

## **THE MOVEMENT**

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**Vision:** An apostolically led and envisioned world-wide movement of local churches, equipped, activated, and working together relationally to form a net to catch and contain the huge harvest of souls God has promised.

*A movement Passionately in love with Jesus, Zealous about his works, and Bold in the declaration of their faith.*

*A movement Great in Faith, Mighty in Battle, Effective in gathering Souls.*

*A Movement Building Strong Local Churches.*

**Definition: Movement: = Motion:**

**A tactical or strategic advancing of a military unit (a manoeuvre)**

**A series of organised activities working towards a specific end or objective.**

**We are:** A movement, a tactical strategic advancing group of local churches working towards a specific end.  
The salvation of the nations and the establishment of strong local churches

**We value:** The Autonomy of the local church

Each local church retains it's own leadership, vision, organisational structure, finances, and personality.

**Unity**

We do not seek to create clones but to allow the diversity of each local church to flourish. The unity we desire is in diversity not conformity.

**Relational Unity through:**

- 1 Prayer Net a network of prayer for leaders, ministries, and churches.  
Photographs of leaders will be attached to ministry directory so we can get to know each other although separated by many miles
- 2 Face to face relationship intimacy, (in-to me see) communication.
- 3 Finances were your money is where your heart is. (No commitments in this area)
- 4 Function, a corporate vision causing us to function together.
- 5 Conferences for encouragement, camaraderie, equipping, and ordination
- 6 Ministering our anointing as requested into one another's lives and fellowships.

*This is a team effort.*

## Interdependence

If the vision is of God one person or one church can never accomplish it alone.

Working together we can accomplish what we could never do alone.

All of us at sometime have realised that if churches could just work together we could see our cities saved, and our nations taken for God.

This I believe is possible if you have three elements:

1: A strategy that allows a local churches to both focus on the task God has set before them, and the big picture (a vision bigger than themselves that can only be accomplished with others). We see the G12 revelation as the strategy God is giving us to train disciples and win the lost.

2: A structure that allows local churches to work together for the common good without draining their time, money, or people resources.

3: Apostolic leadership ordained of God (not elected by man) Nehemiah was a type of apostle who when given a vision from God, was able to gather and unite people from all backgrounds to rebuild the city.

Apostolic leadership is not about control but function; it's about releasing, supporting, and allowing people and churches to reach their God given potential.

4: This movement is not about one apostolic leader but many who will connect and lead together.

5: See definition of City Church leader, or Apostle

## Leadership

With the restoration of the apostolic ministry has come a new realisation of the necessity of strong Godly releasing leadership.

Leadership with fathers hearts that desire more than anything to see their children effective and prospering.

Leadership that will give not take.

A body goes nowhere without a head, and a head goes nowhere without a body.

Apostolic ministry it not about pastoring pastors that's what a pastor does, apostolic ministry is about divine government and leading by releasing leadership.

### *Leaders receiving leadership through relationship*

Five-fold ministries being released to minister to one another and in one another's churches through relationship and the recognition of their gifts and functions; for the equipping of the church, and the maturing of the saints, till they reach the full maturity of Christ.

## Financial freedom

No soliciting of funds from within the movement for any reason.

No budgets, or tithing to the apostles or the movement.

We believe within the apostolic anointing is financial provision to fulfil the calling of God.

God pays for what He orders.

When a financial commitment comes into a relationship it brings that relationship under the law; it creates both the sense of obligation and expectation that often ruins the relationship.

## Loyalty

Loyalty is about being committed to a person even though you may have differences of belief, different opinions, different ways of operating, faults, failings, or frailties.

Loyalty recognises our diversity and still stands with.

Unity on the other hand tends to include a sense of conformity, we are together because we think alike, or agree.

Much of the church is looking for unity when in fact loyalty is what it needs.

The bible assumes we have unity if we are in Christ, it says strive to keep it, not get it.

## Accountability

This is like the title of a film I heard " Much adieu about nothing"

Integrity is the real issue, if we have integrity we will always be accountable, but if we do not have integrity all the accountability systems in the world are worthless, for the man without integrity will lie, steal, or cheat to get or do what he wants.

## We are not a denomination.

"A denomination is a group of people who gather around a common denominator other than Christ"

Let me explain the common denominator usually is Christ in the beginning but ends up being a man, a mission, a doctrine, a message, a form of government, a revelation, or whatever.

If we gather around Jesus Christ he unites us but to gather around anything else always divides or separates us.

We are seeking to gather around Christ and the mission he has given all of us to do, win the world.

No contracts, no statement of faith, no constitution.

Not under the law, contractual, but relational, and functional, a team working together to glorify God and build not our churches but His church.

## Joining

Joining comes about through relationship and acknowledgement of acceptance into the movement in writing.

We believe the leaders of churches and ministries need more than loose relationships that provide no real accountability and the accepting of no real responsibility.

We want commitment, a strong commitment to build relationships and to work together to build Christ's church.

We commit here to the movement, yet we are free to relate everywhere.

*"Our stand is committed somewhere, relating everywhere"*

## Apostolic a foundational ministry

- 1 To change a church it is necessary to change the pastor because he is the foundation of the local church
- 2 If you change the people and not the pastor you create rebellion in the church, (a people with a greater revelation than the pastor will rise up against him)  
Revelation has been the greatest separator in the church through the ages.
- 3 Apostolic ministry is irresponsible if they go into the local church to change the congregation.
- 4 The agent of change must be the leader of the local church, the pastor, if anyone else does it you undermine the leadership appointed by God.
- 5 The apostle is not over the pastor in the local church but under, when he comes into the local church he must remain in submission to the pastor and work within the parameters provided by the local pastor, how ever broad or narrow they may be.  
This goes for all itinerant ministries.

**The church is an organism.**

**Organism**

A complex structure of independent and subordinate elements whose relations and properties are largely determined by their function in the whole.

An individual constituted to carry on the activity of life by means of organs separate in function but mutually dependent. A living being

**Organise**

To arrange or form into a coherent unity or functioning whole

**Family Tribe**

A group of people working together to reproduce, to accomplish a common goal, to benefit the whole group, to achieve together what can never be achieved alone.

Groups, who play together, laugh together, war together, protect each other, and support each other.

They say blood is thicker than water, in families allowances are made for peoples weaknesses, the emotional cripples have their place; the physical cripples have their place, etc, etc.

We love the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the Word, the local church, warfare, witnessing, worship, working, and wealth.

***This movement exists to unite and build strong the local churches***

***Cells+ Outreaches+ Congregations connect to make The City Church  
City Churches Connect to make The Movement***