

# NETWORK MEETING #7

## *Samantalabin ang Bawat Pagkakataon*



### **I-TAP ANG KANYANG SIGLA**

**icebreaker** →

Sabihin mo ito nang sampung ulit at mabilis: Pitumpit pitong puting butong patani ...

### **Tulong-tulong tayo**

Talk with someone from a church that is strong in your church's Weakest Quality. Ano ang mapupulot mo?

# Learning | from One Another

## 1) Interdependence

Papaano nakakatulong ang Interdependence sa inyong iglesia?

## 2) Encouragement

Anu-ano ang encouraging developments sa inyong iglesia nitong buwang nakalipas?

## 3) Progress on accomplishing SMART goals

During this past month, what specific new progress have you made in reaching your goals to strengthen your Weakest Quality?

What percent of your goals has your church accomplished?

We have three more months to complete our goals.

CHURCH	PERCENT OF GOALS COMPLETED [last report]	PERCENT OF GOALS COMPLETED [to date]

## 4) Problems

Have you experienced any problems in implementing NCD that you would like to discuss with the whole group?

## 5) Pray for one another

## 6) Feedback

Kindly submit your Implementation Checklist for last month and **SMART** Goals Accomplishment Worksheet to your Network Facilitator at this time.

## Growth Force: Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon

Most churches are full of energy! These energies could be currently used in either positive or negative ways. Or there could be potential energy that isn't yet being used. Effective leaders make the most of positive energy and maximize its use. They also make wise adjustments so that negative energy is turned in the right direction to also strengthen the church's health. Potential energy will also be mobilized.

Any resistance is given special attention. Rather than fight against this negative energy, wisdom is used to redirect this resistance in a productive way. Whenever you experience resistance, this could be a sign that the principle "Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon" isn't yet being applied. You have probably already been using this principle to some extent, by intuition, without knowing the label for it.

### Illustrations

- **Surfing**  
Some swimmers and even boats are pounded and damaged by waves. Surfers use the energy of the waves to their advantage.
- **Segregating of basura**  
Basura can be a big problem. Meron ding yumaman sa basura. They use it for their advantage.
- **Solar heating**  
"Mainit," ang reklamo ng marami. At Lake Caliraya they use the sun's heat to provide warm showers. There is almost no heating cost.
- **Windmills**  
Kung minsan nakakasira ang hangin. Wind can also be used to generate electricity.



This principle "Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon" can also be used in your church! Tingnan po natin kung papaano.

## ■ Case study → Jesus Film

Nagdedevelop ng Extended Family evangelism ang God is Good Christian Fellowship. (This is praying for and sharing the gospel with family, relatives, neighbors, co-workers and friends. It's also sometimes called Friendship Evangelism, Oikos Evangelism or Webs of Relationships.) Ito ang idea ni Pastor. Kasisimula lang. Pero nagbubunga unti-unti.

Nagbakasyon si Charles Chairman (chairman of the church board) sa kanila sa Marinduque. Habang nandoon, nag-Jesus Film showing ang Campus Crusade. Ang daming umatend. Ang dami rin tumanggap sa Panginoon. Na-impress si Charles!

Umuwi sina Charles. Excited na excited na siya. Pinuntahan niya kaagad si Pastor.

"Alam ko na kung ano ang dapat nating gawin," sabi ni Charles kay Pastor. "Mag-Jesus Film tayo! Magaling 'yon! Maraming maliligtas. At mabilis pa. Mabagal itong Extended Family Evangelism. Pastor, Jesus Film na lang! Sagot ko lahat ng gastos. Ito ang kailangan natin!"

### Ano ang dapat gawin?

Kung ikaw ang pastor, at ang iyong strategy ay Extended Family Evangelism, anong gagawin mo? Discuss with the person next to you.

