TUMI Satellite Summit 2017 FORGING IDENTITY The 5 E's of Effective Urban Church Planting

"A great deal more failure is the result of an excess of caution than of bold experimentation with new ideas. The frontiers of the Kingdom of God were never advanced by men and women of caution" - J. Oswald Sanders

Galadriel, in Lord of the Rings. "The world is changed. I feel it in the water; I feel it in the earth; I smell it in the air. Much that once was is lost and none now liveth that remember it."

"A Movement is pioneered by men of words, materialized by fanatics and consolidated by men of action. It is usually an advantage to a movement, and perhaps a prerequisite to it's endurance, that these roles should be played by different men succeeding each other as conditions require." Roland Allen

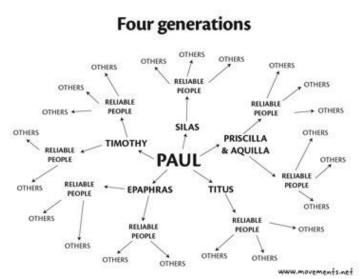
OVERVIEW OF MOVEMENTS

The Question: How can we assure that every unreached person, regardless of language, culture, and location, has access to a fellowship of Jesus followers?

The Answer: There must be a church plant movement within every language, culture, and area!

The only way to reach an entire city with the Gospel of Jesus is to have churches multiply at such a rate as to both meet the population growth rate and to overcome the disparity between those that are already unreached. Basic church growth and addition will never be fast enough. We need churches started that can all be reproducing themselves continually.

Why a movement? In Jesus' teachings, he emphasized multiplication when he talked of fruitfulness. In the parable of the sower, for example, he speaks of the *good soil* producing a crop that is 100, 60, or 30 times what was sown.



The Apostle Paul indicates exponential growth as his expectation when he advises his young disciple Timothy to entrust what he has been given to others who will also be qualified to teach others (II Timothy 2:2). This indicates four generations of disciple making in this one phrase (Paul, Timothy, those he teaches, those they teach), and also speaks to exponential growth as

disciples continue to reproduce themselves.

Every church-plant movement (CPM) has a "brandedness" about it. The CPM's may not all look the same, nor will the churches resulting from a CPM, but they all have unique characteristics that can distinguish them from other church plants even in the same region. In the Evangel Network we follow the Five E's:

ENDEARMENT

Our Devotion to Christ John 15:1-5; Matthew 9:35-39

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit for apart from me you can do nothing."

This is the foundation upon which all of our activity, our identity, and our purpose are formed. Activity cannot be a replacement for intimacy with Jesus (Matthew 7:21-27, John 15:18). This must be true in our own lives and in the lives of those we disciple. Spiritual disciplines are a means to grow more like and in love with Jesus. We also employ the TUMI Annual and Christian calendar year in our personal and corporate worship. The use of these universal elements connect us with the larger Body of Christ in a common collection of Scripture every week, as well as center our focus and the marking of our time and celebrations around the life of Christ.

Starting principles

- Jesus is Lord
- Christology forms our Missiology which forms our Ecclesiology (Alan Hirsch)
- _____ God, then make Him _____.
- _____ before _____
- _____ you are is more important than what you _____.

There is no substitute for spending time with God. Spiritual disciplines are important tools to help us create space for God.

The 6 core spiritual disciplines?

1. _____

- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____

Resources:

- Let God Arise prayer movement
- Sacred Roots
- Ancient Future Call
- TUMI Annual and Calendar

EVANGELISM

Our Witness For Christ Romans 1:16

[T]he way to achieve the greatest social and cultural transformation is not to focus on social and cultural transformation, but on the "conversion" of individuals from false religions to faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. Or to put it another way, missionaries (and pastors and churches) will lose their culturally transforming power if they make cultural transformation their energizing focus." – John Piper, Rescuing From Hell and Renewing the World.

"To seize a strategic center we need not only a man capable of recognizing it, but a man capable of seizing it. The seizing of strategic points implied a strategy. It is part of a plan of attack upon the whole county (region). Concentrated missions at strategic centers (Hubs), if they are to win a province (region) must be centers of evangelistic life." Missionary Methods, St. Paul's or Ours, Roland Allen

The Gospel

Purpose (The ______ of God) - God created the world perfectly and reigned over it. He created us for relationship with Him. (Genesis 1, Romans 1:18-20, Psalm 19:1-4)

Problem (The ______ of God) - Humans rebelled against God by sinning. Our sin separates us from God. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, Genesis 3:21-24, Romans 3:11-12)

Plan (The ______ of God) - God sent his Son Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin. He died in our place, so we can have relationship with God again. (Romans 3:25-26, 5:1, 8, 10-11)

Priority (The ______ of God) - It is the priority of every human to decide what to do with Jesus. Those who believe in Him and repent of their sins are saved. Those who do not remain separated from God. (Romans 10:9-10, I John 1:9, Acts 2:38, 3:19, II Corinthians 7:9-10)

Proof (The _______ of God) - Those who repent and believe will be transformed by the Holy Spirit. They will show the reality of their faith by their works, their character and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (James 2:14-26, John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:16-26, Matthew 7:16-20, Matthew 3:8, Acts 26:20)

These elements are necessary to share in one way or another for the whole Gospel message to be fully declared. The only limit to the ways that this evangelism can take place is your own imagination. Contact evangelism is but one of a variety of means utilized, but it is critical to share as soon as is appropriate and relevant.

