

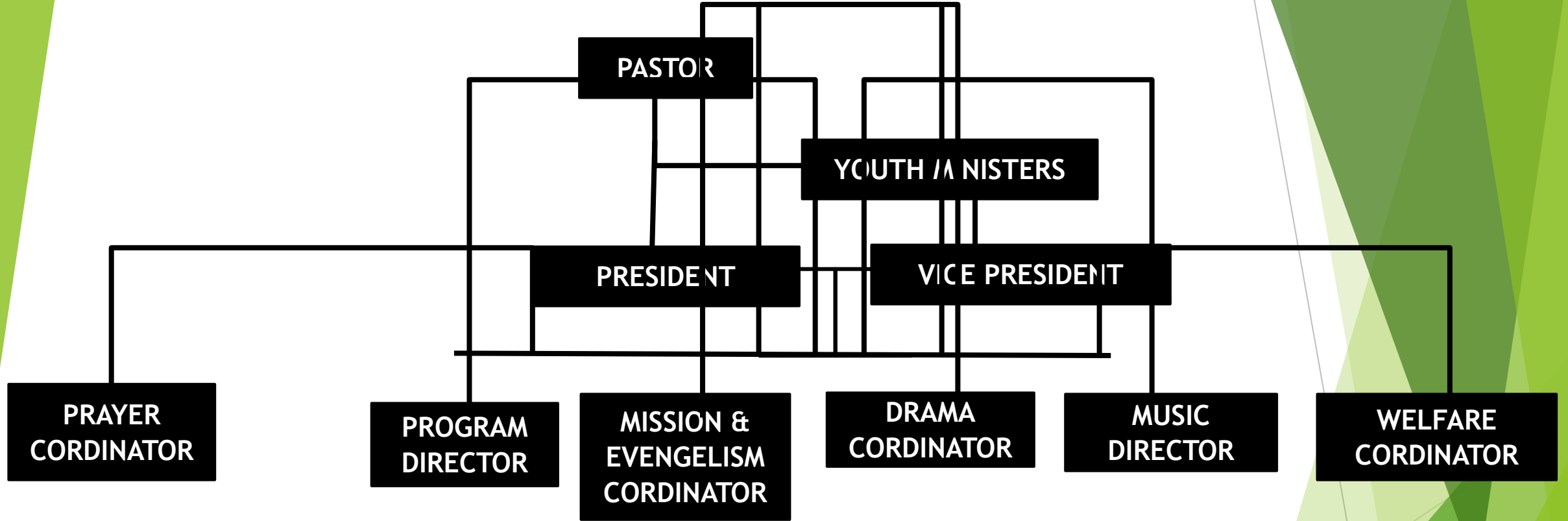
# *DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR YOUTHS*

# *WHO IS A YOUTH?*

- ▶ A Youth is anyone full of energy, strength and Vigor - Prov. 20:29a

# BACKGROUND OF OUR YOUTH STRUCTURE

- ▶ Christ the Lord parish used to have a youth church in our province (The royal generation), the church is now a full-blown church under another region.
- ▶ Nevertheless, the church knows that we have quite a number of our congregants here who are still youths and the mission has established that every third Sunday the youth are involved in the conduct of the services. But, as a parish, we are getting there though the youths are allowed to take youth offerings for now.



# DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AS A YOUTH.

- ▶ Competence: Get knowledge in any field you find yourself. Invest in yourself, we need to learn, unlearn some things and relearn in some cases to achieve this. Trainings are required here as well as MCPDs. David developed himself by tending sheep, killed bears and consequently killed Goliath
- ▶ Confidence: When someone is competent he will be self-confident. No room for a pity party or inferiority complex -Prov. 22:29. Daniel was so confident of the God he served.
- ▶ Character:- Attitude determines the altitude in life. Timothy had the right character and he was chosen by Paul to go with him to so many missions. A positive attitude speaks loud and paves way with superiors, employers, colleagues, friends, family members, subordinate
- ▶ Positive attitude includes: -Kindness, Considerate, Non-judgmental, Self-reliant, Compassionate, Cheerful, Gratitude, Daring, Dream big, Contentment -Godliness with contentment is great gain - 1 Tim 6:6
- ▶ Connection: What is your network? Are you on relevant platforms to get needed required information and as at when due? An Esther needed a Mordecai. Many people get jobs via the LinkedIn platform, some through alumni group connections they get contracts or interview notifications of some jobs not advertised.
- ▶ Caring -If you need a friend, then be friendly- Prov. 18:24. Do you care for others or are you selfish?

## *OTHER STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT INCLUDE:*

- ▶ Physical and Psychological Safety (Mental Health). ...
- ▶ Supportive Relationships. ...
- ▶ Indulge in Positive Social Norms. ...
- ▶ Seek for Opportunities to Make a Difference. ...
- ▶ Acquire the required Skill Development. ... Training youth and professionals to expand knowledge, skills and leadership capacities
- ▶ Properly Integrate into the Family, School, and church structure and play roles. Do not be idle. Remember God will only bless the works of your hands.
- ▶ Networking to connect young leaders, and build trusting relationships. Do not be a lone ranger.

## ***SOME EXAMPLES OF BIBLICAL YOUTHS GOD USED***

- ▶ 1. Jeremiah- Jer. 1:4-9
- ▶ 2. David - 1 Sam. 17:42
- ▶ 3. Esther -Esther 4:16
- ▶ 4. Samuel - 1 Sam. 3:4-10
- ▶ 5. Timothy
- ▶ 6. Mary (Mother of Jesus)
- ▶ 7. Daniel - Daniel 6:16,20

# *CONCLUSION*

- ▶ ECC. 11:9 - Rejoice in your youth and 1 Tim. 4:12 - Let no man despise your youth
- ▶ It is my prayer and charge that we channel the energy that makes us youthful rightly even as we fulfil purpose in all spheres of our lives before the energy and Vigor go away in Jesus' name. Amen.



***THANK YOU.***