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**Summary:** This isn't a Top 10 list, or about comparing your site to another any kind of website. It's about applying some basic principles to your web your ministry online and connect with people. Point-and-click and drag-and systems make make things seem easier, but that doesn't always (in fact, websites better. In this article, I survey the sites listed in our site show you.

I started working on "What makes a good church website?" and I found millions of search results that only raised more questions and didn't answer the first. Websites bring aesthetic, form and function, art and science. That's what I find so intriguing the same way that Ansel Adams used a scientific approach to photography to produce results, a web steward must master their craft to produce an effective website. I set some specific goals in order to measure your effectiveness. As I began to analyze the sites I saw, patterns began to emerge that church web stewards need to address. Most are quite easily done, others will require discussion with your ministry leaders, and none are beyond the reach of a web steward. As a final preface to the results of the analysis, no sites are singled out as that's not the point. Nor is the point to lift up a web site over the ministry. The results will only be shared in aggregate to serve as benchmarks and points of discussion for individual and ministry teams. I'll also be focusing on dimensions of your web sites to see if they either do, or do not, meet the criteria. It's rather cut-and-dried, even though some seem to have degrees of complexity. The goal is to get you to look at your website with new eyes and begin to understand what goes on behind the scenes to make it work.