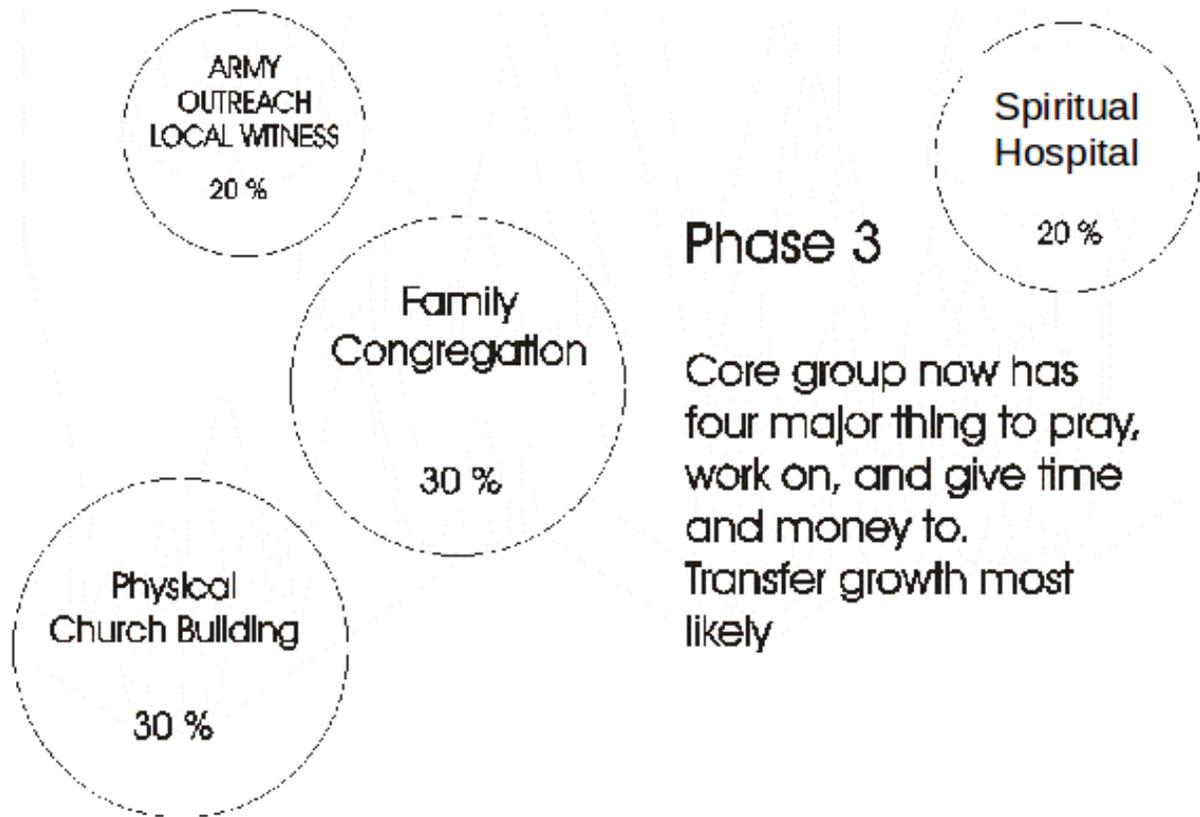


N.H.C. 2016 A GREAT PLACE TO BE!



1) This diagram shows the four major focus areas of time and money commitment at NHC currently:

