

HOW CHURCH WORKS

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IF YOU'VE BEEN AT THE
BAY LONGER THAN US - I
EXPECT YOU'LL BE
THINKING BY THE END
HE'S RIGHT, THAT IS
HOW THE BAY CHURCH
WORKS

BUT FIRST.....
A LITTLE BIT OF OUR STORY

Thanks
&
Goodbye

SUNDAY -

TUESDAY -



DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT THE GUITAR PLAYING,
LORRY DIVING
PRIEST?



the bay
CHURCH



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HOW CHURCH WORKS -
THE AIM OF CHURCH

What's the commission?

Why is the church here?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:18ff

The commission of the church

is to make

disciples

not

converts

What's the difference?

Converts are those who have accepted Jesus as Lord

Disciples are Christians

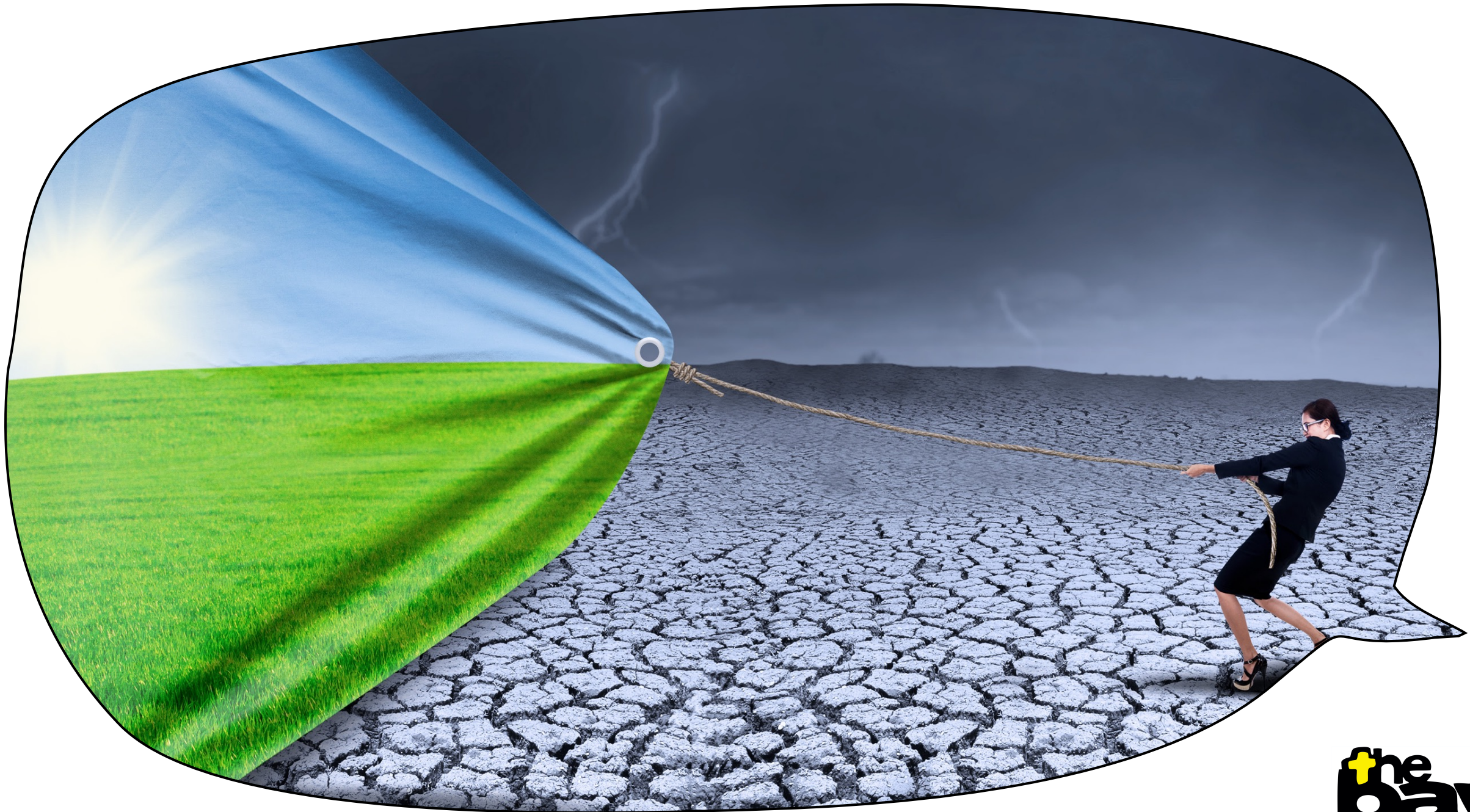
committed to

a life-long school of learning

to be

like Jesus ...

