



Ministry Formation

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A church reforming to reach the lost for Christ!

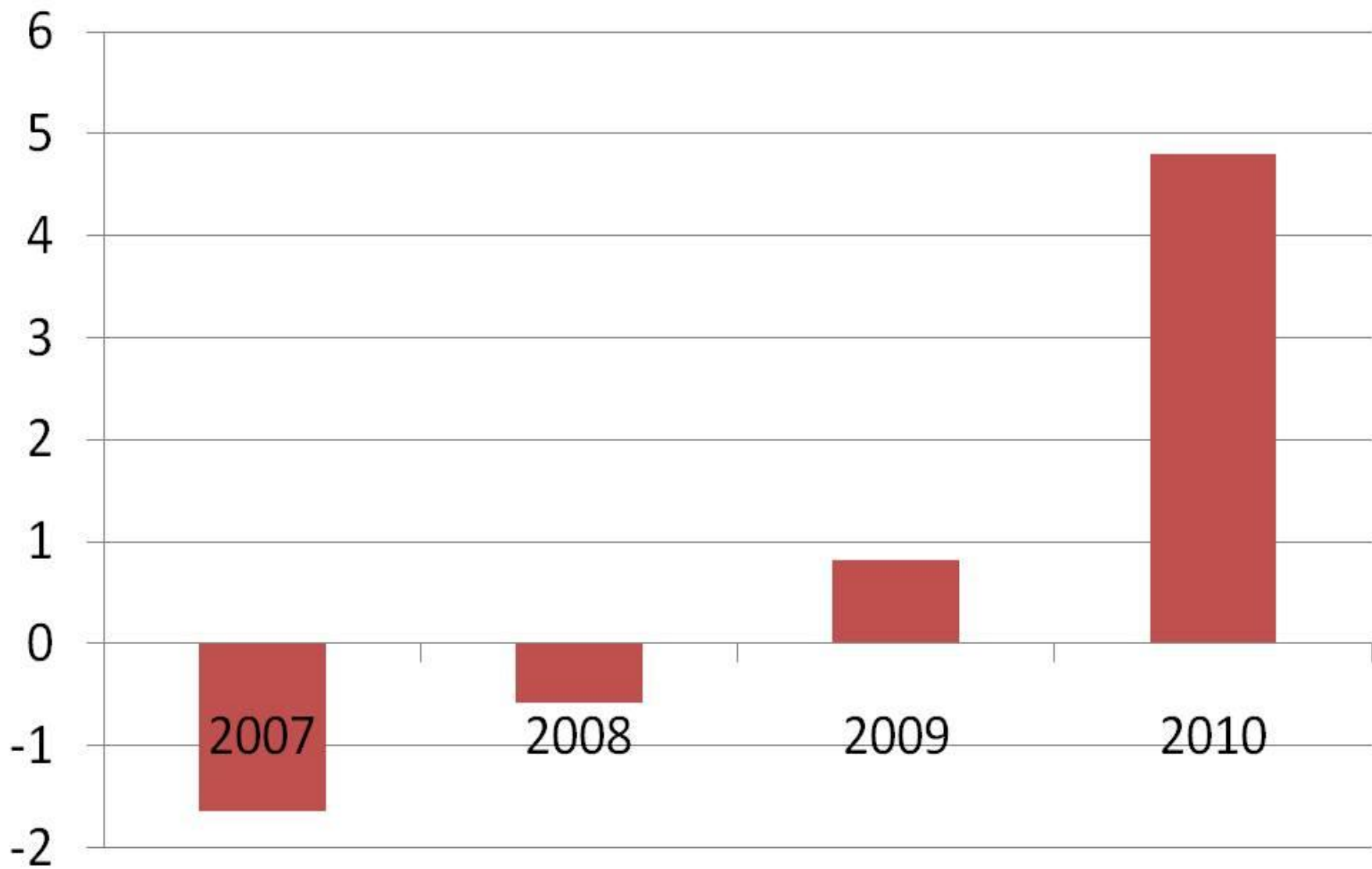
Our Mission



