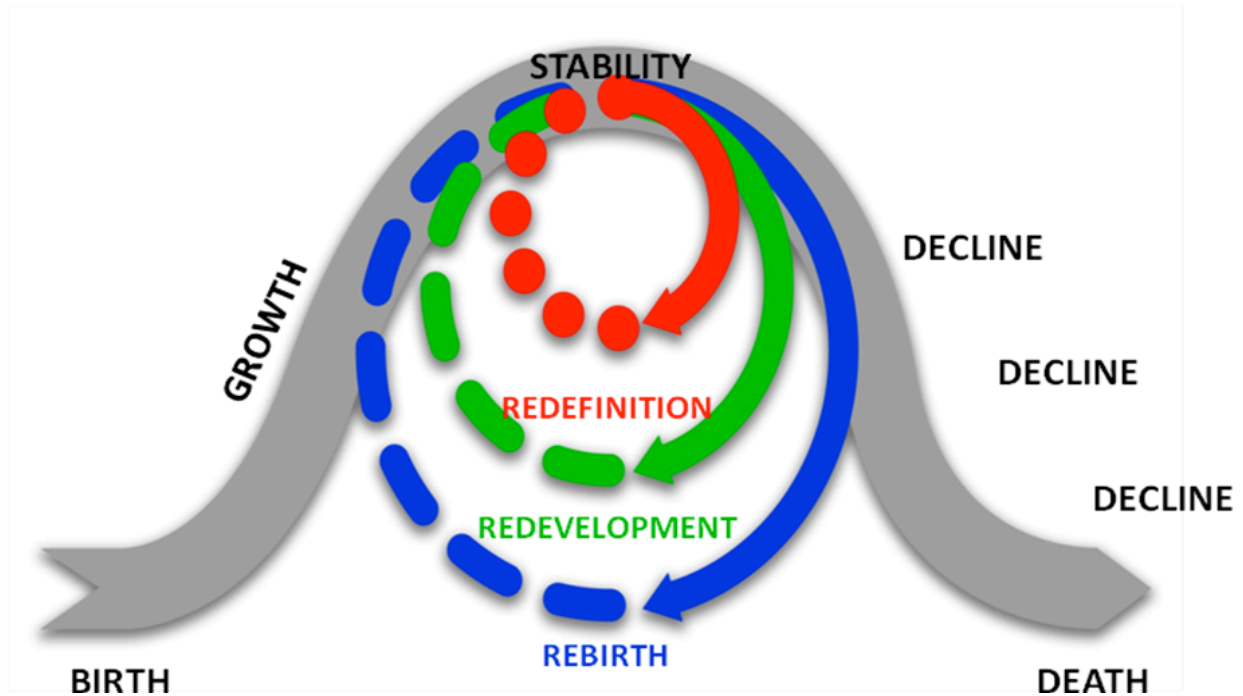




Reflections and Responses Regarding Your Congregation's Life Cycle

1. Life Cycle – Every congregation has a life cycle from the time of its birth until the present. Where would your congregation appear on the life cycle chart below? (Place an X over the appropriate category.)



Give examples for making this choice:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. What might this mean for the congregation's ministry and engagement in the surrounding mission field and context ?

3. Name three current challenges for the mission of this congregation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. Sometimes being faithful in ministry involves taking risks. As a congregation, in order to respond to the call "to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying activity in the world", we are willing to risk...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

5. If God were in charge and we were willing to risk what we just stated, these are the concrete steps we will take in the next twelve months...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____