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Four Foundational Principles of Our Philosophy of Ministry

1. The Priesthood of Every Believer

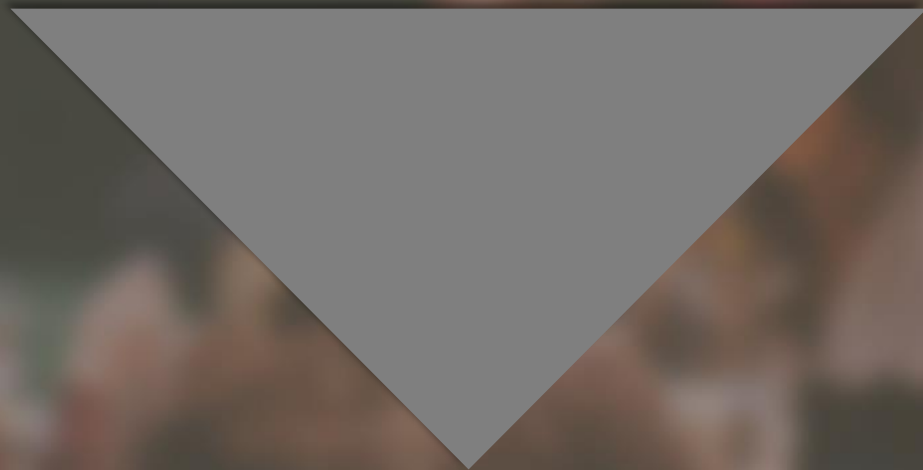
God has called every believer into ministry.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)



Pastor (*Priest*)



Pastor



Pastor



Spiritual Leaders





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¹³ The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵ Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶ Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." ¹⁷ Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good."

¹⁸ "You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform."

²¹ "But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves."

²² "That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

Exodus 18:13-23 (NIV)

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1. The Priesthood of Every Believer

God has called every believer into ministry.

Our Mission:

*To produce and release spiritual leaders who
know and express the authentic Christ to NWA
and the world.*

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2. Form and Function

Our philosophy of ministry calls for us to distinguish between ministry functions and ministry forms.

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2. Form and Function

Function – *a biblical responsibility assigned to the church by the Lord.*

Six functions the Lord calls the church to fulfill:

- Exalting (Worship) - Psalm 95:1-7
- Evangelizing (Outreach) – Acts 1:8
- Establishing (Discipleship) – Matthew 28:18-20
- Equipping (Training) – Ephesians 4:11-16
- Encouraging (Fellowship) – Hebrews 10:24-25
- Empowering (Service) – Mark 10:45

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2. Form and Function

Form – *the manner in which the function is accomplished.*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV)

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to **win** as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to **win** the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to **win** those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to **win** those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to **win** the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might **save** some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.



Function

Timeless

Static

Unchanging

Non-Negotiable

Mission

Form

Timely

Flexible

Changeable

Negotiable

Method

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3. Essential Elements of Ministry:

Truth, Relationships and Accountability

- Truth – Christian ministry is based on the scriptures. Biblical truth is essential for any ministry to communicate Christ. (John 8:32)
- Relationships – *Christian ministry calls us to love one another.* (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- Accountability – Christian ministry challenges us to faithfulness and reliability. It urges us to live a life worthy of Christ. (Proverbs 27:17)

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Accountability + Relationships - Truth =
Cult



Relationships

Accountability

Truth

(Essential Ingredients of Ministry)

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4. Fellowship is a Decentralized Ministry

Fellowship's ministry is not centered on our campus.

Centralized Ministry (Attractional)

vs.

Decentralized Ministry (Incarnational)

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