

Sample Edited Page

The following announcements were compiled from church bulletins around the country. Most of these can be found on multiple Internet sites, making it difficult to trace their actual origins—but they are fun to read, and the edited version will give you an idea of what an edited document would look like using the “track changes” feature.

Original:

Evening message - 6 p.m.

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Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Hymn: "I Love Thee My Ford."

Edited version:

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Comment [ET1]: Although the audience may indeed have been delighted by the brevity of the sermon, it might be better to say, "The Rev. Merriwether's sermonette delighted the audience."

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Comment [ET2]: I've heard of original sin, but this is taking it a little too far...

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Comment [ET3]: Perhaps it would be better to say, "Don't let worry kill you off; the church can help you overcome your anxiety."

Comment [ET4]: Although I imagine that presents would not be turned away!

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Comment [ET5]: Of course, there may be a few people who are sick of the church and/or community and could use prayers as well!

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Comment [ET6]: Saying "hello" would make for a much friendlier reputation for the church!

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Comment [ET7]: Unless this is an American vehicle-worshipping congregation...

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