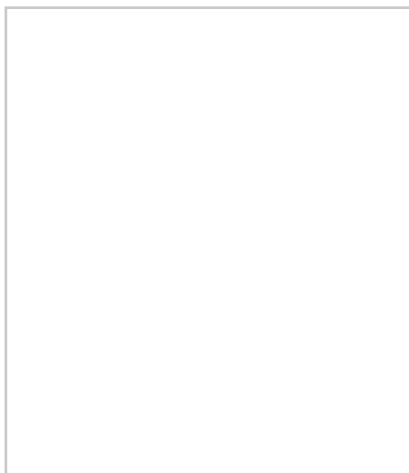


How to Bring Life to Dying Churches: A Polish Perspective on Church Revitalisation

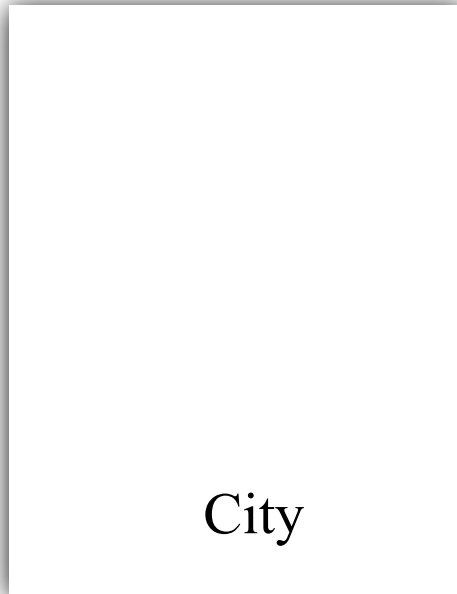
Throughout Europe there are many great pastors who are struggling to see the churches they lead grow, not just in numbers, but also in health. Over the years we have seen many churches in Poland attempt to implement programs that were designed to help their churches grow, but they have left pastors frustrated and skeptical toward “easy church growth methods”. The truth is, church health and growth is never easy. In Poland, we are seeing an incredible shift as we help train pastors and church leaders in effective discipleship methods that are beginning to revitalise many of these struggling churches.

Andrzej Bajęński serves as the head of the Church of Christ in Poland and oversees 40 churches and multiple fellowships on their way to formalizing into new churches. Under his pastoral leadership, Puławska Church of Warsaw grew to become the largest evangelical church in Poland. Puławska was the first to go multi-site and has since multiplied churches throughout the greater Warsaw area. Just over 12 years ago, Andrzej transitioned the leadership of Puławska Church to his assistant pastors so that his time could be spent helping revitalize struggling churches throughout Poland, developing church leadership, and planting new churches. He created ProEcclesia: Center for Church Development which is paving the way for a movement of discipleship and church planting. Andrzej lives in Warsaw, Poland with his wife Urszula. He and Urszula have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