## Response ni Pastor Magmando

Talagang ayaw gamitin ang Jesus Film ni Pastor Magmando. Bilib na bilib siya sa Extended Family Evangelism. Kaya, 'yan lang talaga ang ginagawa niya. Ang nasa isip niya tungkol sa Jesus Film ay hindi ito bagay sa kanilang kalagayan. Sa palagay niya, puwedeng gamitin siguro sa baryo sa Marinduque, pero nasa middle class subdivision sila. Sa palagay niya, hindi maglalabasan ang mga tao sa gate nila para manood. At saka, sa palagay niya, maraming "tumatanggap" daw, pero hindi sila magpapatuloy. Pero ayaw niyang sabihin ang mga ito kay Charles. Ito lang ang sinabi niya:

"Salamat sa idea mo, Charles," sabi ni Pastor Magmando. "Pag-iisipan at pag-aaralan natin."

"O sige po, pastor," tumugon si Charles.

Hintay nang hintay si Charles. Pero hindi kumilos si Pastor Magmando. Talagang pinabayaan niya ang idea ni Charles tungkol sa Jesus Film. Nabigo si Charles. Pero ayaw niyang kulitin si Pastor Magmando.

Hindi ginamit ni Pastor Magmando ang idea, enthusiasm, energy at resources ni Charles. Sayang. Samantala, nabigo tuloy si Charles. Medyo sumama ang loob niya kay Pastor Magmando.

## Response ni Pastor Magengganyo

"Magaling! Salamat sa Panginoon! Napakaganda ng idea mo, Charles! Buti't nakita mo 'yan."

"Maganda ang nangyari sa baryo sa Marinduque. Pero nandito tayo sa middle class subdivision sa city. Ano kaya ang puwede natin gawin para lumabas ang mga tagarito sa kanilang gate para manood?" tanong ni Pastor Magengganyo.

"Oo, nga, ano?" sumagot si Charles. "Paano kaya? Wala akong idea."

"Puwede kayang gamitin natin ang Jesus Film sa VCD?" minungkahi ni Pastor Magengganyo. "Ipapalabas natin sa loob ng mga bahay."

"Yooooooooooooon! Maganda 'yan!" tumugon si Charles. "Bahala ako, Pastor. Ako ang sasagot sa mga VCDs. Mga originals pa. VCD players pa."

"Maraming salamat, Charles!" sabi ni Pastor Magengganyo.

"Alam mo, Charles, gumagawa tayo ng Extended Family Evangelism. Ano kaya kung ialok natin sa ating mga Extended Family na ipalabas ang Jesus Film VCD sa bahay nila?" sabi ni Pastor Magengganyo.

"Lalong maganda," tugon si Charles. "Napakagandang ideal!"

Talagang maparaan si Pastor Magengganyo.

## Interaction

How did Pastor Magengganyo use the Growth Force "Samantalain ang Bawat Pagkakataon?" How did Pastor Magmando ignore this principle?

## ■ Case study → Reklamador

Maraming pamilya sa Barangay Barrio Fiesta. Para magkaroon ng Need-meeting Evangelism, nagdaos ang God is Good Christian Fellowship ng Pre-natal Care Class for pregnant mothers. Maraming dumating! Napakalaking tulong daw. Marami ring tumanggap sa Panginoon.

Pagkalipas ng dalawang buwan, pinansin nang mabuti ni Roger Reklamo kung ano ang talagang bunga.

“Pastor, walang umatend sa church galing sa Pre-natal Care Class, kahit isang tao,” sabi ni Roger Reklamo. “Sayang! Dapat ayusin ito!”

Dahil walang bunga, sinubukan nila ang Family Fitness Center. Meron silang aerobics, weightlifting, badminton and basketball. Binigyan ang lahat ng dumating ng tract. Maraming dumating!

Pinansin na naman ni Roger Reklamo kung ano ang bunga sa church.

“Pastor, malaki ang kulang sa Family Fitness Center. Ginagamit lang ng tao ang ating church. Walang naliligtas, e. Walang kabunga-bunga sa church,” sabi ni Roger Reklamo.

### Ano ang dapat gawin?

Kung ikaw ang pastor, ano’ng gagawin mo kay Roger? Discuss with the person next to you.

### Response ni Pastor Pabaya

“OK lang Roger. Don’t worry about that. Aayusin natin ‘yan. Pag-aaralan natin nang mabuti. Just leave it up to me Roger. I’ll take care of everything. Just be patient. It will all be OK.”

