

ABSTRACT

"Interpersonal Communication Pattern: A Study of the Cainta Wesleyan Church" is the subject of this study. The aims of this study were to identify the communication pattern in a local church, to accentuate the importance of interpersonal communication in a church and how to achieve and to maintain personal and group growth through interpersonal communication and to give input to the local church leaders in planning and setting curriculum.

The descriptive method of the research was used with questionnaire and interview as the data gathering instruments. The questionnaire consisted of the demographic profile of respondents, the interpersonal communication pattern regarding who interacted with whom, and interpersonal communication pattern regarding level of relating. Interviews were employed to clarify the concept of this study, to bring out data that could add a greater depth to the study, and to obtain additional data.

The interpersonal communication pattern of the respondents can be seen from their interaction. The amount of time and number of members interacted with one another showed the low score and church/church activities have become the main place of interactions. In their interaction, they discussed more often about solving spiritual problems and building relationships. Statuses have an effect on determining who interacted with whom. Lastly, the respondents mostly have the horizontal role of relating, friend - friend relationships and have the sharing level of relationship.

The study recommends that the church help members in finding an effective and efficient way to interact, in which it emphasizes quality instead of quantity. Since Filipino culture has a rich and strong basis in building good interpersonal communication, the church can utilize it in maintaining close relationships. The members can be equipped biblically and culturally. It is also recommended that similar research regarding interpersonal communication in a local church will be conducted as an instrument to obtain information before a church will plan and design curricula.