JESUS, WHO BROUGHT
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
INTO ORDINARY,
EVERYDAY LIFE



That's the mission of the church

That's why we are church

That's our job, together

HOW CHURCH WORKS -
WHO DOES IT?

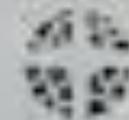
And we all need each other to all be doing
our jobs because Eph 4:12

*And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the
holy believers to do their own works of ministry,
and as they do this they will enlarge and build up
the body of Christ.*

**The World Needs Your Church and
Your Church Needs You**



**Matthew
6:19-20**



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**OH, I THOUGHT
YOU SAID YOUR
CHURCH NEEDED**

**A WARSHIP
LEADER**

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HOW CHURCH WORKS - THE FOUNDATION

Church is built on the foundation of
the apostle
&
the prophet

... built on the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, with Christ
Jesus himself as the chief
cornerstone. Eph 2:20

Church is undergirded by a 5 fold ministry Eph 4:11

Apostolic

Prophetic

Pastoral

Teaching

Evangelistic

All aspects of church life
do at least these 3 things
simultaneously:

They give us a place,
together.

- a) to encounter God & learn His life & ways
 - be transformed into Jesus' likeness
- b) to live that out
- c) to pass it on

THAT IS ONE DEFINITION OF DISCIPLING

The apostolic stream

Like parents in a family who help us grow to maturity, this stream creates the safe place where we can learn to be like Jesus and pass that on

The prophetic stream

brings the word of God for the church body in
encouragement,
upbuilding, comfort,
direction & correction.

HOW CHURCH WORKS -
BUILT ON THAT FOUNDATION

The pastoral stream

The glue of family life as church

The teaching stream

Helps us understand our faith more

The evangelistic stream

Helps us tell others how great Jesus is -
so that they join the family

The

pastoral, teaching & evangelistic streams

sit on the foundation of

the apostolic & prophetic

THAT IS ...

Without the safe place (apostolic) &

the living word of God active in the
safe place (prophetic)

the other streams don't function
properly

All of the above means

we need

a leadership

that facilitates

all of the above

SO WHAT IS LEADERSHIP?

HOW CHURCH WORKS - LEADERSHIP

Acts 20:28

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.

Phil 2:6ff

Jesus, equal with God, emptied himself and took on the form of a slave.

Jesus was subject to his earthly parents.

Jesus was subject to his Father in heaven -

only did and said what he saw & heard Father doing & saying.

Jesus washed feet.

Jesus gave up/laid down his life – for us.
For the prize that was set before him –
which wasn't glory and honour, but rather
was rescuing us from the clutches of sin and
death / gaining brothers and sisters

