

## **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!

### **What is an Apostolic community?**

*(this is a just beginning that will grow & mature)*

#### **1. Made up of Apostolic People** (see John Eckhart's notes)

Community = Apostles, Prophets Pastors Teachers & Evangelists who know who they are & what they are doing & where they are going.

Community = real hearts to heart relationships, no hidden agendas or self interest. But mature apostolic people seeking to increase theirs & 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**

Objective – Build the kingdom of God, not your own ministries

People not off all doing own thing

Challenge with independent church model produce independent C/Ian's all doing own thing including apostles & prophets doing own thing.

Often self appointed & focus is on their ministry -> old wineskin when hear a ministry with a person's name in front. Sets the wrong example for next generation

Need to change our focus & language

It is not about you!!! But those you are pouring your lives into

#### **4. Apostolic hubs seem to attract mature leaders / apostolic people**

Apostolic hubs - 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 (weakness of early attempts 2000's)
- Apostolic alignment is key value – understood & practised
- Different from Covering – old wineskin
- Eph 4:12 – “equip” = kartismos = same word used to align broken bones
- Result = V 12 7 13 Read

- Che Ahn's stand

## 6. Roles in Apostolic Community

Key- Mutual respect & honor

Don't speak into my adult children lives unless we are asked to = wisdom, resource

Major apostolic role = come alongside

NOT weigh people down with programs, busyness & doing!

- Show them what the Spirit is saying to the church around the world
- Examples of input requested = how to grow a Kingdom mindset, show leaders the old wineskin in their thinking, how to transition a church into 21<sup>st</sup> century effective kingdom equipped & released apostolic community. Help people to find their destiny,
- How to equip & release people into their gifting
- Encourage, teach & release people into their 7 mountains
- Bring a word of the Lord for 'Now'

Apostolic Community - Does need a Mum & Dad = led by an apostle! (Imp)

But aunts & uncles & siblings - all need to be listened to!

Roles - each 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

- Local church can be attached to an apostolic centre or community
- Need local churches to be attached to it to disciple people how to live a C/Ian life
- Local church does discipleship & pastoral care - how to grow up
- Local churches attached to apostolic hubs are apostolic people too
- Where people do life
- Where people do life - Learn how to grow relationships, healthy families & marriages, who God is, disciplined, healed & delivered
- Learn how to grow relationships, healthy families & marriages, who God is =, disciplined, equipped
- AARC is not a church & does not provide pastoral care - role of pastors & local church.
- We exist to equip you so you are more effective in your local church
- Kidneys/ heart = gives health to the body
- AARC is not to take place of local church in fact we believe u need to be in your own church

## **8. Apostolic community require adult relationships & maturity**

- Level of maturity that allows u 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 Bruce & Cheryl 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 - won't work.

Not a place for everyone bring own agenda, latest prophetic word or sermon

But a safe place where there is genuine heart to heart relationships

Leaders are needed to facilitate AARC's 5 spiked vision

So there will be teams

But 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

We don't tolerate one upmanship, competition, envy, gossip or criticism.

While we do need to be discerning & use the word of God to separate truth from error, our culture is to refuse to have critical opinions about others in ministry who do things differently.

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**

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 apostolic 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