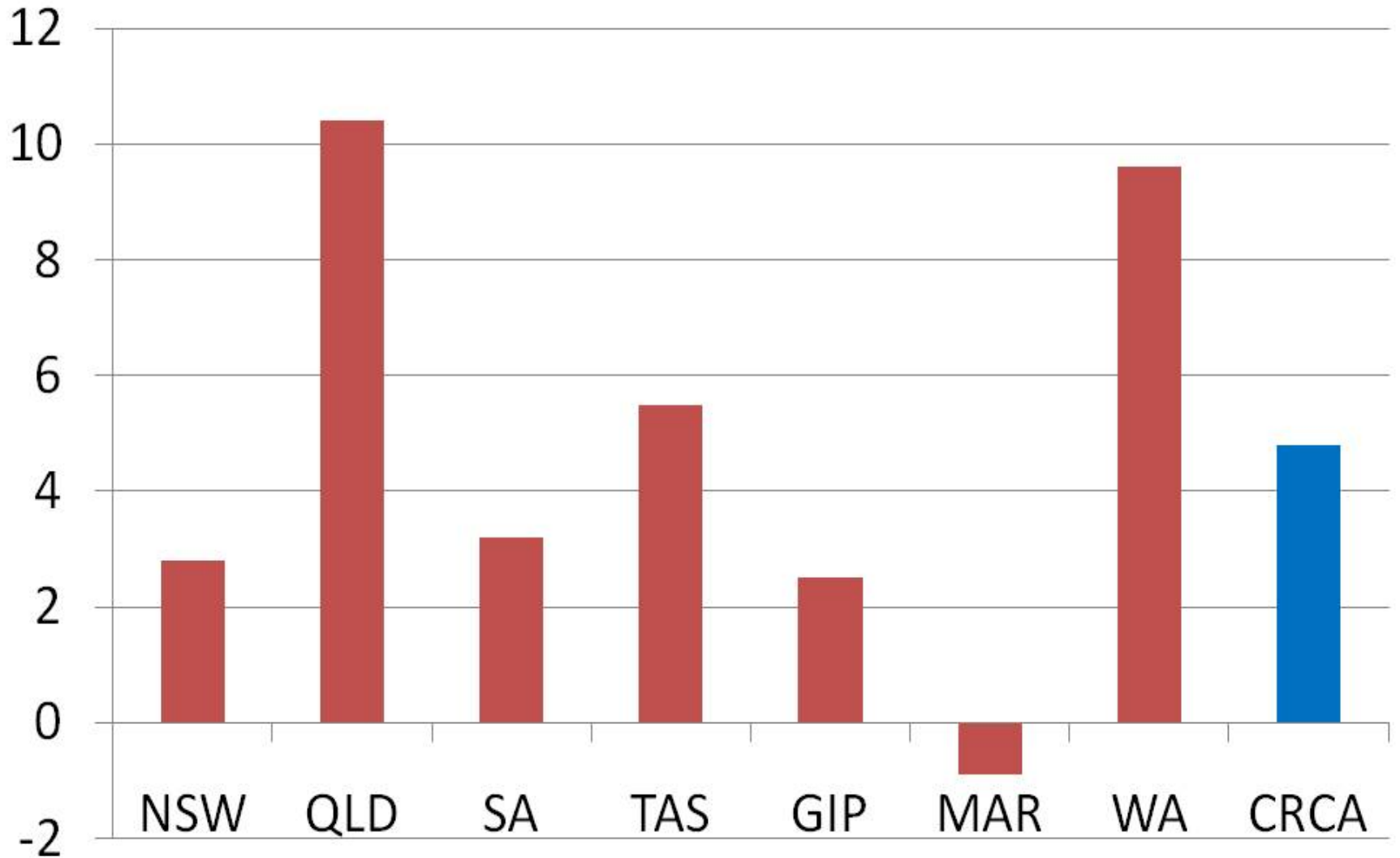
To multiply Bible-based Christian fellowships and congregations which equip and nurture their members and grow throughout Australia and beyond.

