

CARMELITES

June 2024



Craig Morrison

Making good wine

Intention:
Discussion around
implementation of
Goal Six:

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We have explored
and proposed options
for the future function
of the CCA by the end
of the upcoming
tenure.

Chant behind the words – have your mute on please.

We are not alone,



we are not alone.



WE, are not alone (never)



God is with us.



<https://youtu.be/fileE9iiklZk>

Is. 41:8-10

You Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, offspring of Abraham and Sarah my friends

You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and summoned from its far-off places,

You whom I have called my servant, whom I have chosen and will not cast off, be not dismayed; I am your God.

I will strengthen **you**, and help **you**, and uphold **you** with my right hand of justice.

The Word of God. (Pause)



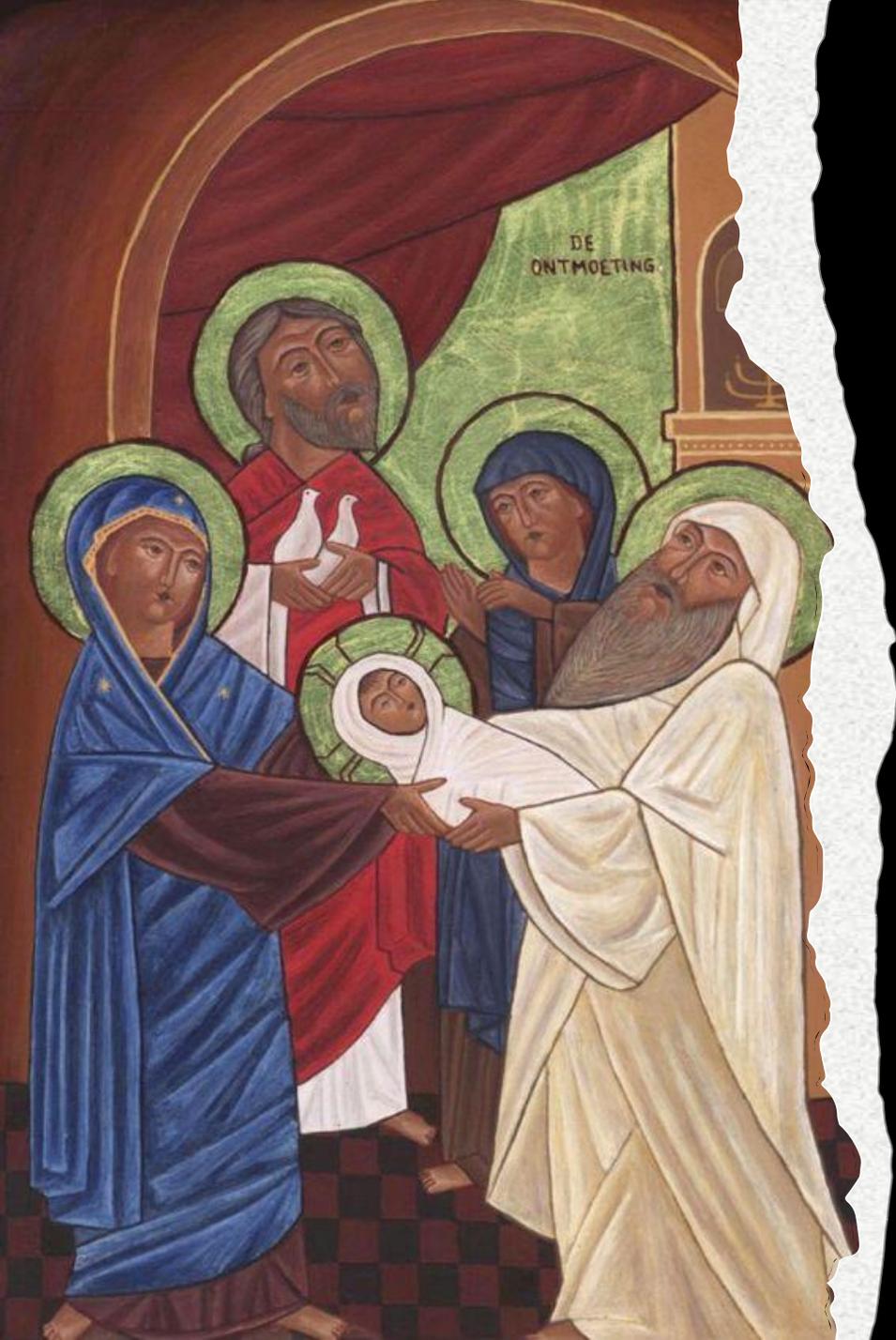
ALL: God of my childhood and God of my last days...sweep away at last the clouds that still hide You.

