

Church Life Cycle and SWOT Analysis

Opening Prayer and Devotional

Genesis 12: 1-4

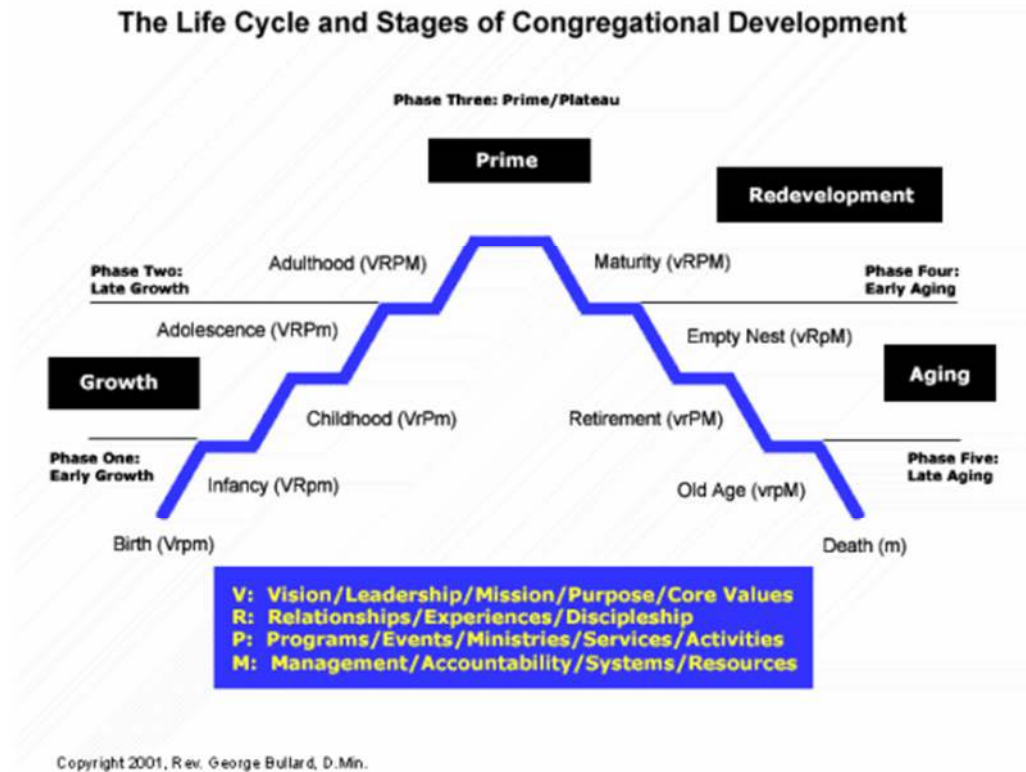
Ministry and life as a journey

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

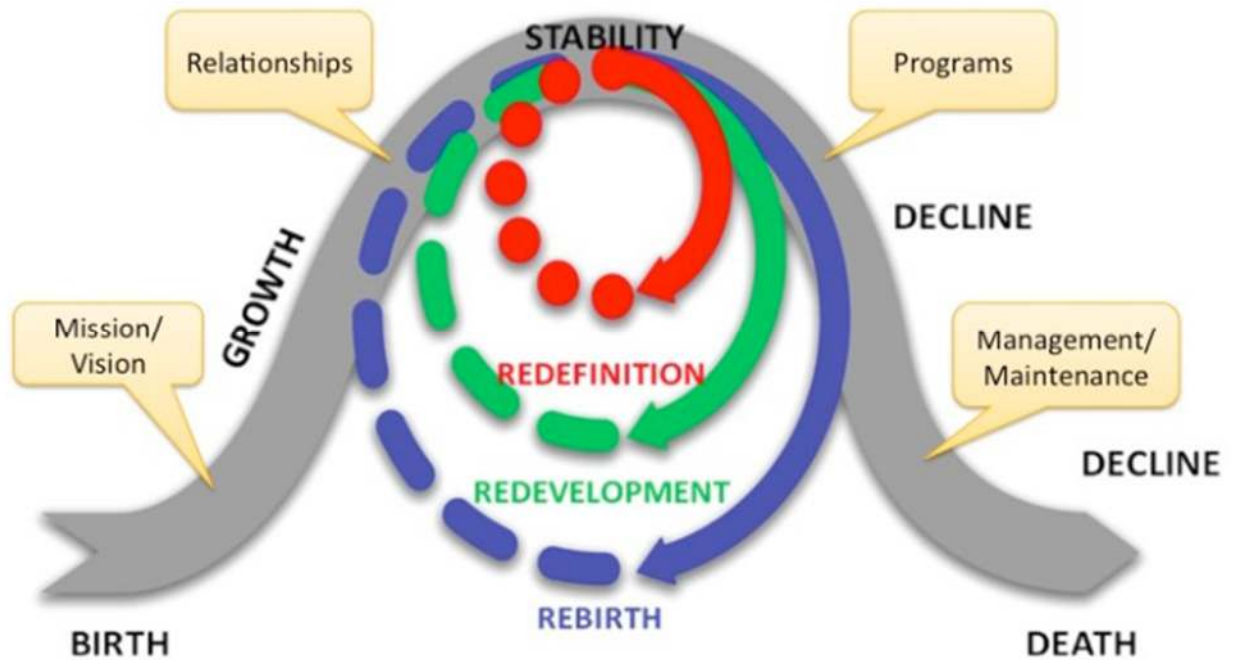
Church Life Cycles



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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



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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, Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC⁴

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