

## Natural Church Development at Christ Church Deer Park

Natural Church Development (NCD) is a process by which a parish can assess the quality and health of its church experience and identify opportunities for growth and development. The ultimate objective of NCD is to guide churches through a long-term process of reflection and growth by focusing on the quality of the church experience.

At CCDP, we have been engaged with NCD since the fall of 2015. Based on the results of our initial NCD survey, taken in November 2015, we have been working throughout 2016 to identify opportunities to develop and enhance our least well-developed quality characteristic – Passionate spirituality. Some of the initiatives undertaken over the course of the year, with the goal of assisting in the development of Passionate spirituality, include a workshop for parishioners looking for guidance and support in how to pray and intentional Gospel preaching of the New Testament highlighting personal experiences with Jesus.

A group of parishioners took our second NCD survey in December 2016 and the results of this survey reflected an across-the-board increase in the presence of each of the eight NCD quality characteristics in our church experience. **Particularly gratifying were the significant increases in the scores for our least well-developed characteristics – our Passionate spirituality score improved over 13% and our Need-oriented evangelism scored improved nearly 9%. On average, the results of the second survey reflected a 9.5% increase in the scores for all quality characteristics relative to the November 2015 survey.**

For 2017, our Minimum Factor – our least well-developed characteristic – remains Passionate spirituality. Going forward, the NCD working group will continue to work to identify opportunities for growth and development around Passionate spirituality and engage the parish in soliciting ideas and reporting on outcomes.

More information on NCD may be found at [www.ncd-canada.com](http://www.ncd-canada.com)



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**The progress and current church life tendency of...**

**Christ Church Deer Park**

**December-2016**

*Comes more naturally to us*

- 1 **Service**
- 2 **Fellowship**
- 3 **Faith**

*Does not come as naturally to us*

Our current church life tendency 

Our previous survey church life tendency 

A balanced church 



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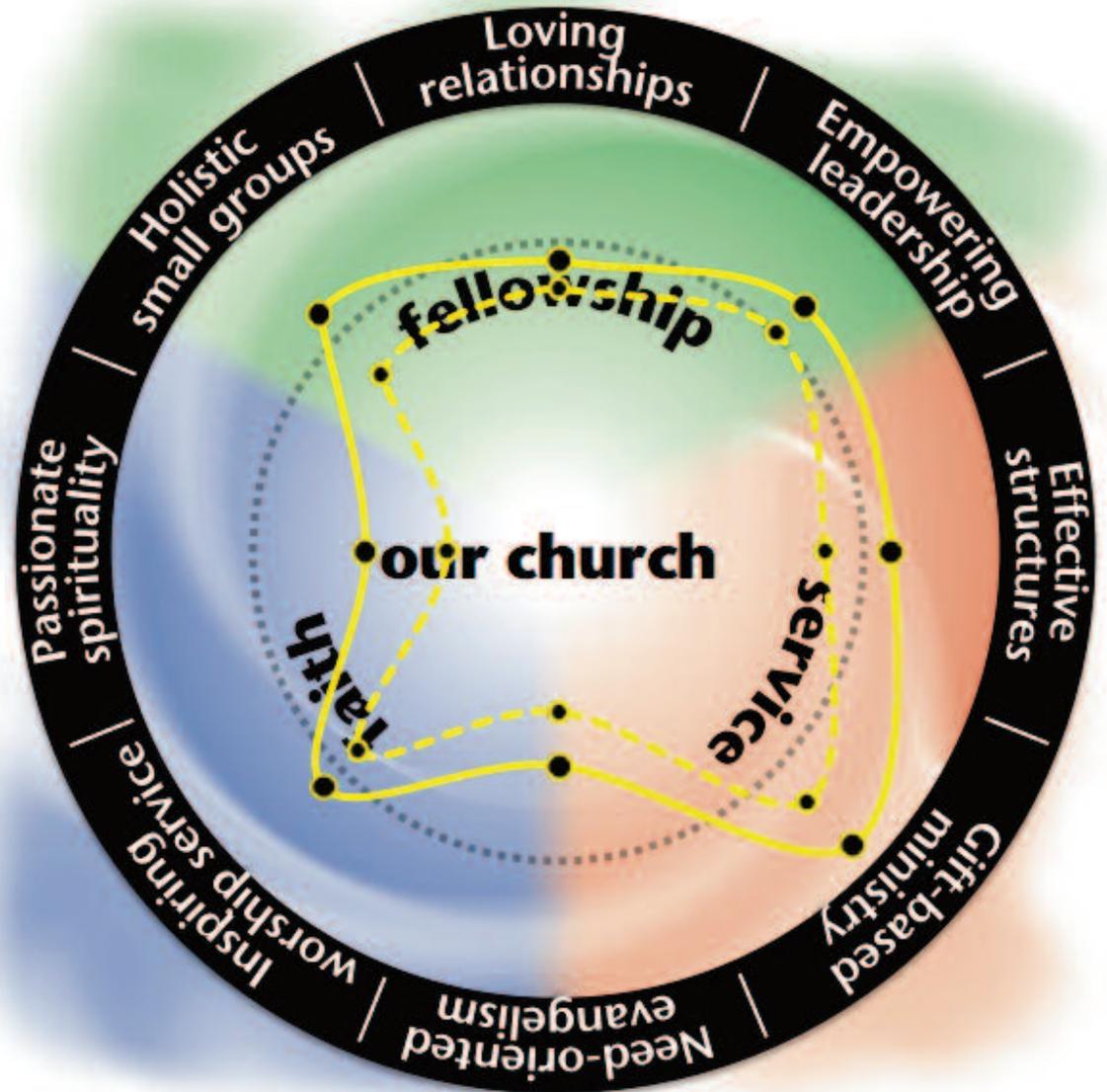
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*Comes more naturally to us*

