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STRATEGY FOR THE HEALING OF LIFE

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

#### **A. Purpose:**

The purpose of this paper is to defend the shepherding role of the minister through pastoral visitation as something that is still relevant and necessary in church work. This is to show to other ministers that pastoral care through home visitation is still much needed by the people of God and they should never neglect that role for the healing of life. The children of God in the world are human beings who experience circumstances that would cause them to suffer physically, emotionally, and mentally including the moral and spiritual aspects of their lives. It is in these predicaments that the people of God need most the care of their pastors to strengthen and nurture them in their spiritual life. It is with this concern that the author of this paper wish to convince other ministers to preserve this pastoral responsibility and privilege.

#### **B. The Scope of the Problem**

This special paper will cover only church members as subjects of a pastor home visitation program as a pastoral care strategy for the healing of life.

The author will not deal with the whole aspect of pastoral care but will only include home visitation as a specific activity for this area of ministry.

Although church members are part of the team in giving pastoral care to others, this paper will only cover ministers as pastoral care givers to their parishioners.

This paper will be divided into 10 sections.

The second chapter will deal with the question: What is the biblical foundation of home visitation?

The third chapter will deal with the question: What are the objectives of home visitation?

The fourth chapter will answer the question: What are the occasions for home visitation?

The fifth chapter will deal with the question: What are the time considerations for home visitation?

The sixth chapter will deal with the question: What are the ethical issues for home visitation?

The seventh chapter will deal with the Verbatim report: Home visitation case study.

And the eight chapter will deal with the conclusion and the recommendations.