Hintay nang hintay si Roger. Walang ginawa si Pastor. Bawat makita niya sa Family Fitness Center, umiinit pa ang dugo niya. Naiinis tuloy si Roger, lalo kapag nakikita niya si Pastor Pabaya. Baka pumutok siya!

## Response ni Pastor Pagkakataon

"Maraming salamat, Roger, sa inyong mahalagang observations. Maganda ang mga insights mo. Meron ba kayong idea kung ano ang puwede natin gawin?" tanong ni Pastor Pagkakataon.

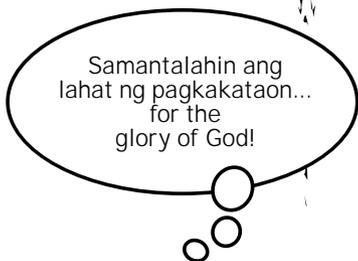
"Follow-up ang kailangan natin, Pastor. Dapat may follow-up kaagad," sabi ni Roger.

"Napakaganda ng idea mo, Roger! Posible kayang makatulong ka sa ganitong gawain?" tanong ni Pastor Pagkakataon.

"Puwedeng-puwede po, Pastor," sagot ni Roger, na may galak!

Nag-organize si Roger ng follow-up team. Dinalaw nila ang bawat bisita sa Family Fitness Center within 24 hours. Nag-alok sila ng Outreach Bible Study sa mga interesado. Maraming nabuksan! Maraming tumanggap. At maraming nadala sa church. Meron din ibang nag-aalangan sa church. Para sa kanila, nagplant sila ng bagong daughter church! Nanguna si Roger sa lahat. Hindi na siya nagreklamo.

Talagang marunong gumamit si Pastor Pagkakataon ng lahat ng mga opportunities.



Samantalahin ang lahat ng pagkakataon... for the glory of God!

### Interaction

How did Pastor Pagkakataon use the Growth Force "Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon?" How did Pastor Pabaya ignore this principle?

Using this principle does not mean always giving in to every desire of every member. What it does mean is that we are aware of all energies and resources within the church, and we skillfully direct them in a productive way.

### Interaction

What actual examples can you think of in your church where this principle...

- has been used (in the past)?
- could have been used, but wasn't (in the past)?
- could be used now (with a current situation)?

### Sharing

Share with the other teams the best example you identified from your church where this principle was used, could have been used or will be used. 3 min. maximum per church.

## Biblical illustrations

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Luke 22:24-26 – “A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them ... But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be ... like the one who serves.’ ”

**How did Jesus take this wrong motive of the disciples and turn it into a teaching opportunity?**

Acts 17:17-23 – “While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols ... they said to him, ‘May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?’ ... ‘Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious ... I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.’ ”

**How did Paul use idolatry as an opportunity to preach the gospel?**

In 1 Sam. 17:51 David used the sword of Goliath to cut off Goliath’s head. He used even his enemy’s weapon for his own advantage!

**What other biblical examples can you think of that teach the principle “Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon?”**

## Church multiplication

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- 1) Is your church multiplying churches? If so, how can you use this to the full advantage in contributing to the health of your church?
- 2) If your church is not yet multiplying, what are some current situations or developments in your church that you could use to impart the vision for multiplication and make plans to plant a daughter church? How might this provide an advantage to your church’s health?

## Key question

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How can we focus all current circumstances and resources in our church, both positive and negative, to improve our church’s health?

## **ACTION PLAN UPANG SAMANTALAHIN ANG BAWAT PAGKAKATAON**

Sige na. Subukan na. Use “Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon” to strengthen the health of your church. Try to keep moving in your discussion and planning. Your Facilitator will try and help guide you to keep making progress in your discussion.

### **1) Prayer**

Begin by praying with your Implementation Team. Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and the ability to think hard and creatively.

### **2) Utilize enthusiastic members (Positive energy)**

Who are some members that are enthusiastic about your church’s health and working on your Weakest Quality at this point? How can you make the most of their energy?

