

ACHIEVING SECURE LIVE-STREAMING DURING A PANDEMIC... AND BEYOND

The seventh-largest church in the US partnered with STEP to obtain a more stable platform for the management and streaming of content from a broadcast facility to 25,000 members in nearly 25 locations.

Client: Elevation Church Global Ministry

Solution: For next generation firewall, Fortigates, Fortianalyzer log aggregator and Fortimanager



25,000+
Church Members



24 /7/365
Live Operation



24 Locations
in US & Canada

1 Challenges:

The church began a strategic initiative in 2020 to replace the aging network security infrastructure, which consisted of Cisco routers and ASA firewalls that were no longer able to effectively address the performance needs of a multi-campus, rapidly expanding congregation in search of real-time streaming and online access to virtually every aspect of its ministry. The church's IT staff wanted a comprehensive solution to consolidating the network routers and firewalls that was easier to learn and manage than the previous tech.

3 Outcome:

Thanks to STEP Fortinet solution, the church was able to achieve secure live streaming during the pandemic, while their network also gained redundant Internet connections with the ability to failover. The peace of mind in enabling the church to broadcast their message out to the world through a stable platform for streaming from their broadcast facility was a game-changer. The church was now protected from advanced malware, data loss, malicious encrypted channels, and application-level attacks without sacrificing superior performance – all while reducing the IT staff's workload.

2 Solutions:

With the church being a live, 7x24 operation, completely replacing the old legacy environment needed to go smoothly with no downtime for the four major campus sites. STEP recommended Fortinet (a longtime partner), to provide a seamless integration and end-to-end solution offering with Fortinet's Next Generation Firewall, FortiGates, the FortiAnalyzer log aggregator and FortiManager, providing the Elevation IT team its first true solution for event log management and real-time event correlation. With "automation-driven" centralized management from a single pane of glass, the church enjoyed full administration and visibility into the network environment.

Why STEP?

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