

ABSTRACT

This study intends to design Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) modules for District V, Diocese of Imus towards social transformation. It employs qualitative-participatory research using Focus Group discussion for data gathering. It is a participatory kind of research because the researcher and the respondents are part of the entire process.

The main sources of data were gathered from the selected respondents of District V of the Diocese of Imus (Vicariate of the Seven Archangels: Mendez, Alfonso, Indang, and General Aguinaldo and Vicariate of Our Lady of Candelaria: Silang, Tagaytay City and Amadeo) using the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis. The SWOT analysis determines if the information gathered from the survey questionnaires, interviews, Focus Group discussion, and limited participant-observation indicates something that assist the community in accomplishing its vision and in overcoming or minimizing its obstacles.

The findings reveal the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the District V, Diocese of Imus. It has also found out the needs of the District, namely:

1. To build and maintain basic ecclesial communities and institute new organizations in the parish.
- 2 To be open minded in events such as the advent of the new technology and able to read and respond to the signs of the times.

3. To develop leadership skills among clergies and lay leaders.
4. To harness the active participation of the District especially the youth.
5. To promote deep concern to our environment, and
6. To come up with an income generating programs that will uplift the economic status of the people.

The study has formulated the common vision of the District in building Basic Ecclesial Community vis-à-vis the vision of the Diocese of Imus. It has specified the Key Result Areas (KRA) and has designed modules regarding: (1). Sense of community; (2). Faith development; (3). Justice concern; (4). Concern for the environment; (5). Patriotic persons; (6). God-centered; and (7) Leadership following the Life – Bible/ Church Teaching – Life module format, a modification of See – Judge – Act format.

The importance of this phenomenon (BEC) in the life of our local church and the vision of the Diocese serve as exigencies in the promotion of this study. It will greatly benefit the local Church of District V of the Diocese of Imus to actualize its vision in maintaining and building BECs toward social transformation. Significantly, in promoting the spirit of BEC a more demanding task is given to the people. That task is to inspire people in a larger society to look at their situation and to build a community of disciples in the face of social problems and biases. This study will likewise contribute to the formation of people who are planning to organize BECs in the Diocese. The study is also

seen as concrete and operational guidelines in responding to the vision - mission of the Diocese of Imus.

In the light of the findings, it is conclusive to say that the proposed BEC modular program for District V of the Diocese of Imus should be implemented as a way towards social transformation. The key Result Areas (KRA) are components of building Basic Ecclesial Community in the District V and each component of BEC should be interlapping with each other towards social transformation. The study will also complement the realization of the Vision – Mission of the Diocese of Imus. And lastly, this will elicit and promote active lay participation especially in the District, Diocese of Imus.

