



CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT VENTURE

OVERVIEW OF THE 'VENTURE' BEFORE US

God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

WHY?



JESUS MOVEMENT OF 2017 VS CHURCH OF 1960's

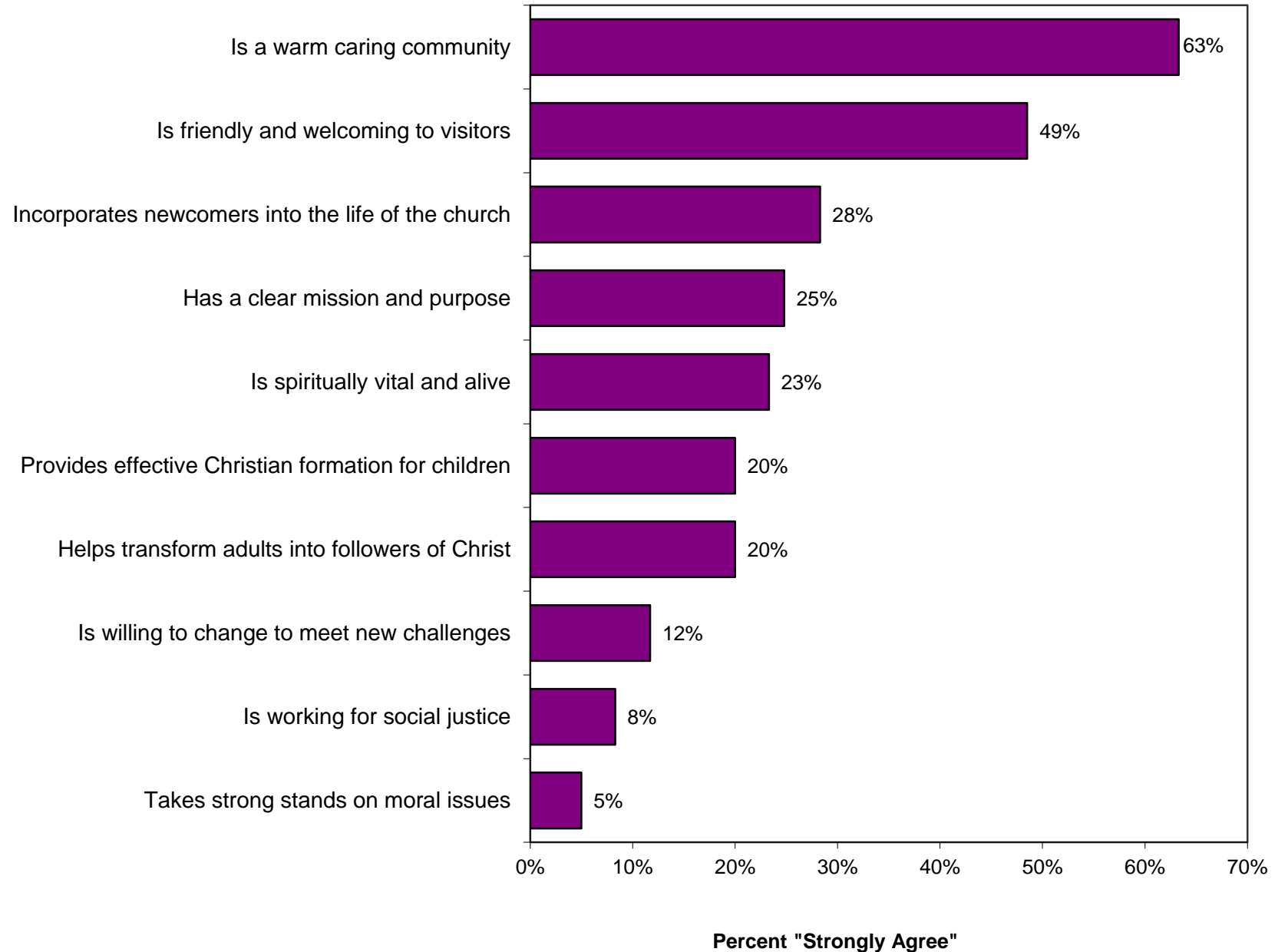


WHY? IT IS A COMPLICATED TIME.....