Through everything that enlarges me from within, everything that arouses me, attracts me, wounds me from without -

Through all these, Lord, You work upon me, You mold and spiritualize my formless clay.

You transform me into Yourself. So be it. AMEN

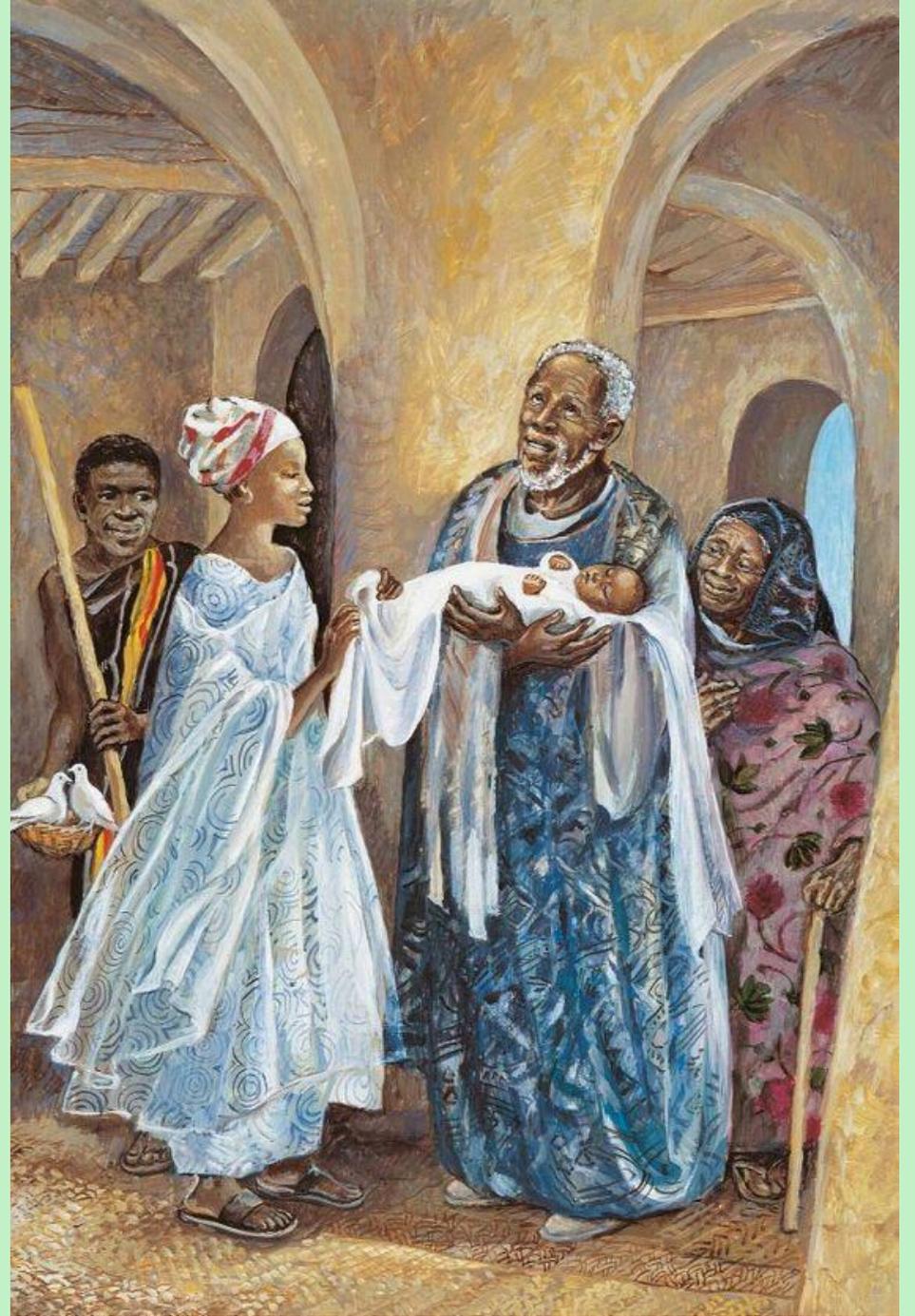
Teilhard de Chardin



Simeon and Anna

Lk. 2:21-38

A tale of grace





Every
beginning
begins in
an
ending...

