Evangelical UMC 2022 Andrew Burd-Harris

Church Life Cycle and SWOT Analysis

Opening Prayer and Devotional

Genesis 12: 1-4 Ministry and life as a journey Stepping out in faith

My hopes for our time together

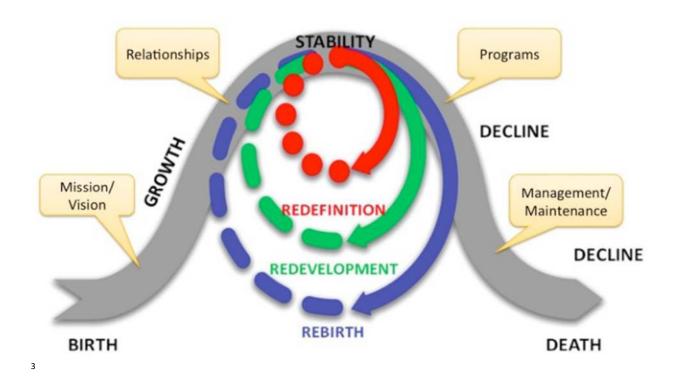
- We pray
- We meet
- We discern a mission/vision/ in a form of a compelling story
- We discern next steps (worship, missions, outreach, discipleship) that are low stakes (unless we discern a BHAG)
- We discern a discipleship process
- We discern a leadership training process
- We thrive in God's purpose for us

The Life Cycle and Stages of Congregational Development e Three: Prime/Plateau Prime Redevelopment Maturity (vRPM) Adulthood (VRPM) Adolescence (VRPm) Empty Nest (vRpM) Aging Growth Childhood (VrPm) Retirement (vrPM) Infancy (VRpm) Old Age (vrpM) Birth (Vrpm) Death (m) Vision/Leadership/Mission/Purpose/Core Values R: Relationships/Experiences/Discipleship P: Programs/Events/Ministries/Services/Activities M: Management/Accountability/Systems/Resources Copyright 2001, Rev. George Bullard, D.Min.

Church Life Cycles

¹ http://archive.bwcumc.org/toolbox/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/stages_of_church_life_bullard.pdf

Watch video of Dr. Andy Lunt talk about Life Cycles of a church.²



Where are we on the church lifecycle?

SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats)

What are our strengths?

What are our weaknesses?

² https://youtu.be/cXQLRZPsSC4

³ Graphic from the BWC of the UMC (https://www.bwcumc.org/article/does-a-church-have-a-lifecycle/)

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." — Frederick Buechner, <u>Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC</u> ⁴
What are our opportunities?
What are our threats?
Are you willing to meet again?
Closing Thought (Hebrews 11: 8-10)
Closing Prayer

⁴ https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/19982.Frederick_Buechner