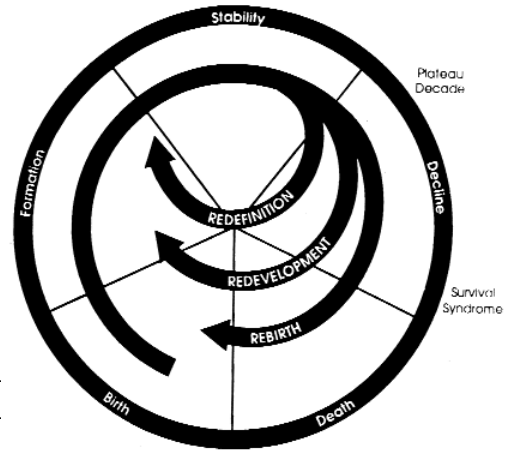


Taking Time to Reflect

1. Where do you place your church in its Life Cycle?

- Stability
- Decline
- Death
- Birth
- Formation



Why?

2. Indicators of Congregational Health: On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being low and 10 being high, **score your congregation on each of the following marks of inner health.**

_____ Continual spiritual formation as an essential for everyone rather than an activity pursued by some.

_____ Relationships among people that embody the “kin-dom” of God; relationships that are honoring , forgiving, loving, caring, mutual, and generative.

_____ A deep, pervasive concern for the temporal and spiritual well-being of those beyond the doors of the church – a concern that manifests in action.

3. Five Hallmarks of Declining Congregations: On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being “doesn’t exhibit this at all” and 10 being “this describes us exactly”, **where would you place your congregation in relation to each hallmark?**

- _____ Growing the church rather than witnessing to faith
- _____ Running the church rather than forming disciples
- _____ Being people-led rather than being Spirit-led
- _____ Participating in mission projects without having a mission
- _____ Fixing rather than creating

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4. **Today, on a scale of 1-10** with 1 being “not at all” and 10 being “with all my heart”, **how much do you want the kind of renewal necessary for a healthy church?** _____
5. **Today, on a scale of 1-10**, with 1 being “not at all” and 10 being “let’s get **going** right now!” **how willing are you to be a part of making sure that renewal happens?** _____

Additional Comments:

Name (Required): _____

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Date: _____

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