AARC's Apostolic Community

 Introduction – AARC – Australian Apostolic Restore Community is a "community" not a "centre".

 It's time to explore what an apostolic community really is!

- 1. Made up of Apostolic People
- Community = Apostles, Prophets
 Pastors Teachers & Evangelists who know who they are & what they are doing & where they are going.

- Community = real heart to heart relationships, no hidden agendas or self interest.
- But mature apostolic people seeking to increase their & others effectiveness for the kingdom of God.

- 2. Where apostolic people come into strategic relationships
- Result -> increase their exponential affect greatly.
- Move from relational unity to strategic unity.

3. Power of an apostolic hub

- Kingdom of God focused
- People not off all doing own thing

- Challenge with independent church model produce independent C/Ian's all doing own thing
- It's not about you!

4. Apostolic community seem to attract mature apostolic people

 Apostolic community - like adult children getting together with parents relating together on an adult level/ parent level

- Mature lifestyle & communication between adults
- Similar life experience values & goals

- 5. Relationships first
- The basis of the apostolic reformation only works through relationships

- Horizontal not hierarchical
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6. Roles in Apostolic Community – Mutual respect & honor

Major apostolic role = come alongside

- Show them what the Spirit is saying to the church around the world
- Examples of input requested

- How to equip & release people into their gifting
- Encourage, teach & release people into their 7 mountains
- Bring a word of the Lord for 'Now'

- 6. Roles Continued
- Apostolic Community Does need a Mum & Dad
- But aunties & uncles & siblings all need to be listened to as well

- 5 fold gift valued, mentored & empowered
- Major role difference Equip & Send NOT Equip & Keep
- Create a community where people are equipped & sent with ease

7. Role of local church – can be attached to an apostolic community

- Need local churches to be attached to it to disciple people how to live a C/lan life
- Local church does discipleship & pastoral care - how to grow up

 Where people do life - Learn how to grow relationships, healthy families & marriages, who God is, discipled, healed & delivered

- AARC is not a church & does not provide pastoral care or cell
- We exist to equip you so you are more effective in your local church

- 8. Apostolic community require adult relationships & maturity
- Level of maturity that allows you to give
 & take without agendas
- Family mindset we exist for each other

- Exist Common good of the community for just for the leader or the ministry's vision
- Passion to hear what God is saying, agree & do it!

- 9. Leadership is needed
- Not about 1 leader but everyone being facilitated & flowing together

- One couple is mum & dad but we ALL make decisions together with combined wisdom
- Not all families need to move into the same house & live together

 Not a place for everyone bring own agenda But a safe place where there is genuine heart to heart relationships

- Leaders are needed to facilitate AARC's
 5 point mandate
- Overall leadership is laid back & not too structured

- 10. Prophets have a prophetic voice here
- Role of the Prophets are honored & essential in Apostolic Communities

- Apostolic people need prophetic people
- Prophetic voice to AARC, Cities Nation & Body of Christ
- A place where the prophetic is crucial, freely functional & responded to!

- 11. A place of celebration & encouragement
- We celebrate each others victories & encourage each other when there has been failure

Our celebration has a worship focus.
 Worship is strategic for flowing in the presence of God & encountering him so we change to be like Him!

 AARC's community is a positive environment. So we build each other up with encouragement, equipping for growth & praying for each other

 We are ok with being real & down to earth – we hurt with those who hurt

- 11. A place of celebration & encouragement Cont
- We don't tolerate one upmanship, competition, envy, gossip or criticism.

 We do use the word of God to be discerning, but our culture is to refuse to have critical opinions about others

- We are not better than others because we are seeking a new wineskin.
- God loves His old wineskin too
- Our posture is build up build up & bless the entire body of Christ

- 12. Apostolic people doing kingdom living in community
- Mature apostolic leaders getting together empowering each other
- Mature people running side by side to build the kingdom of God here on earth

- One of our main goals is to facilitate
 YOU into operating powerfully in your
 Ephesians 4 '5 fold ministry"
- And then you facilitate others to do the same

13. Vision =

- Revival well
- Axle with a hub Apostolic centre/ community

- Living spokes with anointing flowing
- Connectors on end
- Attracting divine appointments around the world

Each Apostolic Centre/ community will have a unique God given vision.

AARC's vision – 5 things

- Restoration
- Fire houses of prayer

- Equipping & sending centre
- Apostolic teams to the nations
- Justice mandate

14. How will it work functionally?

- Relationships first
- Strategy second
- Next step A little more organized but flexibility at the heart

Suggestion – Informal social get together once a month (as well as our monthly encounters)

 Hear one another's God passion, what God is blessing in your life /God's momentum is on & what are your ministry challenges.

 Goal – start to help you grow into restoration & facilitate your apostolic vision through apostolic community & AARC mandate