printer](#) to help the church produce various types of communication materials. The church uses the [color MFP](#) to produce monthly newsletters, weekly bulletins, pamphlets, and brochures, which are distributed to the congregation. "Every month we print close to 2,000 copies of our six-page, double-sided newsletter that's in full color. We also use our HC for many other print jobs, which adds up to a

total of 25,000 to 30,000 copies per month," says Dana Wells, Church Secretary.

According to Wells, the staff has received many positive comments about these materials because they are now printed in brilliant color that grabs the attention of church members. In addition, Bethany United Methodist is very impressed with the high speed and low cost of the HC5500, and the additional HC Finisher allows the staff to efficiently produce multi-page booklets and brochures. "We wanted a '21st century' color machine, and that is exactly what we got when we bought the HC," explains Wells.