

THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRY MANDATE: GETTING FROM HERE TO THERE

Fivefold Ministry Prayer Campaign
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“The great Christian revolutions came not by the discovery of something that was not known before. They happen when someone takes radically something that was always there.”

—H. Richard Niebuhr

“A mind that is stretched to a new idea never returns to its original dimension.”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Exploring the fivefold ministry is a mandate for us in GOFAMINT NA, and for about three months, God has stretched our mind through his anointed servants. I know that we will never return to the original dimension as individuals and as a corporate unit.

“Increasing appropriation of APEST derived from Jesus is therefore not just a pathway to church health, but also a pathway to mature individual discipleship.”

—Alan Hirsch

The Question to ask now is, what next?

1. Turn the prophetic decrees to points of thanksgiving that God has raised the fivefold ministry for Himself in GOFAMINT NA from generation to generation. The foundation has been laid.

Action Point: We will dedicate 10 minutes to give thanks to God throughout GOFAMINT NA in our service tomorrow.

2. Supply the Missing Link.

Attending conferences/seminars is what we do, but there is something we do not often do that makes our efforts ineffective; *it is giving thought and study to what we have learned to draw knowledge and virtue that bring noticeable changes in the direction of what we have learned.* This is the missing link that must be supplied and appropriated for us to become turnaround agents in GOFAMINT NA and the Body of Christ.

“And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure of thought and study you give to the truth you hear will be the measure of virtue and knowledge that comes back to you—and more besides will be given to you who hear. For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away by force.” Mark 4:24-25 (AMPC)

Effective learning begins when the teaching ends. *It is when you do your personal study that applicable knowledge (wisdom) and virtue that changes your value come to you, and more.* The truth has become internalized, and you have taken ownership of it. It goes beyond what I have been taught to what I have processed in my own spirit. It is through **rigorous thought and study** that you catch the spirit of the message.

Action Point: We will meditatively and prayerfully go over the recorded messages again to catch the spirit of the message for the next seven weeks **from November 1 to December 13, 2021.** Links to all recorded sessions and notes are available on the GOFAMINT NA website at gofamintna.org/fivefold

3. Publish Fivefold Ministry Mandate E-book. By His grace, the plan is to put together the rich resources from our teachers and publish them as an e-book. Hopefully, this will be released on **December 20, 2021.**

4. Identify and Develop your couplets using your APEST report. Make a focus on your particular APEST calling and function.

Apostle Primary:

- Apostle-Shepherd (PM): The Legacy Builder
- Apostle-Prophet (PA): The Visionary
- Apostle-Evangelist (PC): The Forerunner
- Apostle-Teacher (PT): The Thought Leader

Apostle Secondary:

Achieves End Goal by Catalyzing and Strategizing

- Shepherd-Apostle (MP): Community Builder
- Prophet-Apostle (AP): Revolutionary
- Evangelist-Apostle (CP): Passionary
- Teacher-Apostle (TP): Architect

My prayer is that God will raise young people with Apostolic/Evangelic Mix with the fire of the gospel burning in them that would pioneer campus fellowship in our colleges for a bumper harvest of students for Jesus and the discipleship of our college students.

5. Intentionally engage with all five marks of the fivefold mandate and seek to grow in understanding and application for them all.

- Missional impact (A)
- Covenant faithfulness (P)
- Gospel proclamation (E)
- Reconciled community (S)
- Deep wisdom (T)

6. Set up the fivefold culture to assess the understanding, engagement, expression, and multiplication of the fivefold mandate.

- **Grounded: are all five understood?** Biblical truth and principles engaged and understood within the organization Healthy APEST examples present in the organization

- **Holistic: are all five present?** Pursuing intentionally; not accidental or reactionary; diversity and a healthy spread of APEST across the organization
Each fivefold celebrated for their identity and contribution to the organization
- **Balanced: are all five working together?** All APEST functions coming together to serve, equip, partner, and build up the Body and extend the Kingdom and so working in partnership for the good of the organization. The culture of the organization is a healthy reflection of the strengths and participation of each of the APEST functions. No competing, disjointed or individualistic perspectives or agendas.
- **Fruitful: are all five accessing synergy and leveraging strengths?** Leaders bringing maturity to the culture of the organization by investing, partnering and serving fruitfully alongside other APEST functions. Leaders engaging, training and releasing other leaders within other APEST gifting/functions as well as their own.
- **Multiplying: are all five recreating themselves?** Conscious competence—leaders being self-aware about how they have grown in their fivefold ministry and intentionally training others in order to pass on wisdom and experience and grow maturity. Each APEST is training and apprenticing others and releasing generations of their particular calling.