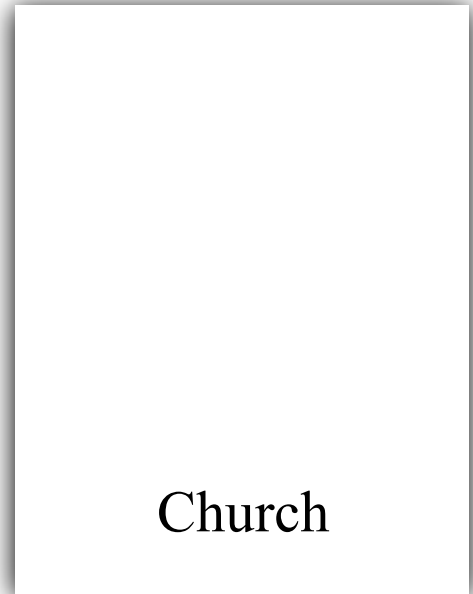
The Church in Poland - Three Pictures



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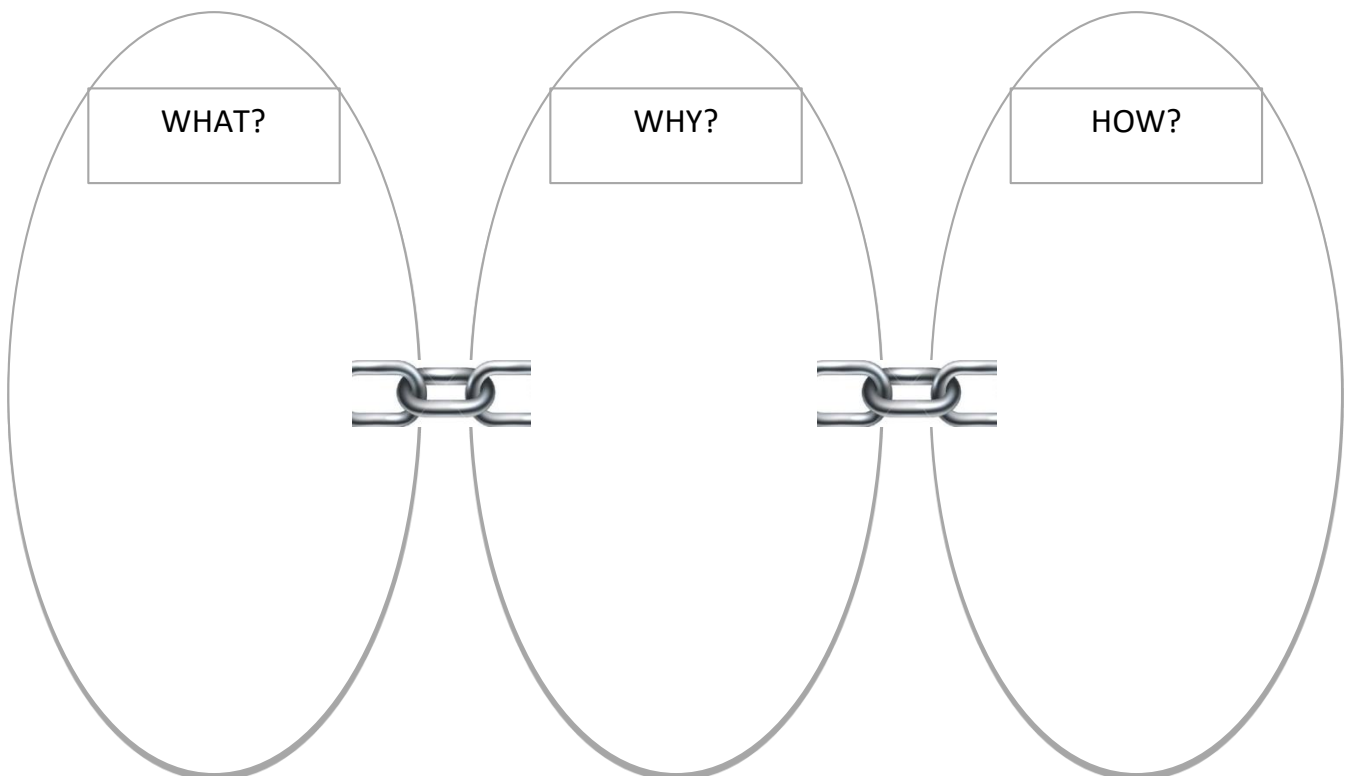
Notes:

II Five responsibilities/goals of the church in the process of health and development

Worship---Fellowship---Discipleship---Ministry---Evangelism



III Discipleship - The missing link in church health and leadership development



IV. The Light and Dark sides of Discipleship.

The struggle for balance and keeping discipleship in the right place of the local church.

Recommended Reading:

- *Insourcing* - Randy Pope
- *Ignition Guide* - Perimeter Church, Johns Creek, GA
- *The Radical Disciple* - John Stott
- *Natural Church Development* – Christian A. Schwartz