

NHBC Reframe – What are we?

(Structural Identity & Terminology)

a) Structural Identity

- i. If it is true that “structure must serve mission”, what is our mission?
- ii. Where are we at now? What are we now?
 - Are we a multi-site, or a movement/network, or stand-alone under a collective or other?
- iii. Does our current structure serve our mission?
- iii. What is our preferred structural identity in light of our projected vision to multiply churches?
 - What are we aiming to multiply/reproduce?
- iv. Where do we want to be in 5-10 years? What do we want to be defined as?
 - Multi-site/movement/network/stand-alone/etc

b) Terminology and Language

- i. Examine the terminology and language we use to define how we operate and arrange ourselves
 - What terminology are we using now?
 - What alternatives should be considered?
 - e.g. Church/Congregation/Community vs Campus (for instance)
- ii. Are there preferred ways to describe who we are and what we want to achieve, that should be reflected in a constitution?

Definitions (loose)

Multi-site Church – Within the multi-site approach, both the primary location and the offsite locations will commonly have their own music worship and announcements, however, the same sermon will be preached/broadcast from the primary location [1].

Movement of churches – A Christian movement is a theological, political, or philosophical interpretation of Christianity that is not generally represented by a specific church, sect, or denomination [2].

Network of church – communities of believers that share a common function/mission but have independent form/operations. Semi-decentralised.

Stand-alone churches – independent, no formal connection to 'mother' church.

References

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