- 1 Gift-based ministry
- 2 Empowering leadership
- 3 Holistic small groups
- 4 Effective structures
- 5 Inspiring worship service
- 6 Loving relationships
- 7 Need-oriented evangelism
- 8 Passionate spirituality

*Does not come as naturally to us*

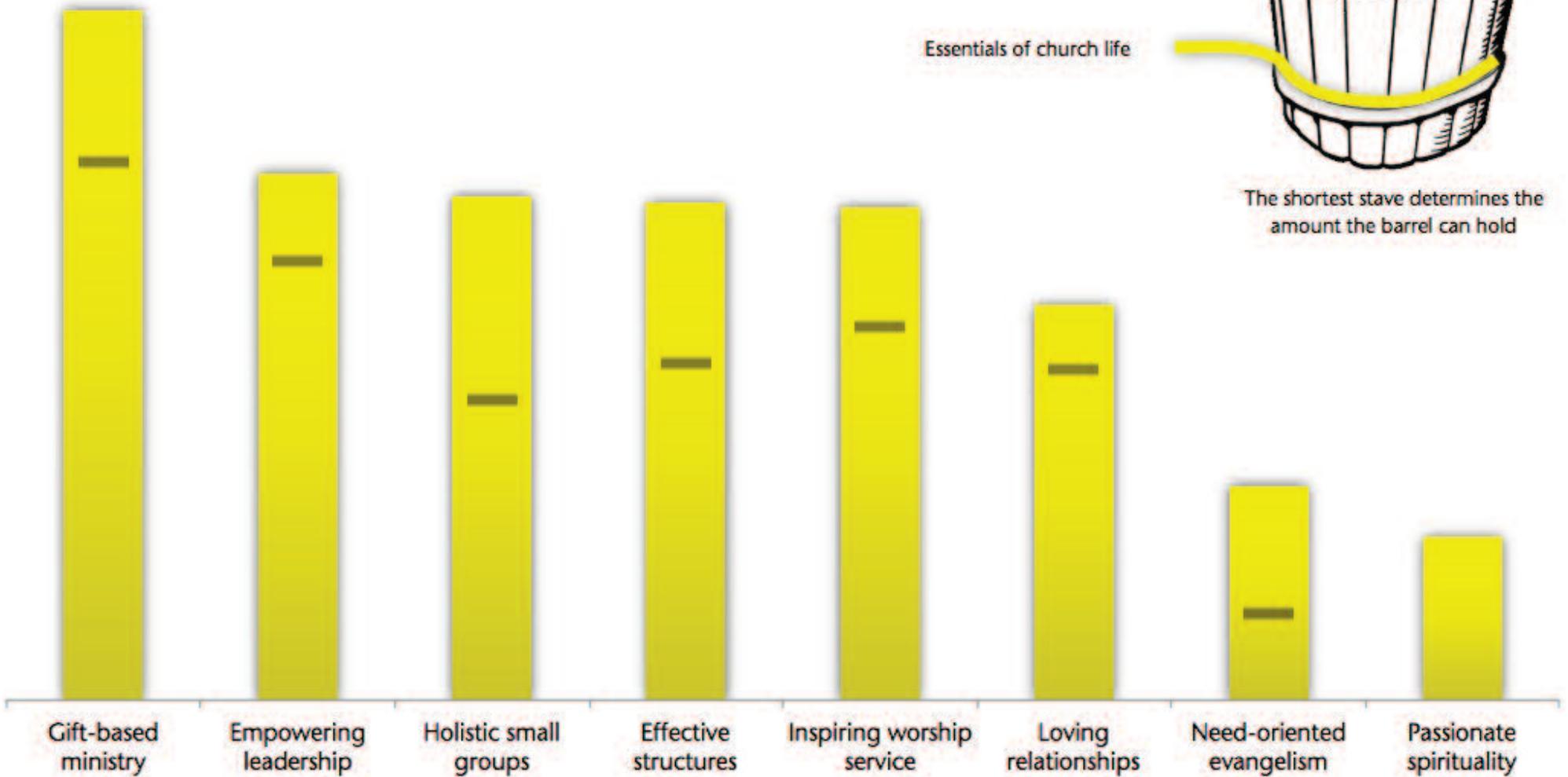
- Our current quality characteristic tendencies 
- Our previous quality characteristic tendencies 
- Our current quality characteristic average 





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■ Current Level  
— Previous Level



"Service attendance"

"Our Minimum Factor"

Essentials of church life



The shortest stave determines the amount the barrel can hold