### **3) Re-direct negative members (Negative energy)**

What resistance are you experiencing to your goals (or other ministries in your church)? Sino ang pumipigil? This resistance might be clearly expressed. Or it could also be seen by intentionally being uninvolved. This is passive resistance. Why is there resistance? What goals do you actually agree on with those who are resistant? Without compromising your values, how might these opposing forces be wisely turned and used positively for the health of your church?

### **4) Mobilize those with potential (Potential energy)**

Which members have potential to make a greater contribution to the health of your church than what they are currently contributing? How could you make the most of their potential?

### **5) Use your strongest quality**

Of the 8 qualities, which is your strongest? What are some additional ways you could use this resource to strengthen the health of your church?

### **6) Other strong qualities**

For which of the 8 qualities does your church have a score of over 50? What are some additional ways you could use these strengths to help your church develop even greater health?

**7) Identify other opportunities**

What other energies (positive or negative), that haven't been mentioned yet, are at work in the church? How could these energies be used in even greater ways to improve the church's health?

**8) The resource of prayer**

How could prayer be used in a greater way to strengthen the health of your church?

**9) Summary action planning**

Based on all that you have discussed, what specific steps will your Implementation Team take to use this principle to bring greater health to your church?

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**10) Reports**

Share your summary action plan, describing how you will implement the principle "Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon." 3 min. maximum.

**11) Benefits**

How do you think your church will benefit by consistently using the principle "Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon"?

**12) Prayer**

If you didn't have enough time to plan how you will use this valuable Growth Force in your church, come back to this planning guide at your next Implementation Team meeting.

Source: *Natural Church Development*, pgs. 70-71, *Color Your World with NCD* pgs. 96-97.

## Accountability for Personal Development

Meet now with the group of three that you met with last month when we discussed our personal application of Passionate Spirituality.

### Personal development in Passionate Spirituality

- 1) Ano ang pinakamahinang aspeto ng iyong spiritual passion? Word-based, world-focused or Spirit-directed?
- 2) What was the action step that you planned last month to strengthen your weakness?
- 3) Kumusta ang progress mo nitong buwang nakalipas?
- 4) Ano pa ang progress na gusto mo sanang makita sa buhay mo?



## Personal Development in Structure Structure Your Life for Greater Effectiveness



Let's look at the big picture of the focus of our lives. In which area is your life mainly focused: upward (worship), inward (edifying the church), or outward (evangelism and ministering to the world)?

## UPWARD FOCUS

We meet regularly with our fellow believers for joint worship. Kailangan din ang tanging oras ng personal worship araw-araw. We also worship the Lord at all times, as a lifestyle. The things we do in each of these areas should effectively lead us to genuine worship that connects us with God.

## INWARD FOCUS

God receives glory in the church (Eph. 3:21). We focus our lives on building the church, seeing it move to greater maturity (Eph. 4:16). We serve so that church members are effectively edified. Our church involvement must also help us to effectively be edified personally.

## OUTWARD FOCUS

We also need a continual focus on those outside: our neighbors, the world around us, all the way to the nations. We need to spend time with unbelievers, strengthen our friendships with them, and share the gospel with them. Through missions, we can help in various ways to reach the world, even those of other cultures.

### Effectiveness

We need to not only be active in these three areas. Our activities must be effective.

### Your strength

In which focus are you currently experiencing the triune God most at work in and through you? **Upward focus**, **Inward focus** or **Outward focus**?

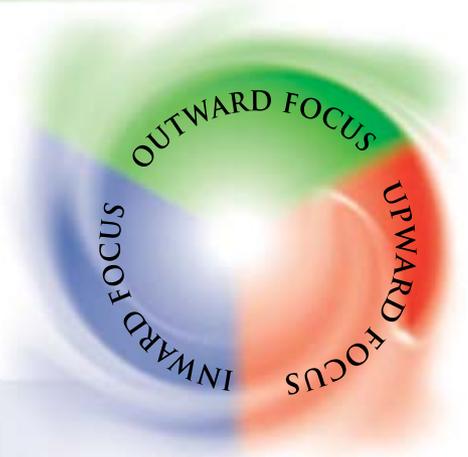
### Form groups of three

Each member in your group must be experiencing God most in a different focus. Try to group with those who are not from your church.