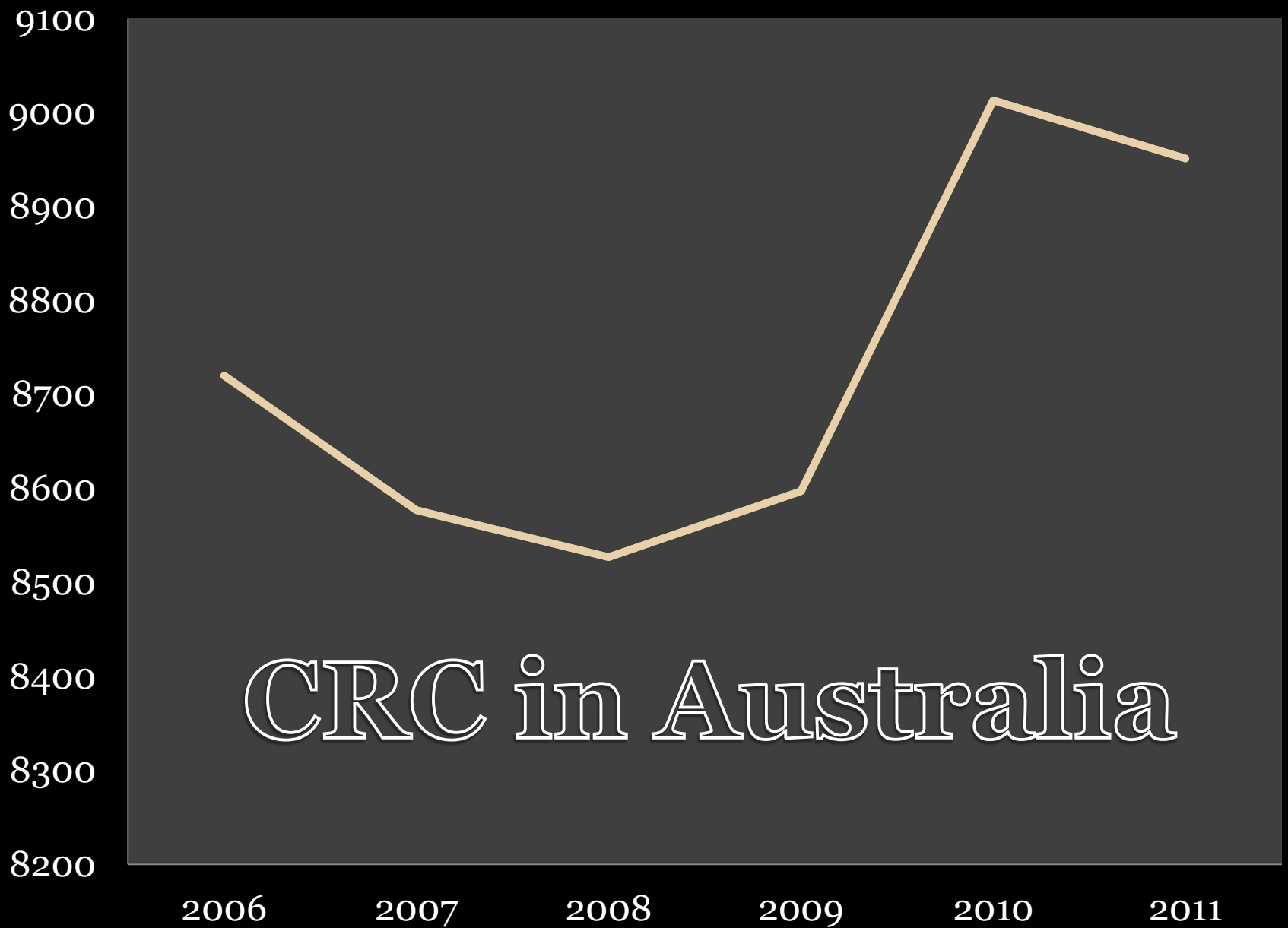
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- **To enable local churches to expand numerically, equip and nurture their members, and become the mother-churches of as many fellowships and congregations as possible; and also to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society with the gospel.**

CRCA % Growth 2007-10



% Membership Growth





CRC in Australia



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**“Church growth is the natural
result of church health.”**

- Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Church*



Grow Healthy Churches



To grow healthy churches which nurture and equip their members and, by God's grace, expand numerically....

Empowering leadership

Are your leaders focused on equipping believers for ministry?

Gift-based ministry

Are tasks in your church distributed according to the criterion of gifting?

Passionate spirituality

Is the spiritual life of the church members characterized by passion?

Effective structures

Do the structures of your church contribute to growth?

Eight quality characteristics

Inspiring worship service

Are your worship services an inspiring experience for the members?

Holistic small groups

Do the small groups address the life issues of their members?

Need-oriented evangelism

Are the evangelistic activities related to the needs of those you are trying to win?