The mindset is apostolic, *Fire & Maneuver*. It is apocalyptic in that it operates with an urgency in its evangelism and discipleship. We want to make disciples as well and as quickly as possible. We do not assume a tomorrow. The Apostle Paul never knew when he would be taken away from a city, so he poured into the church at that location everything the Spirit led him to. He did this knowing that if he did his job right, the disciples of that city could go on without him.

The Gospel as Good News

"We can easily understand how such a Gospel would appeal to the minds of St. Paul's hearers. To those who, among the conflicting claims and confused teachings of polytheism, were seeking for some unity in the world of nature and of thought, St. Paul brought a doctrine, at once simple and profound, of one personal God living and true, the Creator of all. To men who sought for some intelligent account of the world, its nature and its end, St. Paul revealed a moral purpose in the light of which all the perplexities, uncertainties, and apparent contradictions, resolved themselves into a divine harmony. To men of high moral instincts, appalled and dismayed at the impurity of society around them, St. Paul offered the assurance of a moral judgment. To men oppressed by the sense of sin he brought the assurance of pardon and release. To the downtrodden, the sad, the hopeless, he opened the door into a kingdom of light and liberty. To those who were terrified by the fear of malignant spirits he revealed a Spirit benignant, watchful and ever present, all-powerful and able at a word to banish the power of darkness. To men dissatisfied with the worship of idols he taught the pure service of one true God. To people whose imaginations were overwhelmed by the terrors and darkness of the grave he gave the assurance of a future beyond the grave in the bliss and peace of the Risen Lord. To the weak who needed support, to sinners bound with the chain of vice, to people unable to cope with the depressed morality of their heathen surroundings, he brought the promise of an indwelling Spirit of power. To the lonely he offered the friendly warmth and society of a company all eagerly looking forward to a bright day when Grace would come and this world with all its perplexities and troubles pass away. It is no wonder that this Gospel of St. Paul appealed to men, fired their imaginations, filled them with hope, and strengthened them with power to face persecution." From Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours? By Roland Allen

Resources:

- SIAFU Network
- Workshops: Operation Proclamation
- Bible Blossom
- Fight The Good Fight of Faith
- SIAFU Men's and Women's Retreats
- Evangelism and Spiritual Warfare Module

EQUIPPING

Our Making of Disciples Jude 1:3; Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

7 Basic Commands of Christ

Jesus left his disciples with the Great Commission at the end of the book of Matthew, and he told them to teach others to obey everything He had commanded them. George Patterson, a missionary to Latin America, read this and asked himself, "What did Jesus command us?" This question led him to search the Gospels to find out what the basics are that we should be obeying and teaching others we are discipling to obey. The result was a list of seven basic commands. They follow here:

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The Bible verses for these commands can be found in the appendices. These are the basic commands for every disciple of Jesus. Except for the first two, they are not listed in any particular sequence. These should all be happening all the time. You might ask, where is "Read the Bible"? Good question. This is obviously important, but not an explicit command of Christ. It is implied in the idea of all of it, as they are all gleaned from Scripture, and as it is impossible to teach another person to obey and make disciples when the Word is not read.

When discipling another, it is critical to emphasize the obedience to these commands, not just the learning of them. These seven basic commands of Christ are the very first thing we begin to teach when a person comes to faith in Jesus, and they form the body of the Scripture we study from in those earliest discipling moments.

Formal Theological Training The Urban Ministry Institute

Resources:

- TUMI
- Evangel Dean School
- Onesimus Workshop

EMPOWERING

Our Planting of Churches Acts 16:5; Acts 26:18

"I believe that we ought to return to the apostolic practice and found churches in every place where we make converts, churches equipped with all the divine grace and authority of Christian churches." The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church, Roland Allen

Definitions of ? What are the irreducible minimums?

Ask a hundred people, and you will get as many definitions.

