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**Abstract**

Problem. I became pastor of the Owen Sound Seventh-day Ac  
Since then, the church has grown from 67 members to 86 me  
the numerical growth the regular Sabbath worship service att  
same. Pastoral observation suggested that this was due to a lac  
coherence in the church. The primary contributing factor to t  
spiritual coherence was in the unsynchronized work of the ne  
undertaken leadership roles and the existing leadership in cre  
unity and concord in the work of fulfilling the Great Commiss  
church representation at the board was skewed. More than 60  
population was under 60 and yet 80% of the board members v  
Disputes and the lack of balance in power sharing have been e  
many conflicts the church has dealt with, that seemed mostly  
issues of those who have been in the church since its beginnin  
through the project continued I was persuaded more and mo  
church was not primarily an issue of church governance but r  
was one of discipleship. Looking at the problem as one of disc  
discovery that the problem in the church was mirrored in me.  
church have been instrumental in bringing to the surface the c  
heart and life and centered at its core was an issue of personal

Task. The main task of this project is to work out a biblical sol  
newcomers into the church will be accepted, trained as leader  
together with the existing leaders in fulfilling the Great Comm  
project I naively believed that the simple solution to this issue  
enforce biblical principles of fair church governance. Howeve  
statement of the problem I discovered that church governanc  
rather the core issue was discipleship. Thus the task morphed  
for discipling both new and previously existing leaders and me  
discipling led me to a problem and a task even closer to home

out there even in my own church, I saw myself as in a mirror. Improvements come only out of a changed agent.

Results. As I reflect on my experience in working with the OSS that going through crises has helped me figure out my own he developing better leadership qualities. It has also helped all of mature and to know and understand the purpose of having ar area. I have discovered as well that I naturally tend to lean tow strong sense of fairness. After the first major conflict and mar needed to spend more time with the leaders and members he relevant church that can mature and grow as stated in the Gre

Conclusion. Through my experiences at the OSSDAC the Lord flames to reform the failings of his own follower. Looking at th one of discipleship led to an awakening in my own life. The pr mirrored in me. Thus the fires of disunity in the church have b bringing to the surface the disunity dross in my own heart and an issue of personal discipleship. Under the guidance of the H and Christian counseling, I have dealt with my fears, bitterness; abuse, moral failure, pursuit of temporal values, hypocrisy, ha an argumentative competitive spirit and have recaptured grou the enemy. I hope this project encourages you to face your ov prayer and Christian counseling.

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