

**Report of
Pastor for Parish Life
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Pre-Sabbatical Report

During my August Sabbatical, I plan on reading four books:

- *The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation* by Miles McPherson
- *The Work of the Associate Pastor* by Alan. R. Rudnick
- *The Associate Pastor: Second Chair, Not Second Best* by Martin E. Hawkins
- *Thriving in the Second Chair: Ten Practices for Robust Ministry (When You're Not in Charge)* by Mike Bonem

I believe the titles are self explanatory. The first book was recommended to me by member Jon Yuen. Miles McPherson is lead pastor at Rock Church in San Diego. He also happens to be bi-racial.

The last three all deal with associate pastors. I hope to apply what I learn from those books as I develop a workshop for associate pastors. Bishop Dunlop had asked me a while ago to try to produce some type of assembly specifically for associate pastors.

If possible, I am going to try to meet with other associate pastors, in regards to that workshop. I may end up contacting other pastors primarily via phone or online rather than in person.

Currently, we have plans to go to Walt Disney World for a few days. While covid levels are rising, everything I hear about WDW is that compliance is nearly 100% as far as mask wearing, social distancing, hand sanitization, and health safety in general.

Weather permitting (meaning if it is not too hot), I also hope to get in some rides on various rail trails around PA.

I am looking forward to seeing how far along we will be with our renovations by the time I return. Until then, I wish you all a safe August, and will see you in September!

God's peace,
Pastor John Brock