- Creedal: One, holy, catholic and apostolic church
- Reformational: Word is rightly preached, Discipline is rightly ordered, Sacraments are rightly administered
- Biblical: Family of God
- Missional: Self-propagating, Self-governing, Self-supporting
- Newbigin: A divine society bound together in a single visible fellowship with the Lord and His apostles, and visibly united in the sacramental life
- Allen: people with a tradition/creed, the Sacraments, leadership/elders, and the Holy Scriptures

- Organic Church: The presence of Jesus among His people called out as a spiritual family to pursue His mission on this planet (Cole/Kaak)
- Simple Church: An elder-led community of disciples living out DNA and the Sacraments

Laying Foundations

- Sacraments Baptism and Communion
- Leadership
- The Word
- Doctrine

Guiding Church Plant Principles

- Jesus is Lord
- Honor the poor
- P.L.A.N.T acrostic
- Avoid Dependency
- Seek Reproducibility
- They have the Holy Spirit
- Always lead with the Gospel
- Indigenous urban leader commitment
- An Incarnational and apostolic approach
- "Three-self": Self-sustaining, Self-governing, Self-reproducing

Fivefold Gifts

God has given us His Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit has gifted members of the body to be _____, ____, ____, ____, ____, ____, and ______, epsilon (Ephesians 4). We believe the church should consist of a combination of people with at least these gifts, and it is intended that every member should be actively ministering and producing fruit. "Every-member ministry" in the priesthood of believers.

Resources:

- Evangel School of Urban Church Planting
- Fire & Maneuver Workshop
- Church Plant Certificate

EMBRACING

Our Gathering of Churches

"It should be the glory, rather than the reluctance, of a church to enter into relations of mutual aid with other churches, without reference to nationality as a finally determining

factor. It is the function of the missionary society or board once again to be a pioneer and to find out just what this means in personal service, prayer, the supply of means, the exchange of views, and the ordering and value of technical services; or the teaching of, and training in, the faith." The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church, Roland Allen

Associations are an intentional and concrete step which demonstrates the "the church is one" (John 17) truth of unity. Associations can be defined as churches that have committed to:

- be involved in _____ together
- share _____
- foster _____

Associations agree to the following as they cooperate in mission:

- To evangelize and make disciples among the urban poor
- To reproduce and multiply disciples through the planting of churches
- To equip emerging leaders for the above church plants. TUMI will be the primary "arm" for theological training of these leaders.
- To the orthodox statement of faith found in the Nicene Creed

Associations are also key in accountability, as the network can be self-correcting if one church practices heresy or simply flounders.

Associations of churches also help in this brandedness that was first spoken of. They give an "identity", a shared spirituality, to each church and network. They have common practices in endearment, evangelism, equipping, and empowering. This fosters movement.

Besides formal and informal daily and weekly accountability between association members, and quarterly and yearly retreats, monthly gatherings for the leaders of each church form the heart of our association times. These monthly association meetings generally follow this progression:

- •_____
- •_____
- ______ from the lectionary/Christian calendar
- _____ and _____-

Resources:

- UCA Manual
- Evangel Network

CORE SCRIPTURES

- Fire and Maneuver: Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 10
- Fire: Verses on the Spiritual element Exodus 3:1-10 (Holiness) Verses on the Strategic element Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4; Romans 1:16 (Preach the Gospel)
- Maneuver: Verses on the Spiritual element John 3:1-10 (Spirit Led) Verses on the Strategic element Luke 10:1-11; Acts 8:39; Romans 15:20 (Regional thinking; be where God is working)
- 5 P's: Purpose- Genesis 1, Romans 1:18-20, Psalm 19:1-4 Problem- Romans 3:23, 6:23, Genesis 3:21-24, Romans 3:11-12 Plan- John 3:16, Isaiah 53, Romans 3:25-26, 5:1, 8, 10-11 Priority- Romans 10:9-10, I John 1:9, Acts 2:38, 3:19, II Corinthians 7:9-10 Proof- James 2:14-26, Galatians 5:16-26, Matthew 7:16-20, John 15:1-8, Matthew 3:8, Acts 26:20
- 7 Commands: Repent and Believe-Acts 2:22-41, 17:30, Matthew 3:2,4:17, II Corinthians 7:8-11 Be Baptized-Acts 8:26-40, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:1-5, Acts 2:38, Galatians 3:26-29, I Peter 3:21-22 Take the Lord's Supper-Luke 22:1-22, Mark 14:22-25, Matthew 26:26-29, I Corinthians 11:17-34 Pray-Matthew 6:5-15, 5:44, Luke 18:1-8, Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8:26,12:12, Philippians 4:6-7, I Timothy 2:1-8, I Thessalonians 5:17, James 5:13-18 Give-II Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-15, Malachi 3:6-10, Acts 20:35 Love God and Neighbor-Luke 10:25-37 God-Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Joshua 22:5, Psalms 31:23 Others-Leviticus 19:9-18, Matthew 5:43-48, John 13:34-35,15:13, Romans 12:9-21,13:8-10, I Peter 1:22 Both-Matthew 22:37-40 Make Disciples-John 15:1-17,8:31-32,13:35, Matthew 10:24-25,28:19-20, Luke 6:40, 14:26-27,33

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, True God of True God, begotten not created, of the same essence as the Father, through whom all things were made.

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human. Who for us too, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Life-Giver, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin, and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come.

Amen.