

Capacity Development of Future Adventist Leadership: Exploiting the Genesis' Systems and Project Thinking Model.

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Abstract

As the end-time draws closer, the need and urgency for the church to accelerate evangelism also increases thereby requiring more and better trained 'vineyard' labourers. Whereas it is rational not to change a 'winning team', the team can be better and more properly skilled to improve performance and do so in a sustainable manner. The above reasoning becomes even more compelling in view of, among others, the current "I Will Go" campaign, which calls for a more deliberate, personalized, strategic and holistic approach to the Gospel commission in a world that is increasingly socially complex. The understanding of this paper is that in order to reach the set goals of the gospel mission, all leaders must deploy their talents and capacities at whatever level and within the context(s) they serve, individually and corporately. It is against the above referenced need for human capacity development targeted at a better, more structured and sustainable performance that this paper explores the immense potential of the systems and project model in the book of Genesis in, and for, our church institutions and organizations to deliver on their respective mandates.

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