"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus - Mark 10:42

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

Jesus - Luke 12:48

So

greater levels of leadership

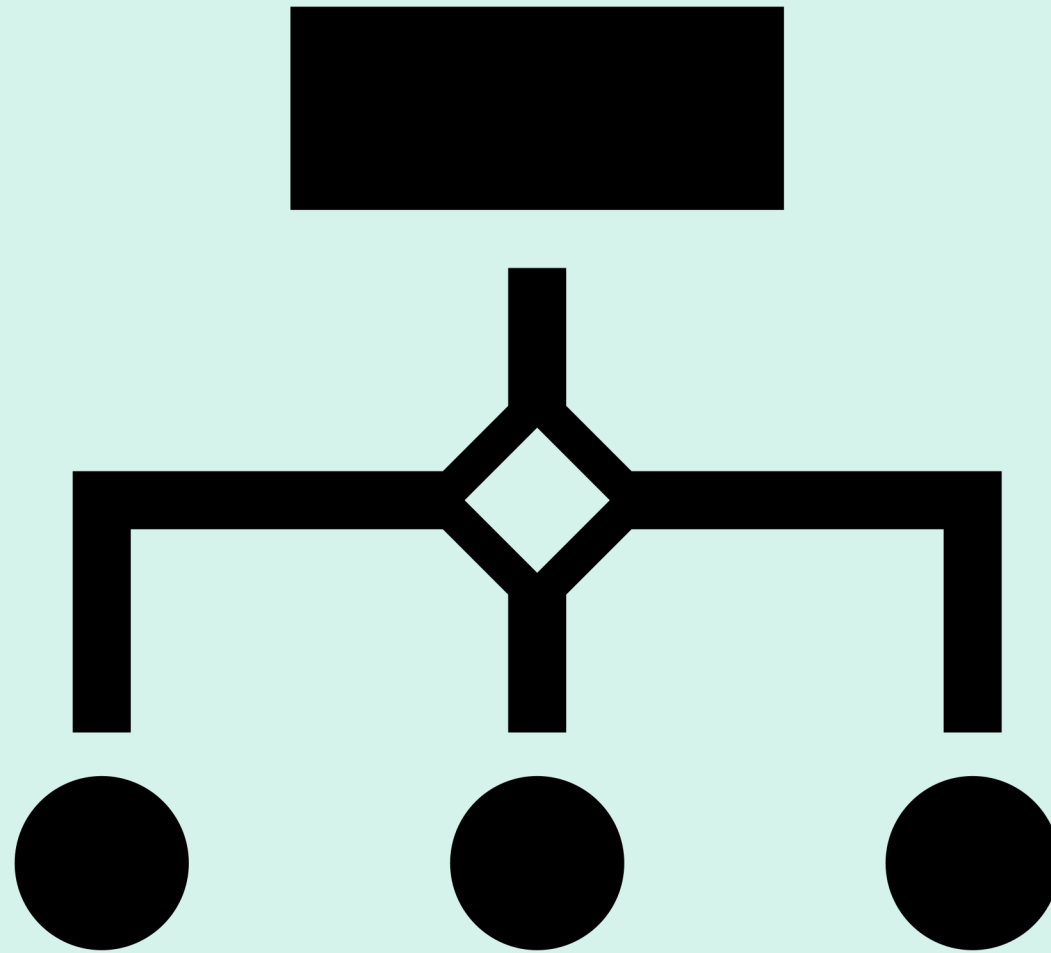
demand

greater levels of service.

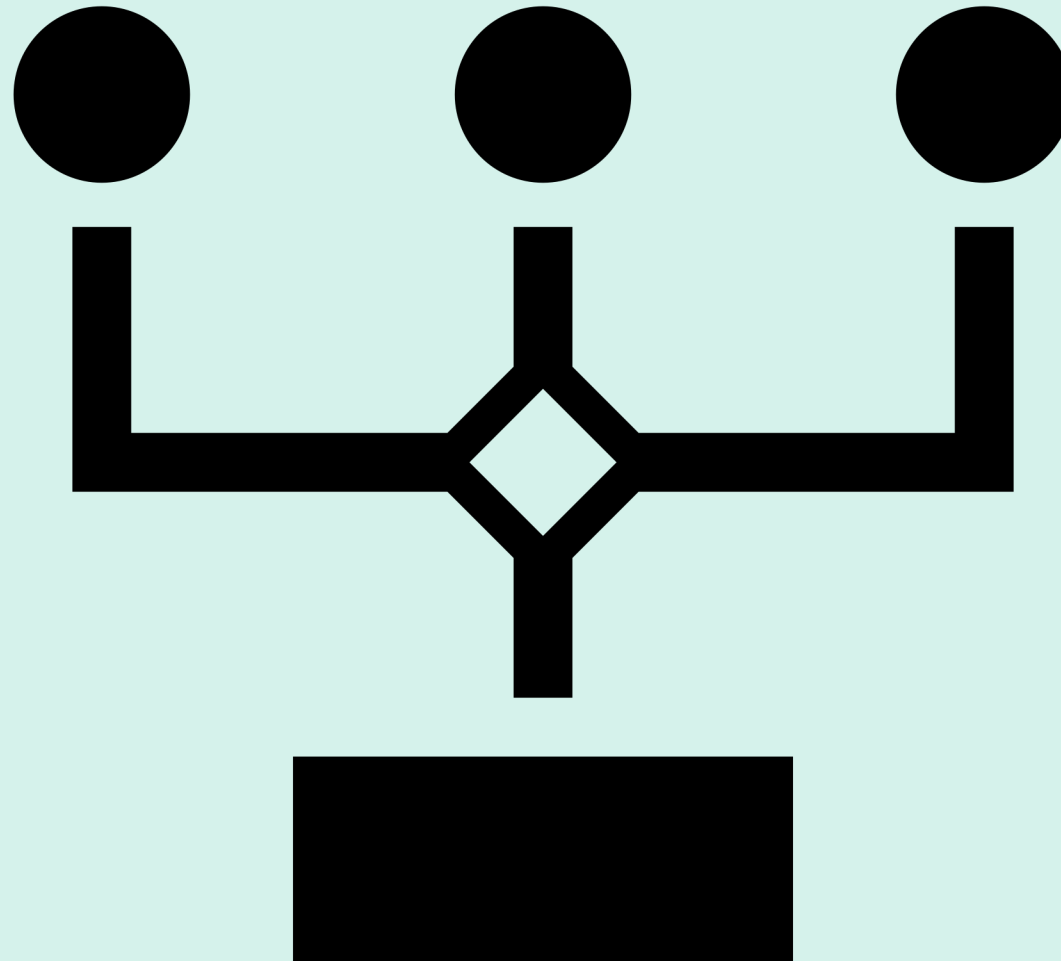
So the term
Senior Leader
could be rendered
lowliest servant.

