

**BUILDING UP THE LOCAL CHURCH THROUGH
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The theme of this study is the relationship between recruiting non-Christians for the Korean church through the patterns or styles of its diaconal services, and its influence on the religious actions of the church in South Korea.

Chapter 1 defines introductory matters: the theme and its motivation, the statement of the problem, the extent of the problem and its purpose, the hypothesis of this dissertation, its structure, delimitation and key concepts.

In Chapter 2 a diaconal ministry effective for the local community is dealt with. It integrates the meaning or usage of *diakonia* from biblical, historical and theological perspectives, especially to ascertain the theoretical foundation that will meet the need of the local community and will lead them to salvation. The characteristics of the local community are studied to find how the community influences the forms of the diaconal ministry, how the diaconal service can influence changes in the community, and the interrelations between the church and the community.

In Chapter 3 the theoretical backgrounds of congregational development is studied from biblical, theological and historical perspectives. Such a building up of the local church plays an important role to motivate the Korean church to realise its missional task to preach the gospel, to stimulate its spiritual dynamics, to meet the various needs of the local community, and to quicken the members to do the work expected of the body of Christ.

Chapter 4 deals with the empirical perspective. There are many methods of social research. According to the applied research method the Baby School of the Choongshin church and the Pregnant Women's Group & the Baby School

of the Gwangyang Daegwang church are analysed. The theories or hypotheses derived from Chapters 2 and 3 are revisited, in relationship to the empirical perspective. With this process, an effective building up of the local church is interpreted as seen from a need-oriented diaconal ministry that complies directly and intimately with the local community and people's actual needs.

Chapter 5 deals with a strategic perspective. It looks at the main factors these two models have in common in the light of a methodological model. Through this model, the use of the diaconal ministry that intimately and lastingly satisfies the need of the local community is indicated with a view to an effective building up of the local church in the Korean society. Applicable strategies and principles to construct successful need-oriented diaconal services for Korean congregational development in different situations are synthetically presented.

KEY WORDS

- Korean church
- Building up the local church
- Need
- Diaconal ministry
- Need-oriented diaconal service
- Need-oriented diaconal gathering
- *Diakonia/koinonia/kerygma/leitourgia*
- Baby School/Pregnant Women's Group
- McGavran's theory
- Leadership for the dynamics of the diaconal gathering
- Methodological model
- Settlement

ABBREVIATIONS

A. Abbreviation of the Bible books

Old Testament					
Gn	Genesis	Ex	Exodus	Lv	Leviticus
Nm	Numbers	Dt	Deuteronomy	Jos	Joshua
Jdg	Judges	Rt	Ruth	1 Sm	1 Samuel
2 Sm	2 Samuel	1 Ki	1 Kings	1 Ki	2 Kings
1 Chr	1 Chronicles	2 Chr	2 Chronicles	Ezr	Ezra
Neh	Nehemiah	Es	Esther	Job	Job
Ps	Psalms	Pr	Proverbs	Ec	Ecclesiastes
Can	Song of Songs	Is	Isaiah	Jr	Jeremiah
Lm	Lamentations	Ezk	Ezekiel	Dn	Daniel
Hs	Hosea	Jl	Joel	Am	Amos
Ob	Obadiah	Jnh	Jonah	Mi	Micah
Nah	Nahum	Hab	Habakkuk	Zph	Zephaniah
Hg	Haggai	Zch	Zechariah	Ml	Malachi

New Testament					
Mt	Matthew	Mk	Mark	Lk	Luke
Jn	John	Ac	Acts	Rm	Romans
1 Cor	1 Corinthians	2 Cor	2 Corinthians	Gl	Galatians
Eph	Ephesians	Phlp	Philippians	Col	Colossians
1 Th	1Thessalonians	2 Th	2Thessalonians	1 Tm	1 Timothy
2 Tm	2 Timothy	Tt	Titus	Phlm	Philemon
Heb	Hebrews	Ja	James	1 Pt	1 Peter
2 Pt	2 Peter	1 Jn	1 John	2 Jn	2 John
3 Jn	3 John	Jude	Jude	Rv	Revelation

B. General abbreviations

A.D.	Anno Domini
B.C.	Before Christ
cf.	Confer
ed(s)	Editor(s)
e.g.	For example
etc.	And so forth
i.e.	That is
LXX	Septuagint
NIV	New International Version
NT	New Testament
OT	Old Testament
prof(f).	Professor(s)
s a	Without year or date
tr	Translation
Vol(s)	Volume(s)

C. Abbreviations of reference works

<i>CTQ</i>	<i>Concordia Theological Quarterly</i>
<i>ERT</i>	<i>Environmental Research & Technology</i>
<i>HTS</i>	<i>HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies</i>
<i>IJPT</i>	<i>Iranian Journal of Pharmacology & Therapeutics</i>

D. Abbreviations of names frequently used

CGM	Church Growth Movement
NCD	Natural Church Development
CS:1xBS	Choongshin Baby School: once a week class
CS:2xBS	Choongshin Baby School: twice a week class
DG:BS	Daegwang Baby School
DG:PWG	Daegwang Pregnant Women's Group

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