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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

On Sunday, we held our spring Newcomers' Brunch and welcomed 25 new members into our congregation. It was heartwarming to hear their stories of coming to Grace and how much they value our diversity, warmth and faithfulness.

People often ask me why Grace Church is growing when almost every other church in the country is declining, and the truth is: I am not exactly sure. There are some tangible reasons, of course, including our diversity and our children's programs, but there are also intangible reasons, things I cannot put my finger on... there is just something special about Grace Church.

Then, yesterday, I came across a quote by the writer Madeleine L'Engle, and I wondered if this was the answer, if this captured the intangibles that set Grace Church apart. L'Engle said:

*We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.*

What do you think?

See you in church,  
*Andrew*