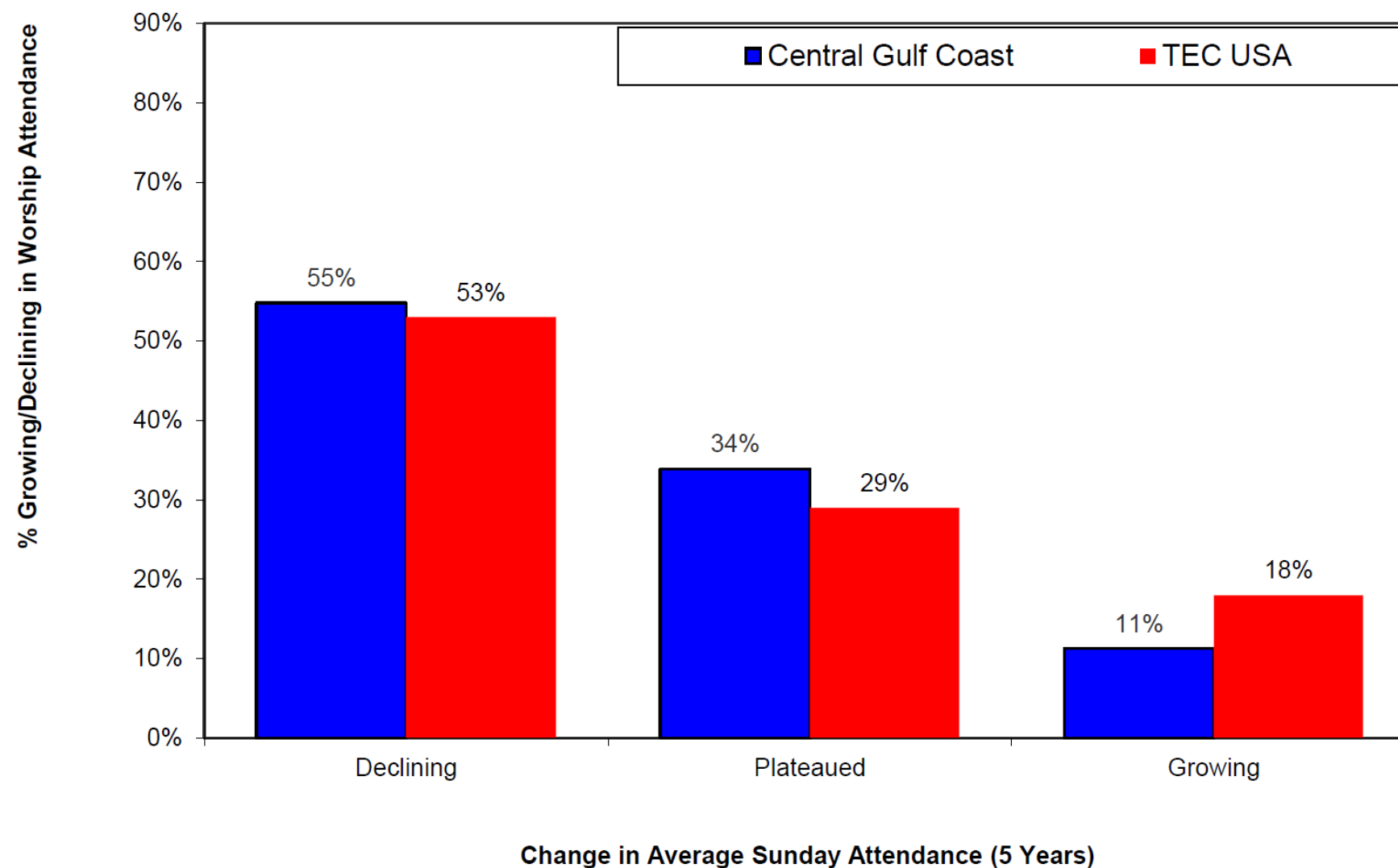
- 5 generations living at the same time
- Digital natives and digital aliens
- Nones, dones, & reruns----spiritual vs. religion---atheists & apatheists

