THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATORS' LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND EMPLOYEES' MORALE IN EVANGELICAL SEMINARIES IN CAVITE

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ABSTRACT

This descriptive-correlational study was conducted to know the relationship between the administrators' leadership skills and employees' morale in Evangelical Seminaries in Cavite. Since employees are part of fulfilling the goals and mission of a seminary, it is right and proper to help them build their morale. A high and well-built morale can manifest on how a person works and relates with others.

The data were gathered from five (5) Evangelical Seminaries in Cavite namely: 1) PTS College & Advanced Studies (PTS-CAS, formerly Presbyterian Theological Seminary); 2) Union Theological Seminary (UTS); 3) Philippine Missionary Institute (PMI); 4) Immanuel Theological Seminary (ITS); and 5) World Mission Seminary. There was a total population of 127 of which 95 responded in the study - 66 faculty members and 29 staff.

Findings from the study show that: 1) most of the employees

working in the seminaries are males from 31 to 50 years old; 2) full-time faculty members have a bigger number while the part-time and staff are of the same number; 3) forty percent of the employees have master's degree and college graduates are encouraged to pursue their studies for personal development; 4) employees have a high commitment and always find ways to improve themselves for the seminary; 5) employees consider their work as a noble task in spite of having multi- tasks or dual roles; 6) they maintain a dignified personality because they desire to be good examples to others; 7) administrators motivate employees by using appropriate and inspiring words; 8) administrators start the day with a positive attitude to contribute success and good working relationship with others; 9) there is no significant difference between the perceived administrators' leadership skills and employees' morale; and 10) there is a very high relationship between the administrators' leadership skills and employees' morale.

These findings imply that employees' morale need to be built in order to have a deep commitment, high self-esteem, and good social skills. These levels of morale will drive them to perform at their best, be satisfied and stay longer in the seminary to be of help in training workers for the church and the society.

The study concludes that a good working relationship between the administrators and employees should be maintained to fulfill the mission, vision and goals of the seminary. The increased productivity and efficiency of the employees are the result of the administrators' building of morale and their commitment to be used as instrument in equipping workers and soon becoming leaders of the church and society.

To maintain a good working relationship between the administrators and employees, this present study hereby recommends that: 1) administrators consult their employees before making their final decision to help them stay longer in the seminary; 2) come up with an evaluation tool to assess the employees' potentials and capabilities; 3) make programs that will train the employees to deepen their loyalty in the seminary and maintain a high self-esteem spirit through counseling sessions or seminars; 4) try to maintain their leadership skills in terms of management, communication and human relations; 5) give equal opportunities and workload fitted to their employees' skills; 6) encourage employees to advance in their careers; 7) expose employees to different activities to boost their morale and develop their skills; 8) maintain employees' attitude of being submissive; and 9) maintain a good working relationship between them and the employees.

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