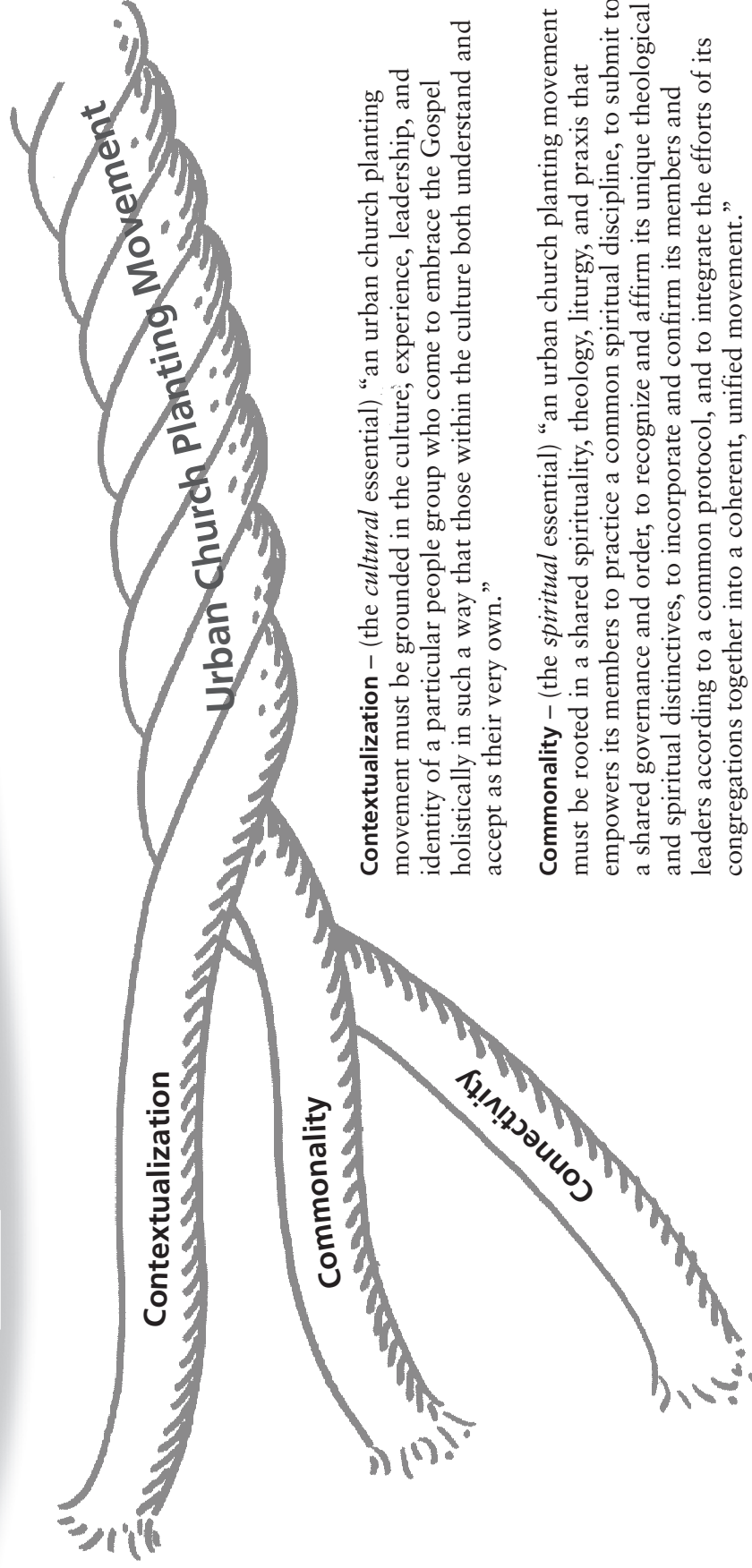


The Threefold Cord of Urban Cross-Cultural Church Planting Movements

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Contextualization – (the *cultural* essential) “an urban church planting movement must be grounded in the culture; experience, leadership, and identity of a particular people group who come to embrace the Gospel holistically in such a way that those within the culture both understand and accept as their very own.”

Commonality – (the *spiritual* essential) “an urban church planting movement must be rooted in a shared spirituality, theology, liturgy, and praxis that empowers its members to practice a common spiritual discipline, to submit to a shared governance and order, to recognize and affirm its unique theological and spiritual distinctives, to incorporate and confirm its members and leaders according to a common protocol, and to integrate the efforts of its congregations together into a coherent, unified movement.”

Connectivity – (the *structural* essential) “an urban church planting movement must connect its leaders, members, and congregations through integrated structures that enable its congregations and leaders to gather regularly for convocation and fellowship, that combine resources and funds for cooperation and mutual support, and that provide oversight that protects and equips the members of the movement for dynamic reproduction.”

Ecc. 4.12 (ESV) - *And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him— a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*