A Seven Strand Cord: Braiding Together Leadership Development for Mid- Adolescents

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Abstract
The emerging culture is necessitating different leadership paradigms: preparation of leaders in a "business as usual" fashion is becoming inadequate. Mid-adolescents in churches who are being "called" or "shoulder tapped" as emerging leaders need an intentional process of leadership development.

This paper will recommend leadership development of mid-adolescents through the metaphor of a seven strand braided cord which includes these threads: discernment, an understanding of call, rite of passage events, mentoring, spiritual formation, service/ministry opportunities, and commissioning. The goal of this research is to suggest that these kinds of learning experiences, which the Church could be providing today, will best prepare these young people to be effective leaders in the emerging culture. It will also suggest that this is not a sequential, developmental process, and the order in which these seven steps are taken is as unique as the individual and congregation.

The goal of this project is to help facilitate a "culture of the call” in Mennonite Brethren (MB) churches. It is believed that the findings of this research will be applicable to a much wider audience, but due to the project's scope, the focus will be on the MB church.

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“What makes mid-level leadership development so unique,” says Sturgeon, “is the frequency and volume at which a mid-level leader may find themselves applying the full range of leadership skills that they have in their toolkit.” They must complete detail-oriented tasks, think strategically, make personnel decisions, coach employees, and provide leadership in “emergencies” with projects, customers or suppliers. Axon recommends that mid-level leadership training help participants develop skills in seven key areas: Developing a broad, enterprise-wide view of the organization. Agility, including the ability to quickly adjust priorities as the organization’s needs change. Adolescence is a critical time for leadership development. Developing leadership in youth can bolster self-esteem, prevent risky behavior, and serve as a springboard for successful adulthood. Yet many adolescents are never offered the chance to act as leaders, and adult leadership models are often inappropriate for teens, who have unique developmental needs. Youth Leadership is the first book to lay out a leadership model that is grounded in adolescent development theory. Based on fifteen years of work with teens and the adults in their lives, Youth Leadership...
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