Why? CGC reality

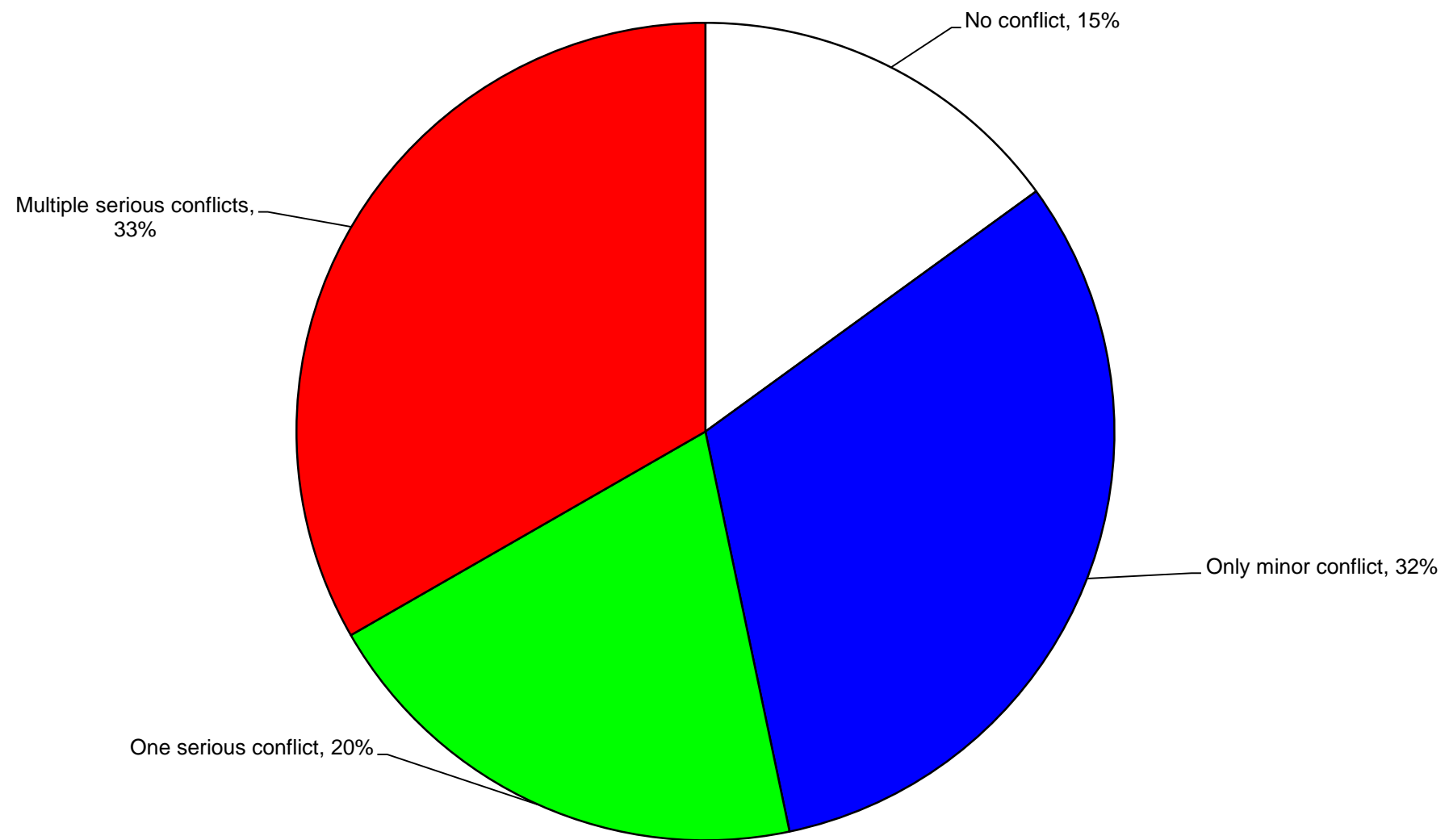
Congregational Characteristics



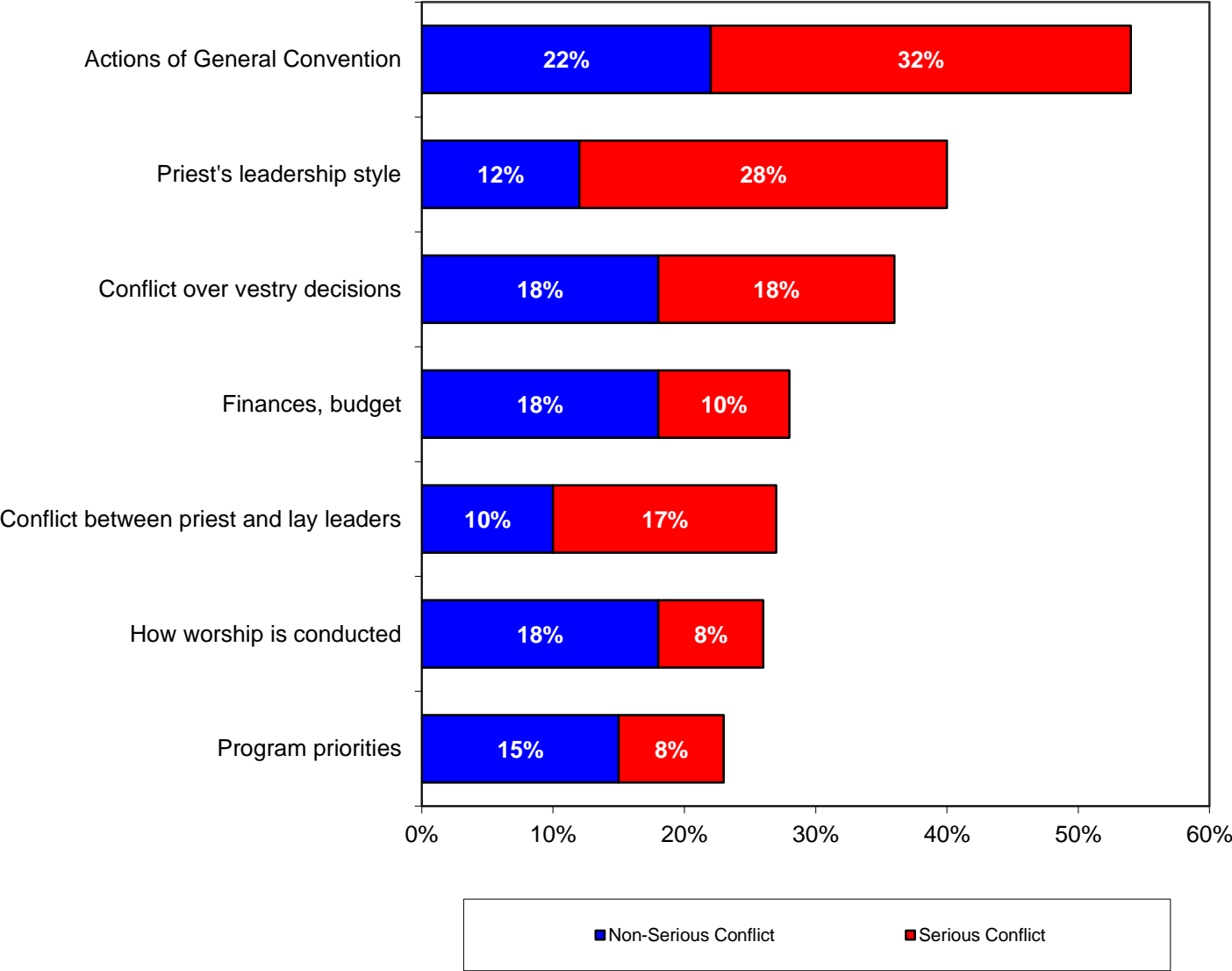
Percentage of Churches Growing and Declining by in CGC and Episcopal Church



Conflict in Central Gulf Coast Congregations Over Last Four Years



Sources of Conflict in Central Gulf Coast Congregations in Last Four Years



WHY?

- Purpose of the Episcopacy: to offer the resources, tools and support to our congregations that foster them to be vital and viable places for **the transformation of people and moving into the kingdom of God.**
- One fundamental aspect to vitality is LEADERSHIP
- In the church, leadership is a collaborative partnership between clergy and laity.