Traditional organogram

= the senior leader, at the top, is served by those lower down.



Kingdom of God organogram
= the senior leader, at the bottom,
undergirds everyone else.



SO WHAT IS THE AIM OF LEADERSHIP?

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our jobs because Eph 4:12

*And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the
holy believers to do their own works of ministry,
and as they do this they will enlarge and build up
the body of Christ.*

The aim of the leadership is

to equip the body

- that is - US! -

for works of ministry *together*.

That's a different list to the 5 fold

Ministry gifts

Rom 12

1 Cor 12

Therefore

the leadership enables the 5 fold

which in turn enables the equipping

of all of us

to fulfil our gifting & calling

Therefore

Any in leadership ... have to be good
facilitators

BECAUSE LEADERSHIP = SERVICE

(OR SERVANTHOOD)

So the role of a servant / leader,
at whatever level of service / leadership,
is to
lay down your life for those you serve / lead.

Another way of saying it:

leaders facilitate others

in their areas of service

to achieve their best

Any leadership role can be viewed as key
facilitator role

= the leader's job is to help the team
to do their job
the best they can.

Please note -

The leader's job isn't to do the job of the team members

The leader's job is to facilitate the team members to do their job

So what does that mean for me as senior leader?

I'm to help create the safe place where we all learn to be like Jesus and pass that on


To help you fly as high as you can

To help you be the best you can be



Don't be scared to fly high,
'cause it will inspire others.

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 BrainyQuote

What's your role in that relationship?

To seek to fly as high as you can

To seek to be the best you can be.



The Church needs you, your
enthusiasm, your creativity and the
joy that is so characteristic of you.

— *Pope Francis* —

AZ QUOTES

So, within this every-church format
the leadership
must keep the unique mandate of their church
firmly in the forefront of their planning

As The Bay's mandate is so varied
the leadership must keep cohesion
around what we get up to at any given point

=

there will be many ideas but we won't run
with all of them instantly (maybe never)

Therefore
the leadership team
sets the direction and facilitates
all of us
to do the stuff to fulfill the mandate

AND UNDERGIRDING THIS IS A CHURCH FAMILY THAT

PRAYS

&

WORSHIPS ...

.. ON OUR OWN
.. IN GROUPS
.. IN CHURCH
.. AT WORK/SUPERMARKET/WHEREVER

Therefore ..

each of us has a part in fulfilling the
mandate.

A vital part.

A very important aside ...

There are those who need rest & recuperation
and they will find that here

What's your part?

(We'll do more on (re-)discovering our talents/giftings next year.)

Coz as you serve the church by fulfilling it

then

THAT'S HOW THE BAY CHURCH WORKS