Spiritual Army

Spiritual Hospital

Spiritual Family

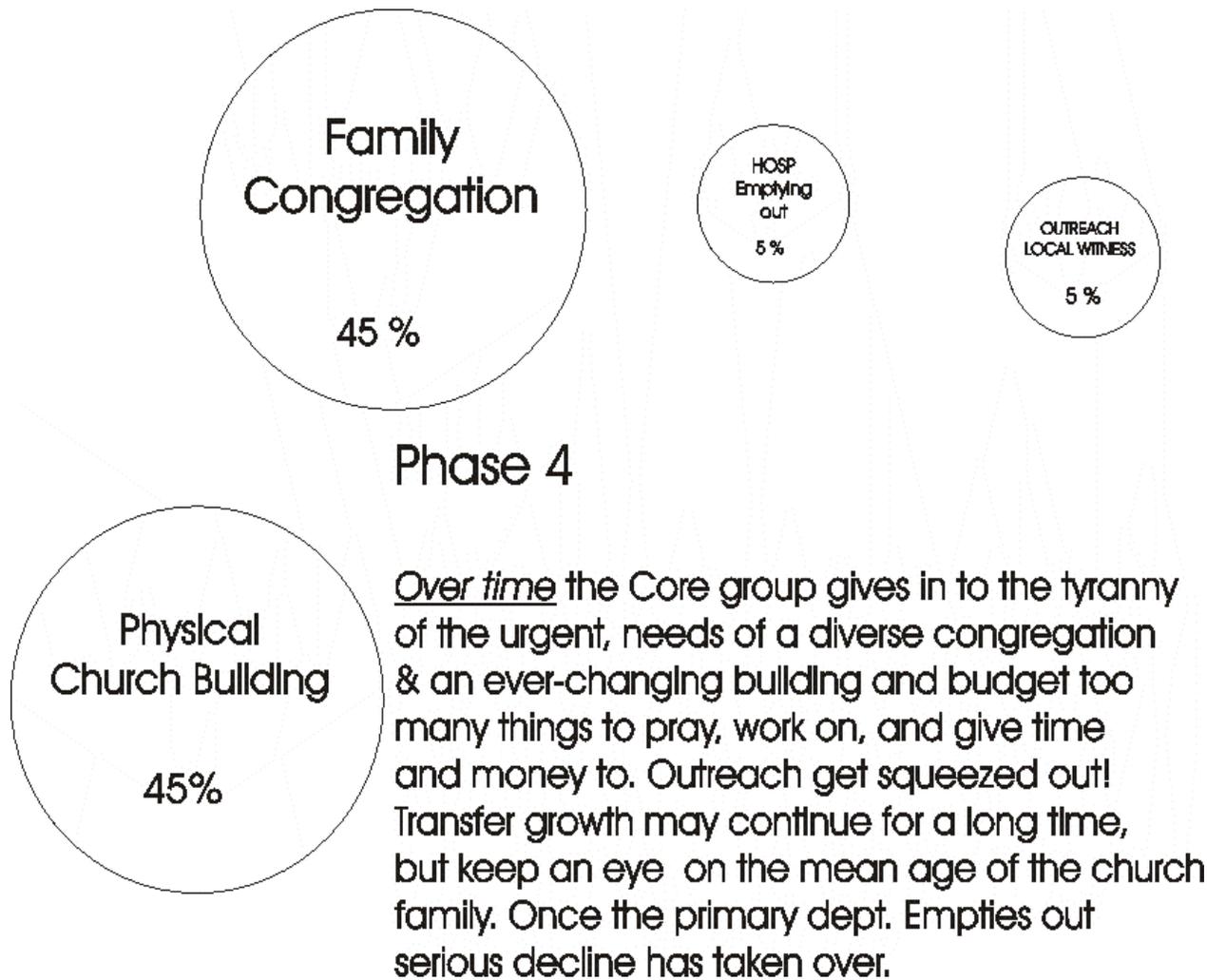
Physical Building needs

2) The increased needs of the NHC family and building are proofs of Christ blessing us!

3) Percentage wise, as NHC continues to grow, it will cause the Army and Hospital ministries to shrink unless more people are trained and empowered to help shoulder these ministries.

4) Prayer and preparation are needed to know Christ's plans for His church (NHC). This will prevent the church from slipping into a Phase 4, inward-focused church.