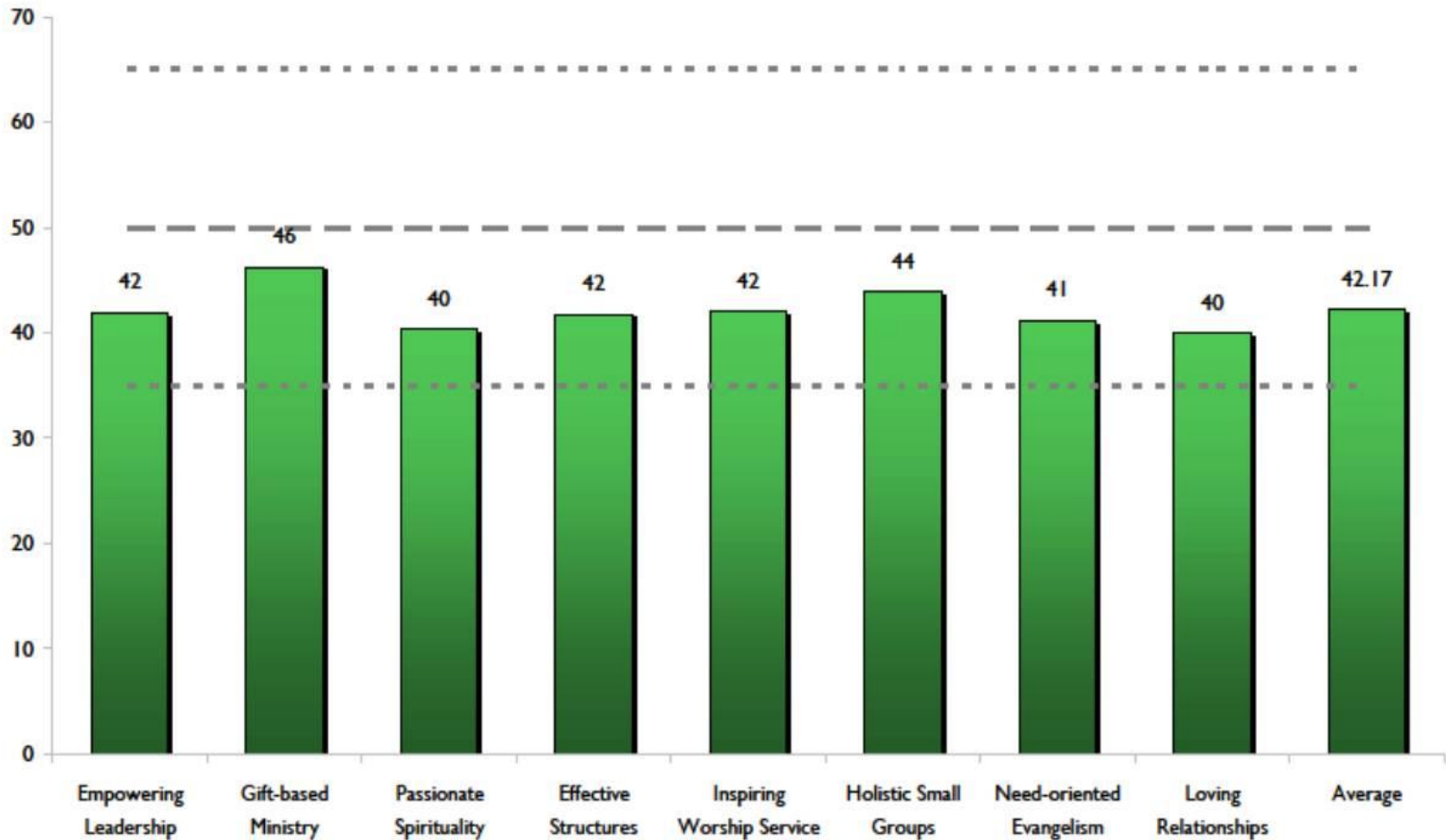
Loving relationships

Are the relationships of the members characterized by love?



Quality Characteristic Current Profile

- Current
- High (65)
- Average (50)
- Low (35)





Church Plants

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Pakenham



- **To multiply the number of well-trained persons (ordained, non-ordained, full time, part time, voluntary) lovingly dedicated to the creation and development of such fellowships and congregations by proclaiming the gospel.**



BUILD

- 14 CRCA Pastors Trained
- 8 Actively Teaching
- 50-60 Receiving Training
- 5 Task3 Students

Discipleship



To equip our church members to be disciples of Christ and multiply the number of well-trained leaders...who are actively involved in God's mission.

Discipleship



¹²...to prepare God's people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up
¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the
knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,
attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of
Christ. (Ephesians 4:12-13)

Blink Test

The kind of thinking
that happens in the
blink of an eye!

Malcolm Gladwell,
Blink



Blink Test for your Church

- Is your church more interested in quality programs or quality people?
- Is your church as passionate about sending people out as they are about bringing people in?
- Is your church content with addition, or does it long to see exponential reproduction?
- Is your church holding on to control, or are they leading with a harmonious blend of order and chaos?

The Twelve Apostles



As the Father has sent me,
so I send you. - Jesus

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ministry Formation website. At the top left is the logo for the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia, featuring a stylized flame and the text "CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA". To the right of the logo is the text "ministry formation" and "Christian Reformed Churches of Australia". Further right is the tagline "A Church Reforming to Reach the Lost for Christ". Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: HOME, THE TEAM, THE FOUR FOLD TASK, EVENTS, RESOURCES, LINKS, BLOG, and CONTACT. The main content area features four large, colorful panels with the following text: "pray" (with an image of hands clasped in prayer), "multiply" (with an image of a hand holding a glowing orb), "train" (with an image of a brain), and "align" (with an image of a rose). Below these panels is a large banner with the text "SECURING OUR GOSPEL IMPACT". At the bottom of the page is a search bar with the text "Search..." and a magnifying glass icon, and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. In the footer, there are three links: "Feature Articles", "From our Blog", and "Newsletter subscription".

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