Title: A study of Ellen G. White’s concept on centers of influence and its application towards urban mission in Metro Manila

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Abstract:

The problem addressed in this study is how to apply Ellen G. White’s concept on “centers of influence” towards urban mission in the context of Metro Manila. The purpose is focused on proposing the establishment of a model center of influence in Metro Manila as an application of Ellen G. White’s concept of centers of influence.

In Chapter 2 Ellen G. White’s meaning and usage of the phrase “centers of influence” are investigated. Her model of centers of influence provides a conceptual framework for (1) the establishment of building facilities or institutions, (2) the need of faithful persons, and (3) the consideration of strategic locations for urban mission.

Chapter 3 describes some specific examples of institutions as biblical and missiological models of centers of influence. The chapter affirms Ellen G. White’s concept on centers of influence as biblically rooted, and missiologically functional in both early and contemporary practices of SDA and non-SDA churches.

Chapter 4 describes the emergence and the role of Metro Manila, as the Philippines’ urban capital and center of commerce, education, and tourism. The chapter also describes institutions in Metro Manila. The central role and attractive influence of Metro Manila and shopping malls in the country suggest their importance as strategic loci of mission. In this
context, the Wellness and Learning Center is designed and described as a model center of influence in urban mission.

This study concludes that the wellness and Learning Center as a model center of influence in Metro Manila and the shopping malls, is a viable agency in saving people God’s kingdom.