NHC doesn't want to be an inward-focused

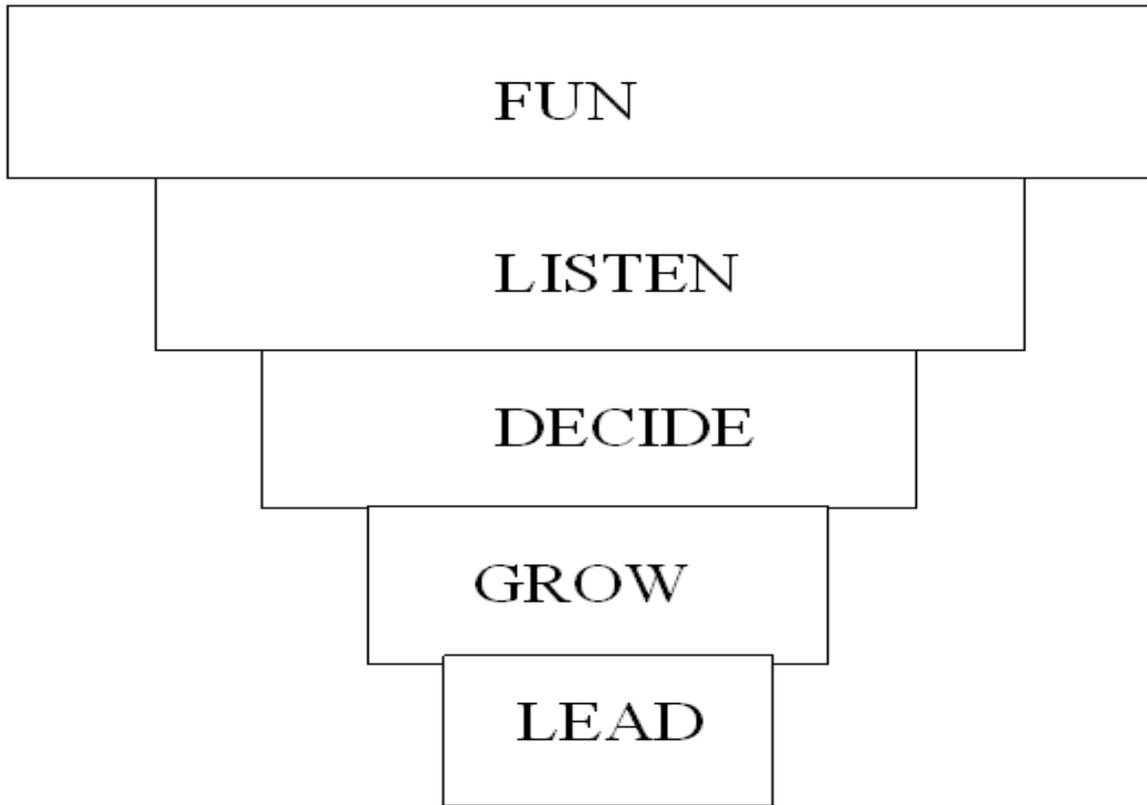


- 1) This diagram shows slippage in a direction we do not want to go.
- 2) Reversing the decline from healthy margins is seldom accomplished. Many churches plan for maintenance rather than growing in faith.
- 3) Percentage wise, less than 5% of churches are ever able to reverse from this. It is far better to seek wisdom from Christ so NHC does not head in this direction.

Different activities accomplish different goals/needs

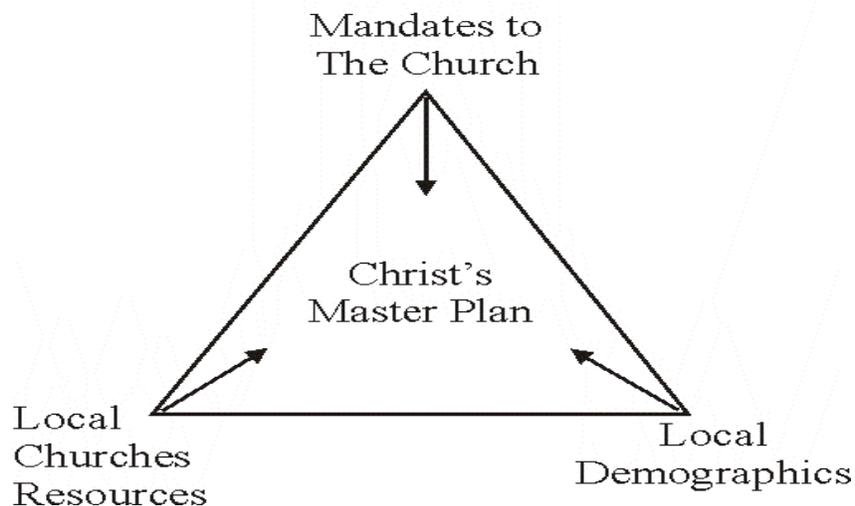
5 types of Church Meetings

(the size of each box represent the # of people involved)



- 1) This diagram shows the five levels of commitment to Christ and the five different types of activities necessary for healthy church-growth.
- 2) A growing, balanced NHC should offer all five to the community
- 3) List all existing ministries at NHC in these five boxes to find where we might be unbalanced and so we may realize God’s plan and follow Him
- 4) A “Phase 4 church,” that has become inward-focused will decline. Most of their activities are being done in level four (grow) rather than in other levels.