Anna the Prophetess

The new
beginning





For our reflection

What does this story tell us about our own processes of letting go and new beginning?



Small group reflection time:

- 5 min. Sit with what you have heard from the speaker and in your heart- as it relates to your dreams & possibilities for CCA's future.
- Conversation with a pause after each one speaks to take in what was said.
- When each has spoken, others may speak again if there is still time.
- Pause of 3 min. to listen again to what has been said.
- Sharing: what did you **notice** in the group conversation?

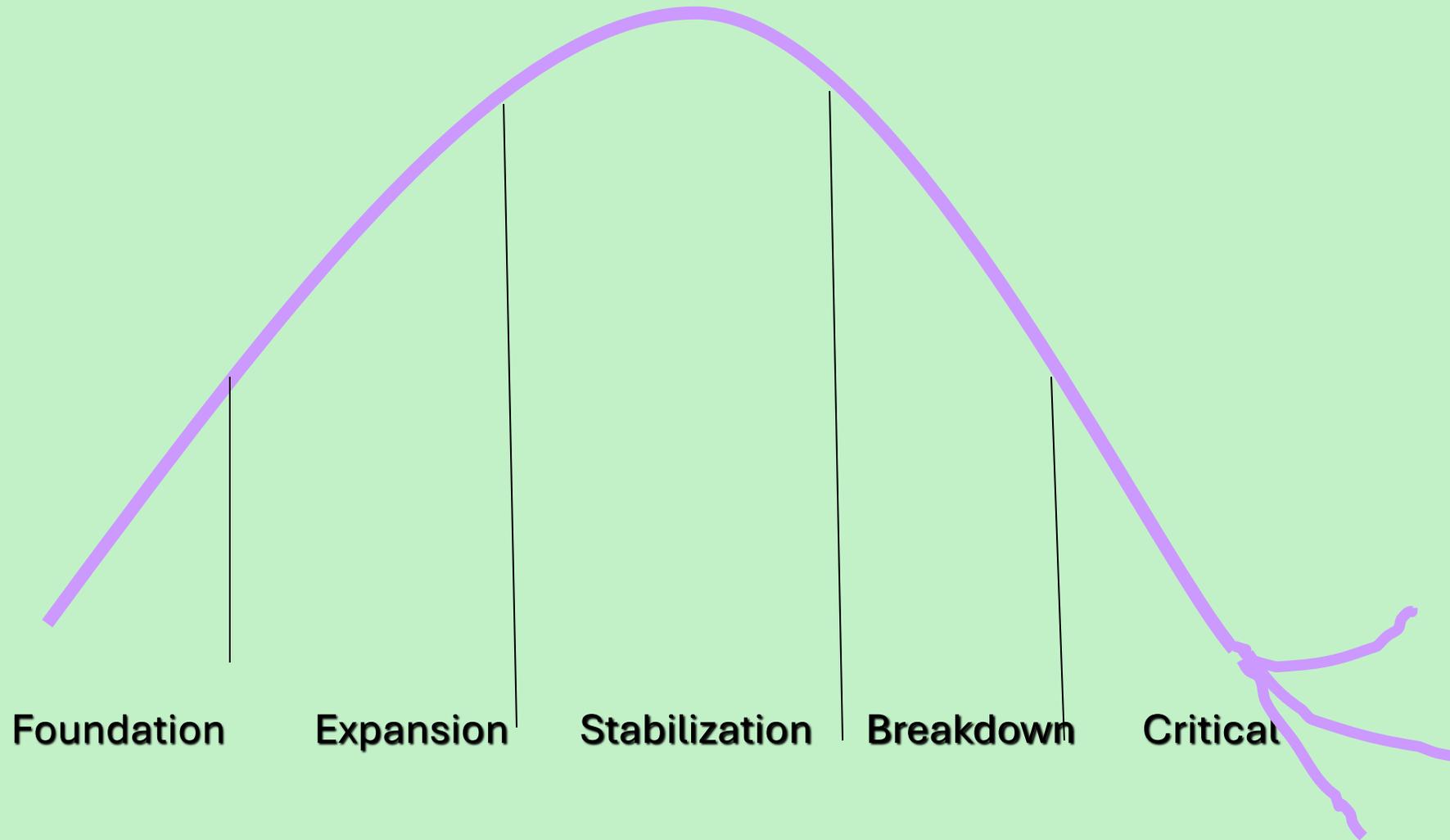


1. Changes are happening faster than we could have anticipated.

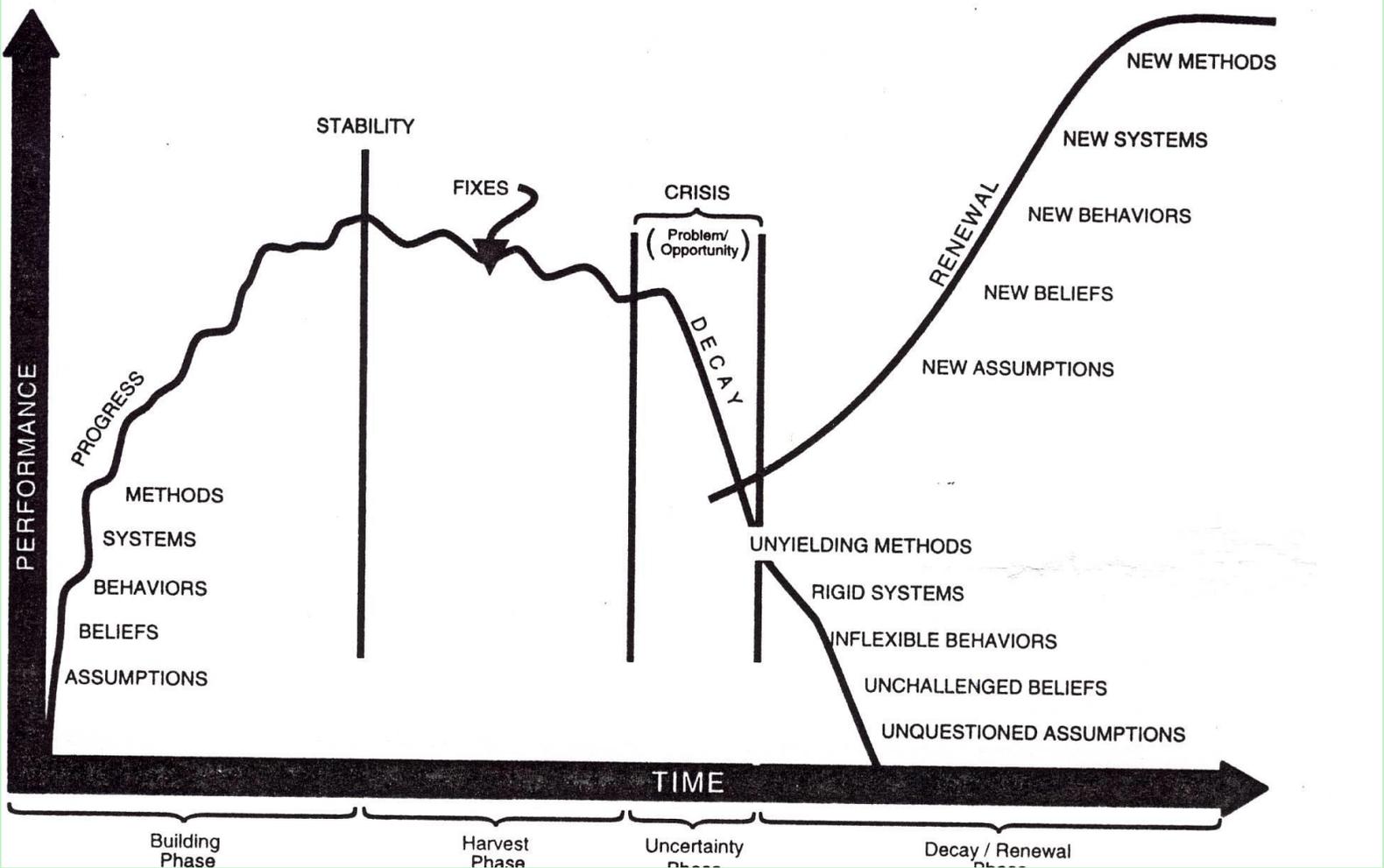
2 Evolving structures and developing relationships

