Be Fruitful and Multiply:
Principles of Multiplication

Church history shows the many strategies adopted by church movement pioneers as they look to transition from the first generation of leadership to the next. Some appoint a leadership successor or hand leadership over to a team convened for the purpose, some form a new denomination, while some simply keep going without any strategic consideration for the future. In 2011 Terry Virgo, who had pioneered and led the Newfrontiers movement to that point, commissioned those that he recognised as his spiritual sons to begin to form their own networks of churches. He effectively multiplied the one network led by him, to multiple networks of churches led by men now recognised as network leaders in their own right. These networks were to be autonomous, yet somehow remain collaborative and interdependent. Such radical intentional decentralisation is very bold and some might consider perilous to the future of the movement. It is an uncommon strategy and this session explores whether multiplying autonomous network leaders can be considered an effective church movement succession strategy.

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I.   Newfrontiers

    A. Short history and introduction

    B. Second generation succession (1 and 2 Timothy, Titus)

    C. Transition timing

II. Critical elements of movement succession

    A. Multiplied centres of authority (Ephesians 4: 11)

    B. Recognising anointed network leadership

1. Network values (2 Timothy 1: 13)

2. Spiritual life (Romans 1: 11)

3. Fatherly care (Ephesians 3: 14 - 21)

4. Regions beyond (2 Corinthians 10: 15 – 16)

C. Commitment to shared mission (2 Corinthians 10: 15)

D. Commitment to shared core values (2 Timothy 2: 2)

E. A culture of relationships (Acts 20: 13 – 37)

III.   Have these critical elements proved effective?