Here We are Send Us!



- 1) Christ's mandates from the Bible never change. NHC must remember and continuously commit to the joyful privilege and duty of obedience/following Christ.
- 2) The community around NHC will change. NHC must remain faithful to the God's voice because our community is the harvest field. A good harvester works the field as the conditions require.
- 3) The resources of NHC change as God works in the hearts and minds of people. Christ gives gifts. Christ will build His church and empower His people to:
 - 1) Meet the needs of the harvest. (**Army**)
 - 2) Meet the needs of broken people. (**Spiritual Hospital**)
 - 3) Care for His sheep in the NHC fold. (**Spiritual Family**)
 - 4) Be good stewards of His resources (**Accessible Resources**)
- 4) Christ's master plan for NHC is unique. As NHC leaders bring together these three elements, a fresh vision and God's plan for his church will emerge. All four gospels were divinely inspired, but each is different from the other. Through the power of God's Holy Spirit, God will direct NHC to obey His plan.
- 5) This process is necessary to keep NHC "fresh." It is a necessary step for planning. After the vision is revealed from the Lord, it will be communicated to all of the NHC family so all may claim ownership of His vision for NHC ministry and gladly participate in the working God's plan.

To accomplish the great things with God, these action steps need our prayer and support:

- 1) Prayer that NHC will faithfully follow God as we grow. Pray that NHC will run from the "tyranny of the urgent."
- 2) NHC will continue to be strong in the Fun / Listen/ Decide activities, but will increase in the Grow/ Leadership boxes through calling , training and empowering.
- 3) NHC will offer to the community all five activity types. Also, this approach might be accomplished in areas of ministries such as men's ministry, women's ministry, youth ministry, and children's ministry.
- 4) NHC will always have new people stepping up to serve Christ with training provided to give confidence to their efforts.

- 5) People who are serving God at NHC will be recognized and empowered.
- 6) Those with NHC leadership roles will empower others knowing that all the people God brings into our path will be experience the love of God in a timely manner.
- 7) People who are ready and called to “The Care Group Ministry” will be recognized and empowered.
- 8) Some of the NHC small groups will function as ministries doing all the things described above.

Future training at NHC for The Care Group Duties

In the Bible, the distinction is made between a shepherd and a hired hand (John 10:11-15). Shepherd have in their heart a God-given love for the sheep and a desire to care for those entrusted to them. Hired hands are unwilling to become as emotionally involved-unwilling to confront the dangers that threaten the sheep-unwilling to truly love the people under their care. As a church considers a person for the position of The Care Group Ministry, evaluate this person in light of these eight essential duties which characterize a good shepherd. To see if these are their PERSONAL PASSIONS and THE WAY THEY ARE CURRENTLY MINISTERING TO THE LOCAL BODY:

Caring -Heart intimacy

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must develop the relationships that under-gird all other ministry toward individual members. (John 10:11, 14)

Caring -Heart tutelage

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must provide personal biblical instruction for increasing character, skills, knowledge, faith, love, and enthusiasm. (Acts 20:20, 27; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 4:1-2; Titus 3:1-2, 8)

Caring -Heart guidance

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must offer objective biblical direction through conflicts, reversals of life, distortions in thinking, and difficult decisions for those under his or her care. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Caring -Heart consolation

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must give spiritual comfort during trials. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

Caring -Heart guardianship

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must watch out for the enemy's assaults on the weakness of the sheep. Those in this ministry must warn the sheep of danger and discipline them when they become rebellious. (Acts 20:28-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Hebrews 13:17)

Caring -Heart intercession

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must pray with and for those placed to their care. (1 Samuel 12:23; Romans 1:9; Ephesians 1:15-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12)

Caring -Heart Leadership One-on-One Training

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must personally mentor and train up future leaders for Christ's Church. (II Timothy 2:2)

Caring -Heart baptism duties/ conversion growth

One serving in The Care Group Ministry must personally lead people to a saving faith in Christ and prepare new believers for baptism. (Matt. 28:18-20)