WHAT IS A LEADER?

Name a leader whom you respect?

What is one trait that makes this person a leader?

THE PATH BEHIND US....IS IMPORTANT

Janet Foote

Barry Crowe

Sally Crenshaw

John Withrock

Phyllis Findley

Margaret Shepard



Definition of VENTURE

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intransitive verb

: to proceed especially in the face of danger

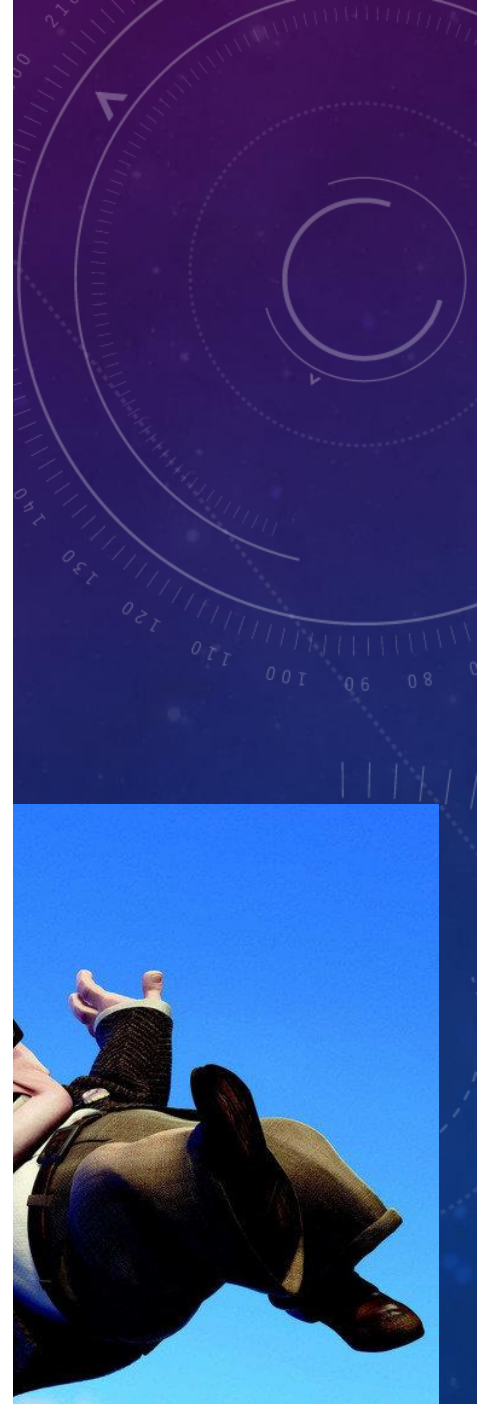
transitive verb

- 1 : to expose to hazard : **RISK, GAMBLE** • *ventured* a buck or two on the race
- 2 : to undertake the risks and dangers of : **BRAVE** • *ventured* the stormy sea
- 3 : to offer at the risk of rebuff, rejection, or censure • *venture* an opinion

