



Transformational Teaching Principles

1. The Lack of Transformation - The Challenge Before The Church

Systems Thinking

Churches like other organizations operate as Open Systems. The open systems model of understanding organizations emphasizes the relationship between the external environment and the organization. In contrast to Closed Systems (which do not interact with their environment), an open systems view sets the organization in the context of the environment.

Four Critical Functions when something/someone comes through the system:

1. Transformation of inputs of energy and information to produce useful outputs.
2. _____ with the environment to gain needed inputs and to dispose of outputs.
3. _____ of system behavior to achieve stable performance; and
4. _____ to changing conditions.

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