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5-Fold Leadership Model + Executive

The 5-Fold model is based upon **Ephesians 4:11-13**: ¹¹So Christ himself gave **the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers**, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- I. **Apostles – extend the gospel.** As the “sent ones,” they ensure that the faith is transmitted from one context to another and from one generation to the next. They are always about the future, bridging barriers, establishing the church in new contexts, developing leaders, networking trans-locally.
- II. **Prophets – know God’s will.** They are particularly attuned to God and his truth for today. They bring correction and challenge the dominant assumptions we inherit from the culture. They insist the community obey what God has commanded.
- III. **Evangelists – recruit.** These infectious communicators of the gospel message recruit others to the cause. They call for a personal response to God’s redemption in Christ, also draw believers to engage the wider mission, growing the church.
- IV. **Shepherds - nurture and protect.** Caregivers of the community, they focus on the protection and spiritual maturity of God’s flock, cultivating a loving and spiritually mature network of relationships, making and developing disciples.
- V. **Teachers - understand and explain.** Communicators of God’s truth and wisdom. They help others remain Biblically grounded to better discern God’s will, guiding others toward wisdom, helping the community remain faithful to Christ’s word.

Added:

- VI. **Executive – Administrate operational aspects.** They play a key role in strategic planning, human resources, finance, recruitment, and all functional activities to ensure alignment with and accomplishment of the church's mission and vision.