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ABSTRACT

The unique role of the pastor as spiritual leader is to equip people to do the ministry they've been called to do; that is, pastors offer training, encouragement, and a framework of support through which the ministry of all God's people can be accomplished. They function out of a ministry model that primarily includes spiritual formation, the articulation of vision, and clarity about the primary task.

Therefore, the role of the pastor in the development and growth of the church cannot be over emphasized, it is against this background that this work is conducted in order to find out the effect of the pastors role on the growth of the local church.

The research was conducted by sampling opinions of pastors and church leaders through the questionnaire method , from their response it was found out that the role o of the pastor has significant impact on the growth of the church both numerically and spiritually.

From this result it is concluded that the pastors should be informed that attention should be given to the factors that could make the pastors perform effectively in the church since this will have an overbearing effect on the growth of the church. In conclusion the Pastor should be guided with counsel that he should pay attention to roles that could bring development or progress to the church.

Conclusion

Eventually, it is true to say that the roles of the Pastor in the church have significant impact on the growth of the church spiritually and numerically. The Pastor's role, therefore, should be considered as a serious factor that determines the growth of the church.

It could be deduced that the Pastoral role in the Church set up has a profound effect on the growth or decrease in the church, it is very important that the Pastors should give their utmost attention to factors that engenders development in the scheme of things in the church.

The kind of life and commitment of a Pastor is a fundamental issue as far as the welfare of the church is concerned, the church can only be effective as a whole when the leadership is also effective.

Recommendation

From the responses described above the role of the Pastor should be taken seriously when examining the factors that could bring the growth of a church. Also, attention should be given to the factors that could make the Pastors perform effectively in the church since this will have an overbearing effect on the growth of the church. In conclusion the Pastor should be guided with counsel that he should pay attention to roles that could bring development or progress to the church.