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Life-Changing Community Church Ministries

Many of us have excellent ideas for businesses, ministries, and churches; the challenging part is putting them into action and maintaining that vision to succeed. My wife and I love our local church though not perfect. We used to enjoy going to it in Spring Valley, New York. But after we moved to Orange County, New York, we realized how much the local church is not involved in its community. After praying and fasting, we decided to launch the ministry called “Life Changing Community Church”. We are lovers of Jesus who contend for holistic restoration in and from the presence of God. To see the local areas of Orange County thriving with Shalom, reflecting its unique culture and heritage unto the glory of God. I will use the leadership framework from class, which I think is the core of the leadership course, to integrate all I have learned for “Life Changing Community Church Ministries.”

Core Values

Life Changing Community Church Ministries has as its foundation the following Core Values:

- Ministering to the Lord
- Holistic Restoration
- Image Dei

Ministering to the Lord

Presence of God; House of praise and prayer

- 2 Samuel 6 - Ark of the covenant; Tabernacle of David
- Top priority is His presence
 - *Psalms 26:8 - “LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells” (NIV)*
 - *Exodus 33:15 - Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here” (NIV)*

Holistic Restoration

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me [a]to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are [b]oppressed; (Luke 4:18).

To cater to the whole person is our mission. The ministry of Life Changing Community Church is comprehensive. We see people as full beings—body and soul—created by God to live in a harmonious society. As a result, we provide for all facets of human need while pursuing wholeness at all tiers of our local community, society, and the human family as a whole.

Imago Dei

“Imago Dei” comes from the Latin version of the Bible, translated to English as “image of God.”

As we proclaim Jesus, The Christ, as the Head of the Church and the manifested Word of God, our goal is to teach the Word of God with boldness, and accuracy. Our vision is to restore the image of God in every man through the teaching of God Word.

- Image Bearer
 - Original Design; Genesis 1:26

- Image Breaking
 - The Fall; Genesis 3:10.
- Image Revealing
 - Jesus Christ; Colossians 1:15-17
- Image Restoring
 - Our Call; Ministry Focus

Ministry Focus

- Youth Ministry
- Spiritual Formation Ministry
- Hunger Ministry

Youth Ministry

- *As a youth pastor for Over 5 years, I see the importance of nurturing the youth and teaching them the Word of God.*
- *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).*
- *The scripture is clear that we are not to let anyone make fun of us because of our age.*
- *Instead, the Christian youth should live a life that is an example for others through their speech, conduct, love walk, and a life of purity.*

- *Growth: Our objectives are to teach the youth how to worship God and study the Bible, to apply the Word of God to their everyday life, and to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *Fun: When a student walks into our youth group meetings, we want them to enjoy themselves, smile, and have a good time. We wish that the one hour and a half they spend with us will be the best time of their day.*
- *Connection: While we work hard to make our youth group fun and entertaining, we also have to provide a loving Christian community. We want each youth that walks through our doors to feel known and valued. We want them to see that they have people that care about them and notice when they don't come.*

Benefits of having a Youth Group:

- *When we teach the young people in the church the Word of God, it prepares them to become future leaders and benefits the local church's future. As a result, this nurtures the congregation and allows the church to flourish.*
- *It provides wholesome recreations for the appropriate age. Christian youth groups offer everything from volunteer opportunities to games and icebreakers, all explicitly intended for young people.*
- *In Matthew 18:2-4 Jesus teaches us the importance of a child in the eyes of God. "He called a little child to him and placed the child among them.*

And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" Because of God's heart for young people, it is essential to recognize their value in today's church.

- *A youth group is an excellent evangelical tool for other youth, parents, and the community.*

Spiritual Formation Ministry

So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27).”

- *John 1:35-39 - Jesus' Model was “come and see.”*
- *The Church to be where people can come as they are and heal.*
- *Communal Living - Implement opportunities to live and learn from one another.*

Hunger Ministry

Isaiah 58:10

If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

- *Some people will starve to death today.*
- *Some people will go to sleep hungry.*
- *As Christians, we are to feed the poor and help people who are in need.*
- *Feeding the needy is part of serving one another; as we serve others, we are serving Christ.*

As a youth pastor for over three years, I see the importance of nurturing the youth and teaching them the Word of God. The Apostle Paul told Timothy *“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity”* (I Timothy 4:12). The scripture is clear that we are not to let anyone make fun of us because of our age. The Christian youth life should be a testimony to others that are young and that do not know Jesus Christ. The youth should live a life that is an example for others through their speech, conduct, love walk, and a life of purity. Throughout Life Changing Community Church we are dedicated to the local youth, to teach them the Word, and to preach the importance of purpose, and destiny.