

Church Revitalisation

A 10 Week Online Training Course
Session Four : the Implementation of the Vision



A HEALTHY CHURCH



centred on the gospel



where Christians learn :

- to love God
- to love others



within its cultural context

These features are valid for both aspects of a local church



GATHERED CHURCH

Organised events

Edification and training events for church members.

- Services
- Small group meetings
- Discipleship

+ Outreach events

Attractional church

MAIN CHARACTERISTIC



SCATTERED CHURCH

Personal initiatives

Doing good and sharing the gospel in these 4 relational networks :

- Family
- Place of work or study
- Local community
- Leisure time / friends

Missional church

EVANGELISM

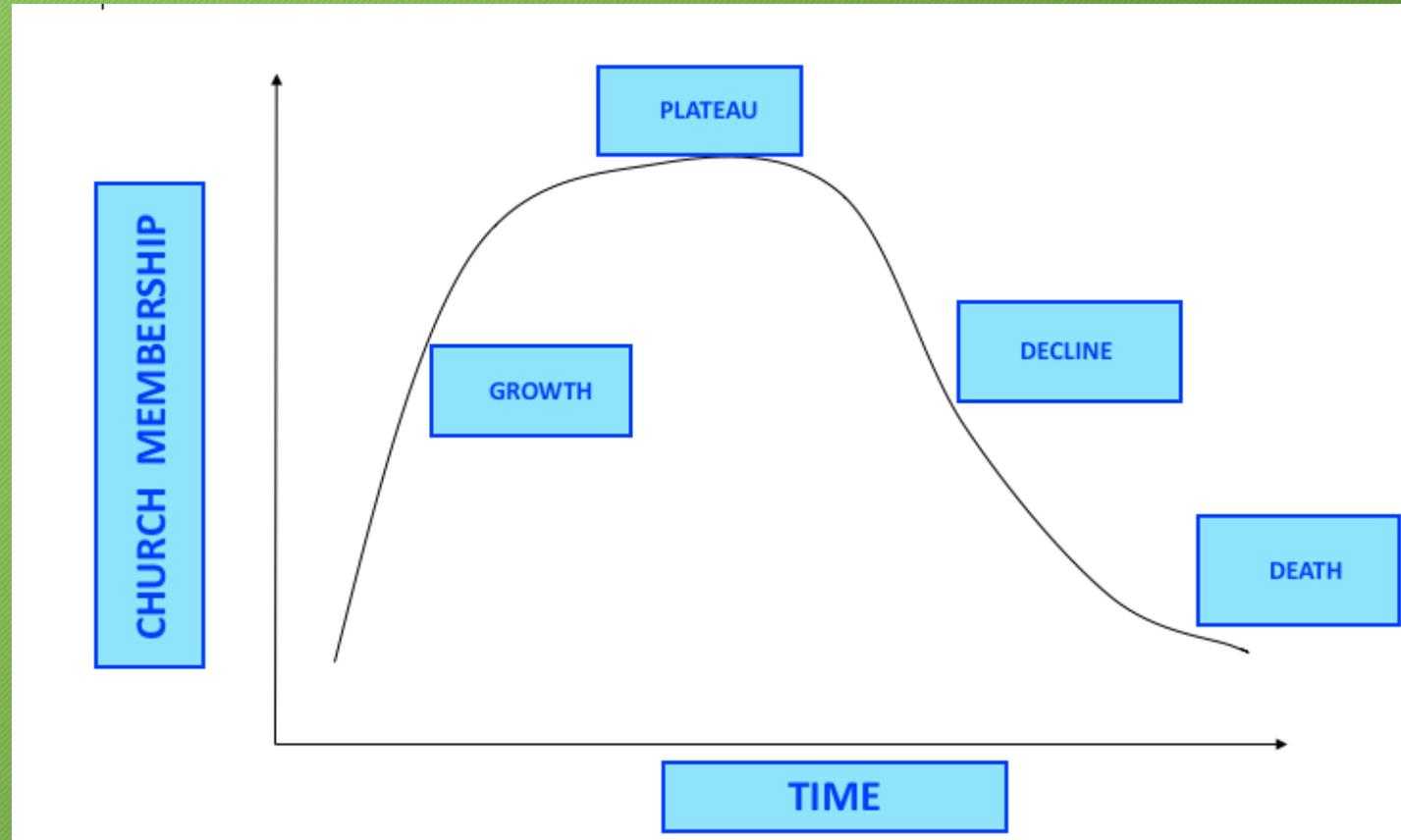
Different contexts of revitalisation

- 1) The region within Europe
- 2) The ecclesiastical tradition
- 3) Megapolis, city, town or rural area
- 4) The stage which the church is at

Different contexts of revitalisation

The stage the church is at

1. A church in danger of extinction (death)
2. A church in crisis (decline)
3. A stable church (plateau)



Revitalisation - a vision and a process

- A) Awareness of the need
- B) A revitalisation team
- C) Evaluation of the state of the church and clarification of its values
- D) Own the vision of a healthy church
 - ❖ the gathered and scattered church model
 - ❖ the spiritual, social and societal aspects of revitalisation
- E) Defining the process (the implementation)
- F) Communicating this process in such a way as to get people on board

Healthy church

- A gradual erosion > **a desire to grow**
- Living in the past (nostalgia) > **living in the present (contextualization) and living with the expectation (hope) of eternal glory**
- Refusing to live in today's world > **showing love to people (acceptance, practical help and evangelism)**
- Amnesia regarding the Great Commission > **being willing to bring the Gospel to the world**
- The church rarely prays together > **regular corporate prayer in the church**
- The church functions by routine > **creativity, innovative thinking, diversity**