—venturer 🔊 \ˈven(t)-sh(ə-)rər\ *noun*

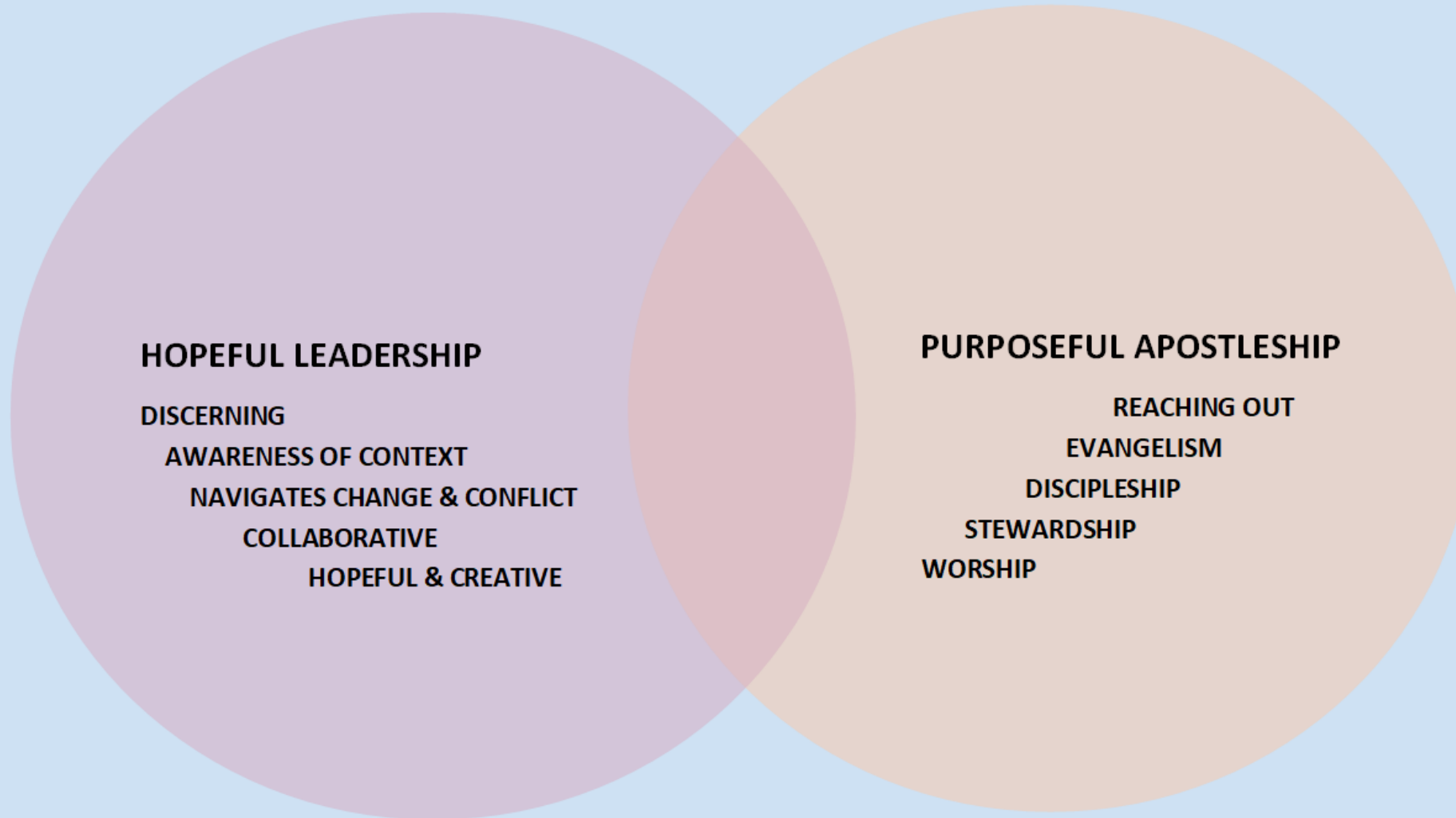
NEW! Time Traveler

First Known Use: 15th century



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

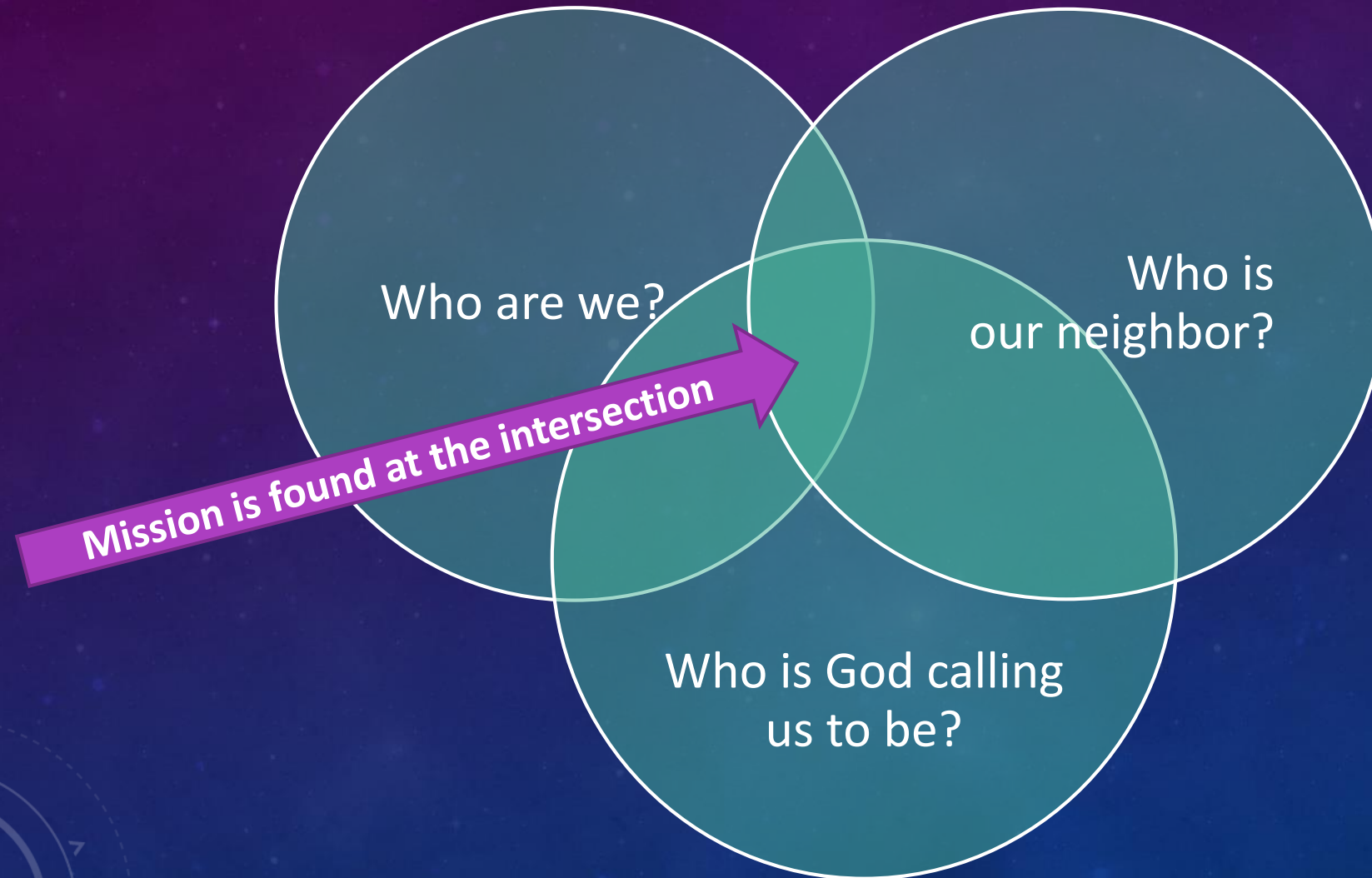
MARKS OF VITALITY



THE HOPEFUL LEADERSHIP THAT WE SEEK TO DISCUSS

- **Know who you are = Systems Theory**
- **Know who your neighbor is = Missional Engagement**
- **Collaborative communication = Fierce Conversation**
- **Change & conflict**
- **Prophetic**
- **Willing to be Vulnerable**
- **Hopeful**
- **Prayerful**

HOPEFUL LEADERSHIP



WILL THIS BE HELPFUL?

Yes....as long as you realize....



- This is not a formula or holy grail....it is a Celtic journey
- Not about fixing as it is a way to diagnose your condition
- It will involve “naming the reality” =truth telling = prophetic