7. Provide opportunities and pathways for individuals to grow in their giftings.

8. Take the fivefold mandate to the marketplace. Engage the archetypal and the fivefold intelligence in the marketplace.

- **Apostle:**

A – Founder, General, Visionary, Pioneer, Adventurer.

I – Strategic, Dynamic, Adaptive, Entrepreneurial, Future-oriented, Innovative, ideational, pattern-sensitive, creative, Design-oriented.

D – Business, Politics, Architecture, Law, Governance, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.

Prophet:

A – Seer, Warrior, Poet, Reformer, Questioner, Meaning/change-Maker.

I – Ethical, Authentic, Challenging, Truth-speaking, justice-loving, spiritual, Future and present-oriented, principled, contrarian, urgent, critical.

D – Arts, Psychology, Aid and Development, NGOs, Ethics, Environmentalism

- **Evangelist:**

A – Messenger, Recruiter, Champion, Storyteller, Achiever, Believer

I – Engaging, Enthusiastic, storytelling, interpersonal woo, communicative, emotional, inspirational, optimistic, genuine, existential.

D – Media and Communication, Charismatic Leadership, Business, Politics, Advertising, Marketing.

- **Shepherd:**

A – Caregiver, Defender, Peacemaker, Helper, Servant, Selfless, Healer

I – Communal, Caring, Protective, Nurturing, Empathetic, Relational, Familial, Sociable, Seek common good, Event-oriented, engaging, communal, personal, affectional, protective.

D – Medicine, Family, Psychology, Community Development, Police, Defense

- **Teacher:**

A – Sage, Thinker, Observer, Philosopher, Guide, Scientist, Instructor, Systemizer of ideas and information.

I – Instructive, Rational, Knowledgeable, Reflective, Philosophical, Insightful, Analytical, Forensic, Past-oriented, Interpretative, Descriptive, Meaning-oriented, Critical.

D – Education, Science, History, Publishing, Engineering.

9. Set up School of Ministry for full training. Create teaching and training environments where input around APEST occurs for individual calling and function and general APEST and theological overview.

Action Points: By His grace, the GOFAMINT NA School of Ministry Management Team has come up with a questionnaire to get input and buy-in from every member as we begin the establishment process. By His grace, the questionnaire will be released **on November 7, 2021**. We enjoin all of us to participate in this process, which is vital to having a solid institution.

Last Word – Now that we know that the Ministry gifts of Christ given to the Body of Christ results in the Fullness of Christ. It is time to move! Let the revolution for bumper harvest begins.

We are an apostolic movement with global impact.

Credits and Recommended Reading

1. The Permanent Revolution for Bumper Harvest Convention Teaching by Sunday Adu
2. 5Q: Reactivating the original intelligence and capacity of the body of Christ by Alan Hirsch
3. Activating 5Q: A User Guide by Alan Hirsh & Jessie Cruickshank
4. The Permanent Revolution: Apostolic Imagination and Practice for the 21st Century Church by Alan Hirsch and Tim Catchim
5. The Permanent Revolution Playbook by Alan Hirsch and Tim Catchim
6. The Fivefold Ministry Gifts: Understanding the Gifts of Christ in the Light of God's Purpose by Clement C. Butler.
7. Fivefold: Unlock Your Purpose by Activating Your Spiritual Gifts by Jonah Jeremiah
8. The Ministry Gifts of Christ by Donald Gee
9. The Fivefold Ministry Series by Colette Toach
10. The Apostolic Mandate by Colette Toach
11. The Prophetic Mandate by Colette Toach