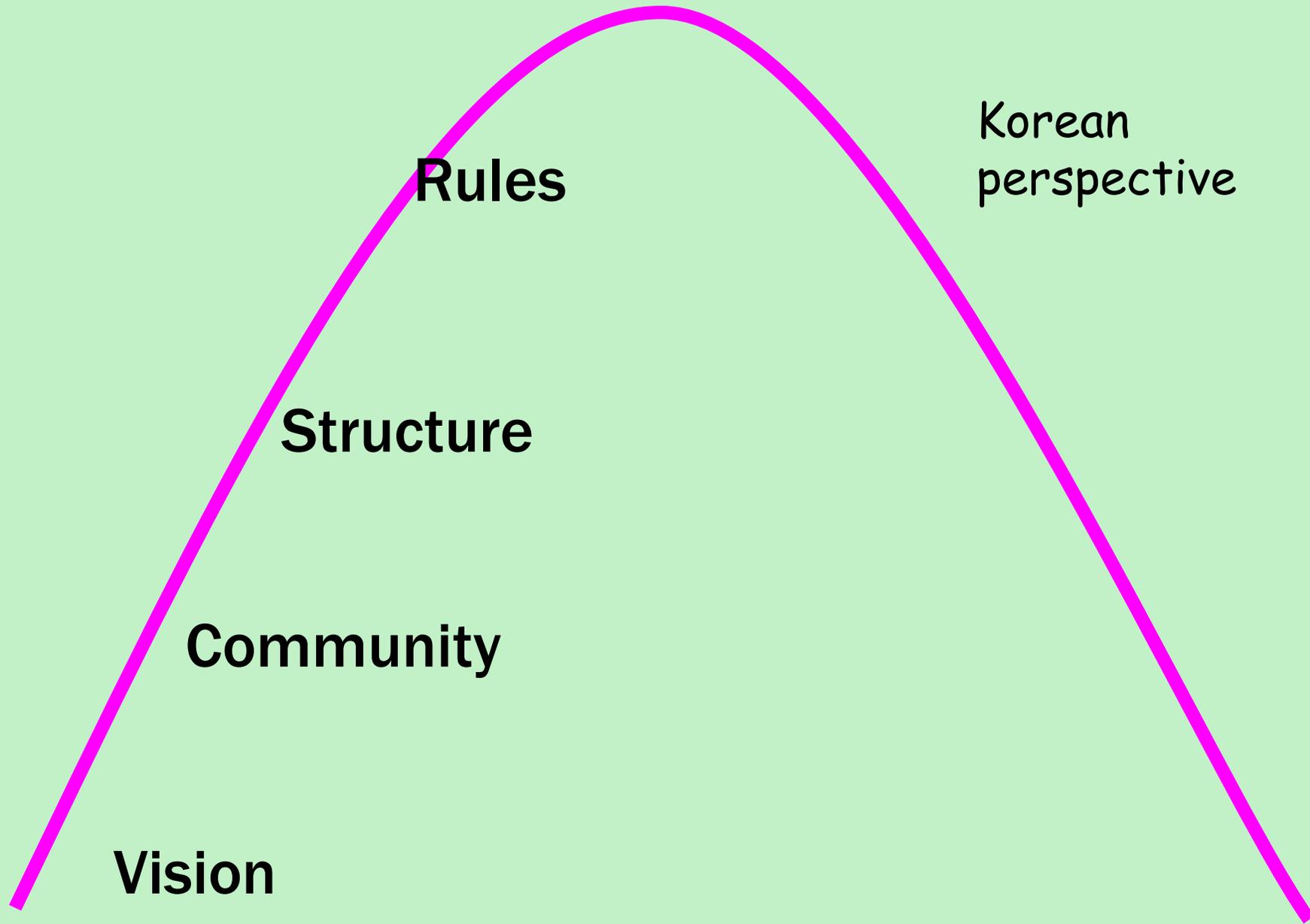


Lifecycle of a Religious Organization – Lawrence Coda



Business model





Vision

Community

Structure

Rules

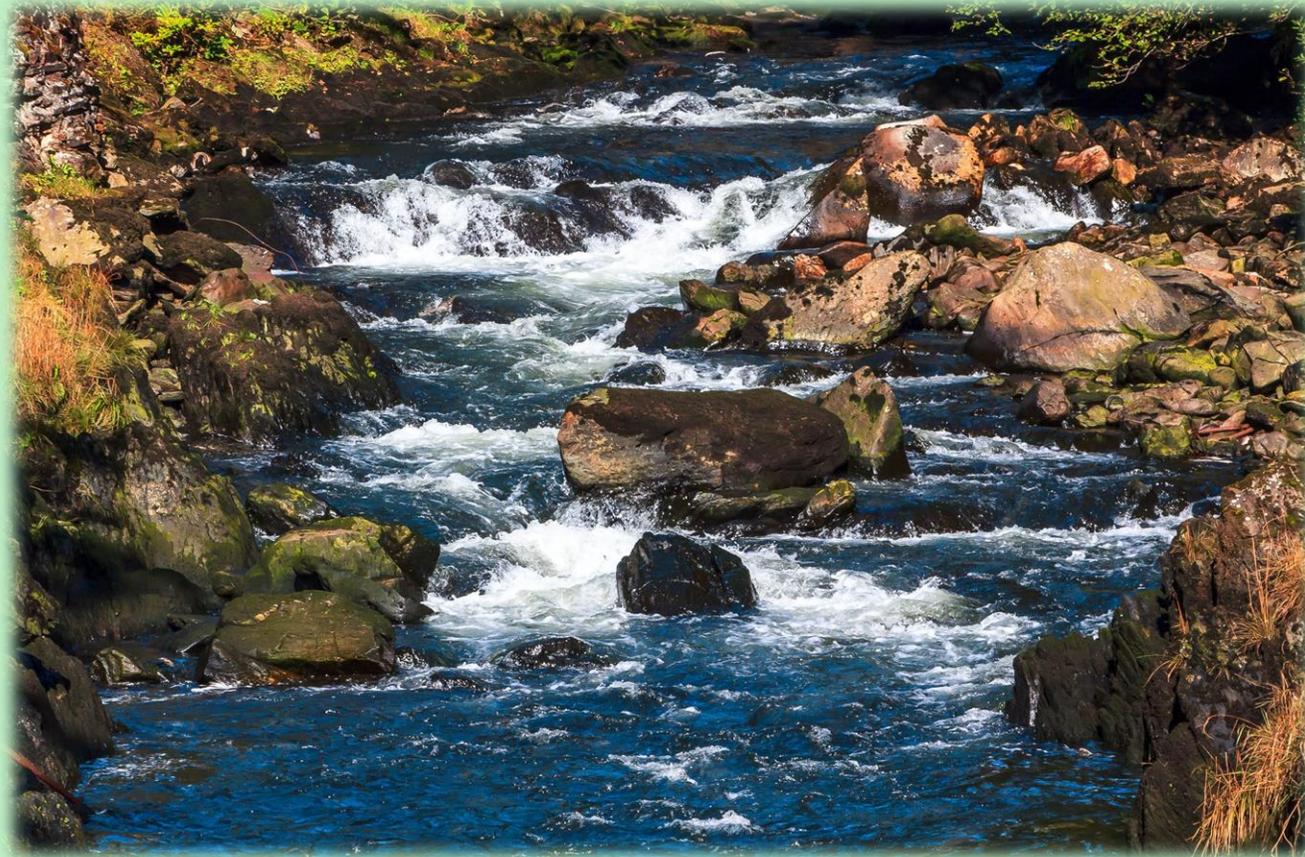
Korean
perspective



3. Making mistakes is critical

The groan zone





Wendell Berry:

It may be that when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have come to our real journey.

*The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings.*

(Standing by Words)



Helen Keller

A bend in the road
is the not end of
the road --
Unless you fail to
make the turn!

- <https://youtu.be/-hta7R6ZXpk>



Impasse is predictable



Some reminders as we prepare for September



Each person
has something
important to
say.

- Transformed people transform organizations!



Some reminders in doing the work

Resistance: who is the character connecting to doing things as they always have been done.



Identify areas over which we have no control



Break issues into manageable parts



Check imagined consequences



See yourself as “those who generated the congregation.”

What blocks transformation



Concluding reflection: 10 Minute partner sharing



Where did you find resonance, and/or resistance in our morning conversation

Is there any resolve on your part?

2 min. quiet reflection

3 min. for individual to share: partner listen's, draws forth...

1 min. quiet to hold the experience

3 min. for the other person to share: partner listen's, draws forth...

1 min. quiet.