Perceptions of the Senior Pastors' Transformational Leadership Style and its Relationship to the Eight Markers of Natural Church Development [Dissertation Notice]

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This dissertation presents an argument about why the incarnational and attractional approaches to urban church development are insufficient for growing a missional church in the city. The changing nature of urban America requires ministers to be both pastors and missionaries in order to reach their city. A pastor has the ability to shepherd the felt needs of the congregation and focus on leadership development and multiplication, while a missionary has the ability to focus on contextualizing the Gospel within the felt needs of the neighborhood. Both approaches to leadership are necessary in order to plant healthy Gospel-centered ministries that multiply and bring new life to urban America.

The urban center of Washington, DC, was researched with a special eye toward the culture of the city and how different neighborhood leaders in a diverse set of fields are ministering to the needs of the poor while developing leadership. The District Church serves as a case study of a church ministering in this context that seeks to incarnate the good news while emphasizing the multiplication of leaders and churches. The findings about the social inequity and disparity of Washington, DC, as well as the survey findings from The District Church, lead to a new approach to urban church development that does not fit neatly into an attractional or incarnational stream, but is rather rooted in the missio Dei.