THIS IS ABOUT TRANSFORMATION MORE THAN HELP

**4 steps needed to affect
change/transformation**

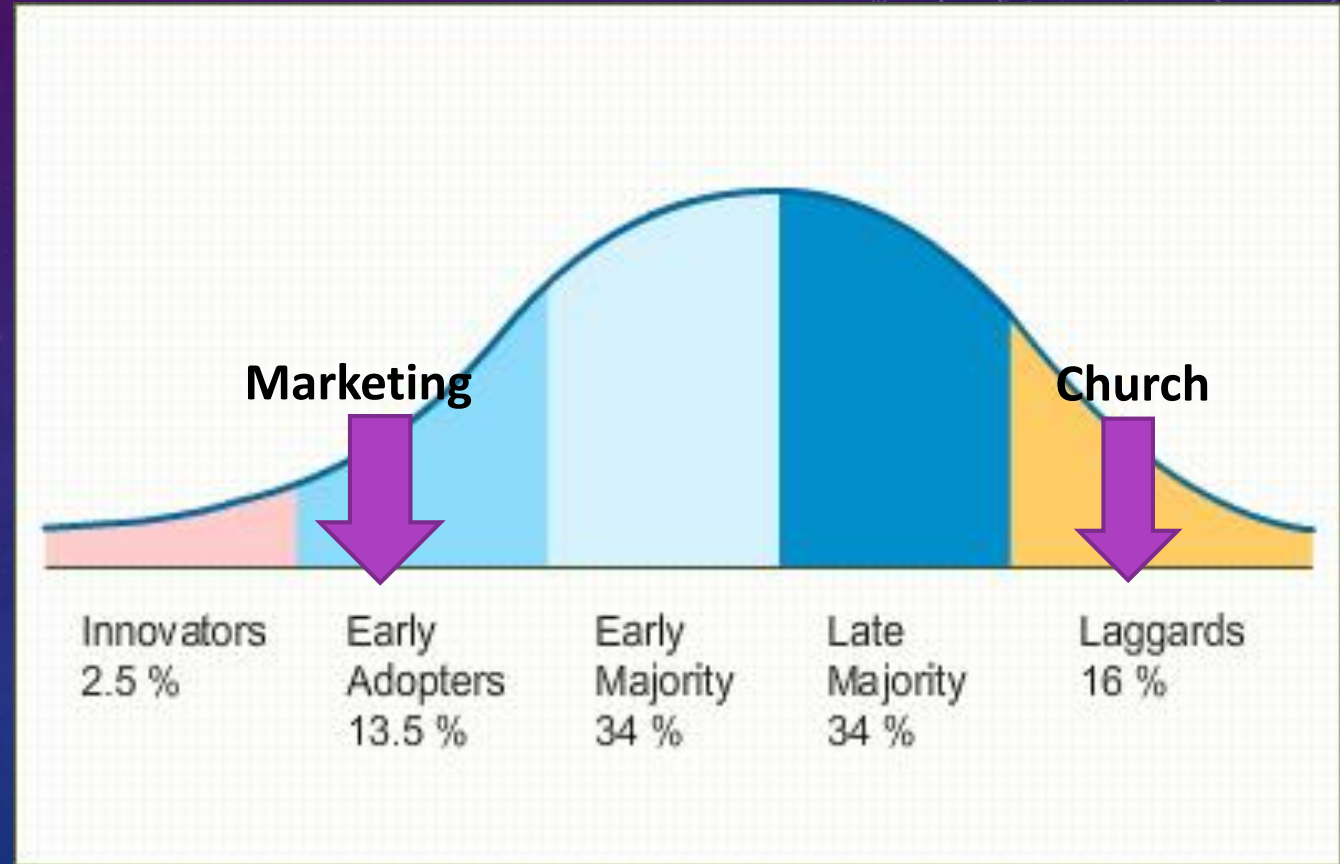
- 1. Get proximate = be curious**
- 2. Change the narrative = be creative**
- 3. Do something uncomfortable = be courageous**
- 4. Be hopeful**

WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR CHURCH FOLK TO CHANGE?

Fear of loss

**We want chapels more than
we want churches**

**We wait on people that will
never change**



PRINCIPLES IN THE DESIGN OF CEV

1. Peer to peer = learn better in community
2. Praxis = Take it home & try it
3. Appropriated to your context
4. Prayer=put something in your weekly prayers
5. Accountability = Team approach
6. Process = This is not a C & E event
7. Flexibility = a venture means we are open to changing direction

FOR SATURDAY PM....HOW WILL YOU USE WHAT YOU LEARN?

- **‘Stops’ and ‘starts’ changes you might want to make?**
- **How will you communicate the information?**
- **Doing the homework**
- **Don’t put it away until the next meeting---appoint someone to be your shepherd.**

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