You will probably not be strong in the same color in all of the 8 qualities. Your strength in structures may not correspond to your strong color in the Color Your Life survey that we did in meeting #2. Your group of three now may be different than your regular Three Colors Group.

### Share about your strength

How are you experiencing God working in and through you in your strongest focus?



**Weakness mo**

In which focus are you least experiencing God at work in and through you? Upward, inward or outward?

**Pinakamahalagang bahagi**

Alin ang pinakamahalagang focus na dapat natin palakasin? Upward, inward or outward?

**Overwhelming!**

Evaluating our lives in these three areas can be overwhelming. Malalaking areas kasi. Don't be discouraged. We all have many shortcomings. What's important is to identify the focus where you are least effective. Then, take a step, kahit maliit lang muna, upang palakasin ang focus na ito. Maganda 'yan.

**ACTION PLAN FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

What is one specific step you could take this month to strengthen the focus where you are experiencing God working in and through you the least? Kindly be very specific. As you do this you will strengthen your relationship with the triune God. You might want to ask for suggestions from the person in your group that is strong where you are weak.

**Prayer**

Pray for the one on your right. Manalangin ng sunod-sunod sa halip na sabay-sabay.

**Maghanda**

Makakatulong ba kung magbabahagi tayo sa grupo, sa susunod na network miting, tungkol sa ating progress?

**Use the tool**

You may want to use this simple tool to help others to structure their lives so that they also will strengthen their relationship with the triune God.

Adapted from *Color Your World with Natural Church Development* by Christian A. Schwarz, pgs. 112-113.

## Multiply Your Network

### 1) Churches

Are there churches in other Ministerial Fellowships that you think would benefit from NCD? Or other districts in your denomination? You can talk to these churches now. We can try and provide Facilitators for those who are interested and start new networks for them. This will be more helpful to them than having them join our network in the second cycle. Our second cycle network will be fast paced dahil marunong na tayo. Hindi sila makakahabol.

### 2) Facilitators

Those who complete this network could serve as Facilitators in new networks. They can also work on their new Weakest Quality in their church, sabay-sabay with the new churches. Hindi kailangang mag-isa bilang Network Facilitator. Puwedeng magtulungan ang inyong buong Implementation Team sa pagf facilitate. Which Implementation Teams from our network could lead a new network?

### 3) Network Facilitator training

We can schedule a time to train Implementation Team members from our network who are interested in becoming Network Facilitators for new networks.

### 4) Planning

We will talk more about multiplying our network at upcoming network meetings.

## Implementation Team meeting

Your Implementation Team needs to meet within one week from today to continue to plan how you will use the Growth Force “Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon” to work on accomplishing your goals to strengthen your Weakest Quality. Set the details for your meeting now:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Venue:** \_\_\_\_\_

# SMART GOALS ACCOMPLISHMENT WORKSHEET

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Weakest Quality: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

 CHECK WHEN ACCOMPLISHED	GOAL	PROGRESS MADE THIS PAST MONTH	% COMPLETE
	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		
	6.		

Overall percent of goals completed: \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST FOR MEETING #7

Use the checklist below to monitor your progress this month. ✓ Check the box when the corresponding item is completed. We hope to complete all of the items below by: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Our Implementation Team has met.
- 2. We have begun using the Growth Force “Samantalahin ang Bawat Pagkakataon” in our church.
- 3. Our team members have completed their action step to structure their life for greater effectiveness.
- 4. We are also continuing to use the Growth Force “Interdependence.”
- 5. We have communicated prayer needs.
- 6. We have made progress on our goals to strengthen our Weakest Quality. We have recorded this progress on the “SMART Goals Accomplishment Worksheet”.
- 7. We have photocopied this checklist and our SMART Goals Accomplishment Worksheet. We are prepared to submit this to our Network Facilitator at our next network meeting.

**How could your Network Facilitator help you?**

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**How can your Network Facilitator pray for you?**

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**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Implementation Team Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_