

APOSTOLIC CHURCH PARADIGM

I. Evaluate Values of a Church

- *From believer to disciple.*

- *Growth from individual to family, then to church and community.*

- *Relationship based ministries.*

- *Spiritual wholeness and growth-- personal as well as corporate.*

- *Power to influence your part of the world.*

- *Knowing your place in the Body.*

II. Paradigm Shift – Conventional Church vs. Apostolic Church

- Centered on single congregational activities vs.

- Lead by one main leader who knows all and in some way does all (oversees all) vs.

- Church activities circle around ‘program’ vs.

- Servings in the church go by assigning jobs and driven by need of running programs vs.

- People come to church building to be ‘built’ vs.

- Majority of energy spend on maintenance vs.

- Vision belongs to head leader, or board of committees who runs the church vs.

- Dictate leadership or democratic leadership vs.

- Measure success by

Vs.

Conclusion-- the new look from the new paradigm:

III. Apostolic Church Life:

A. What is “apostolic” and who is an “apostle”? (見 “使徒概觀” 一文)

- in Jew, it means “the sent one”, in Greek, it means “the ambassador”, in Rome, it means “the fleet commander”. An apostolic person is prophetic/ believes full Gospel/ has father’s heart/ always make disciples/ thinks in terms of building up/ lays foundations/ raises up leaders/ identify Gifts/ desire to be on the front line/ receives revelatory insights from the Holy Spirit/ is strategic/ is relational/ has capability of building/ tends to look for big pictures of the puzzles/ is recognized by followers and others as apostolic/ ministers with supernatural followed/ works as head or covers of a church body or organizations/ works as special agent of the Chief Shepherd Jesus (sent by, receive from, run for, sacrifice to)/ loves to net-work with people...
- An apostle is a person gifted apostolically and called by God to be on a specific position with His authorization to minister as an Ambassador of Christ.
- According to David Cannistraci’s “Apostles and the Emerging Apostolic Movement” (Regal Gooks): “An apostle is one who is called and sent by Christ to have the spiritual authority, character, gifts and abilities to successfully reach and establish people in Kingdom truth and order, especially through founding and overseeing local churches.”
- Peter Wagner defines apostle in his book “Spheres of Authority – Apostles in Today’s Church” (Wagner Publication): “An apostle is a Christian leader, gifted, taught, commissioned, and sent by God with the authority to establish the foundational government of the church within an assigned sphere of ministry by hearing what the Spirit is saying to the churches and by setting things in order accordingly for the growth and maturity of the church.”

B. The Foundation Of An Apostolic Church

1. Jesus is the Corner Stone, set by apostles and prophets as foundation for believers to build on.

Eph. 2:20,22 並且被建造在使徒和先知的根基上，有基督耶穌自己為房角石；... 你們也靠他同被建造，成為神藉著聖靈居住的所在。

1 Cor. 3:10, 11 我照神所給我的恩，好像一個聰明的工頭，立好了根基，有別人在上面建造；只是各人要謹慎怎樣在上面建造。

3:11 因為那已經立好的根基，就是耶穌基督，此外沒有人能立別的根基。

2. Church is led by Multiple leadership with one Head leader.

1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 5:17; Act. 13:1-3; Act. 15

C. Foundation and The Government Of An Apostolic Church

1. The head leader

2. The leadership team:

3. The people:

■ *The functional relationships between the three:*

■ *The dynamics of an apostolic team leadership:*

D. Building upon the Foundations.

1 Cor.3:10b. ...只是各人要謹慎怎樣在上面建造。

3:13 各人的工程必然顯露，因為那日子要將它表明出來；

Eph.2:21 各房靠他聯絡得合式，...2:22 你們也靠他同被建造，
(Go through the handout: “使徒性教會鳥瞰”)

E. The Apostolic Nature Of An Apostolic Church

■ **Building a Four Dimensional Church.** (見“一個使徒性教會的誕生”)

■ **The Parts And The Body Of An Apostolic Church.**

■ **The Five-Fold Gifts And The Apostolic Church.**

■ **The Covering and Networking Relationships of An Apostolic Church.**

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Take Home Exam. Questions:

- 1. According to Eph. 2: 20, 22, we are to be built (on the foundation) as well as to be built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. That means, God is the builder and we are been built. In what way it can be shown that it is God who is building the church instead of us?**
- 2. List 10 “values” of a church.**
- 3. Do you believe there are apostles in Christ’s Church today? Why? Or why not?**
- 4. One day, an Evangelist come into your town, after a crusade, 2000 people got saved. You are one of the planning committee of this crusade, what would be your plan to follow up those new converts and make sure they can mostly be nurtured? Evaluate your own plan. Do you think it’s effective? Why or why not?**