

CHURCH REVITALIZATION PATHWAY

GOD'S AMBASSADOR DEVELOPMENT



The Church Revitalization Department of Ontario Conference exists to help churches for personal, public, and other kinds of evangelism. We believe that God calls all Adventists to be His Ambassadors who express the essence of God's love and forgiveness. God's Ambassadors are those who live a life as a missionary, as a minister, as a master-worshiper, and as a disciple-maker. Therefore, our work is to share the best tools, the most up-to-date content, and appropriate support for all church members and leaders to succeed in their spiritual journey as God's ambassadors.

SPIRITUAL (READINESS STAGE) WHAT?

- Love God & People* by assessing the current church condition and doing research why church is declining
- The church leaders and members accept the challenges in church revitalization and commit to work together
- The church members pray and commit to change their mindset from "customers" to "insiders / servants"
- The church board and pastor pray and develop a renewed vision to reach the lost as their "customers"

SHARE (MISSION STAGE) WHY?

- Jesus' Method:** *"Mingled ... desired their good."*
- The church leaders and members will develop a renewed three-year church strategic plan
- The church begins to implement this renewed three-year church strategic plan with their full commitment
- The church creates a passionate worship service and revive their holistic small groups & EMM Network

SERVICE (MINISTRY STAGE) HOW?

- Jesus' Method:** *"Showed sympathy...Ministered to their needs)*
- The church leaders and members take "Equip" seminar to discover their spiritual gifts and serve with their gifts
- The church adopts a community and serves in different felt needs of the community
- As "insiders", members should no longer leave the heavy lifting to the "professional evangelist" or "local pastor"

SERVANT (GROWTH & MULTIPLICATION STAGE) WHEN?

- Jesus' Method:** *"Won their confidence" "Invited them" to "Follow"*
- The church restructure to flatten the leadership hierarchy into both pastors and members are God's ambassadors
- The church's success is not measured by numbers of attendees or dollars, but by lives touched and changed
- The church includes the church planting in their three-year strategic plan and prepare to birth a new church

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, 'Follow Me.'" (MH 73.4)

