

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Shepherd the church of God, which he bought with the blood of his own. [Acts 20:28]

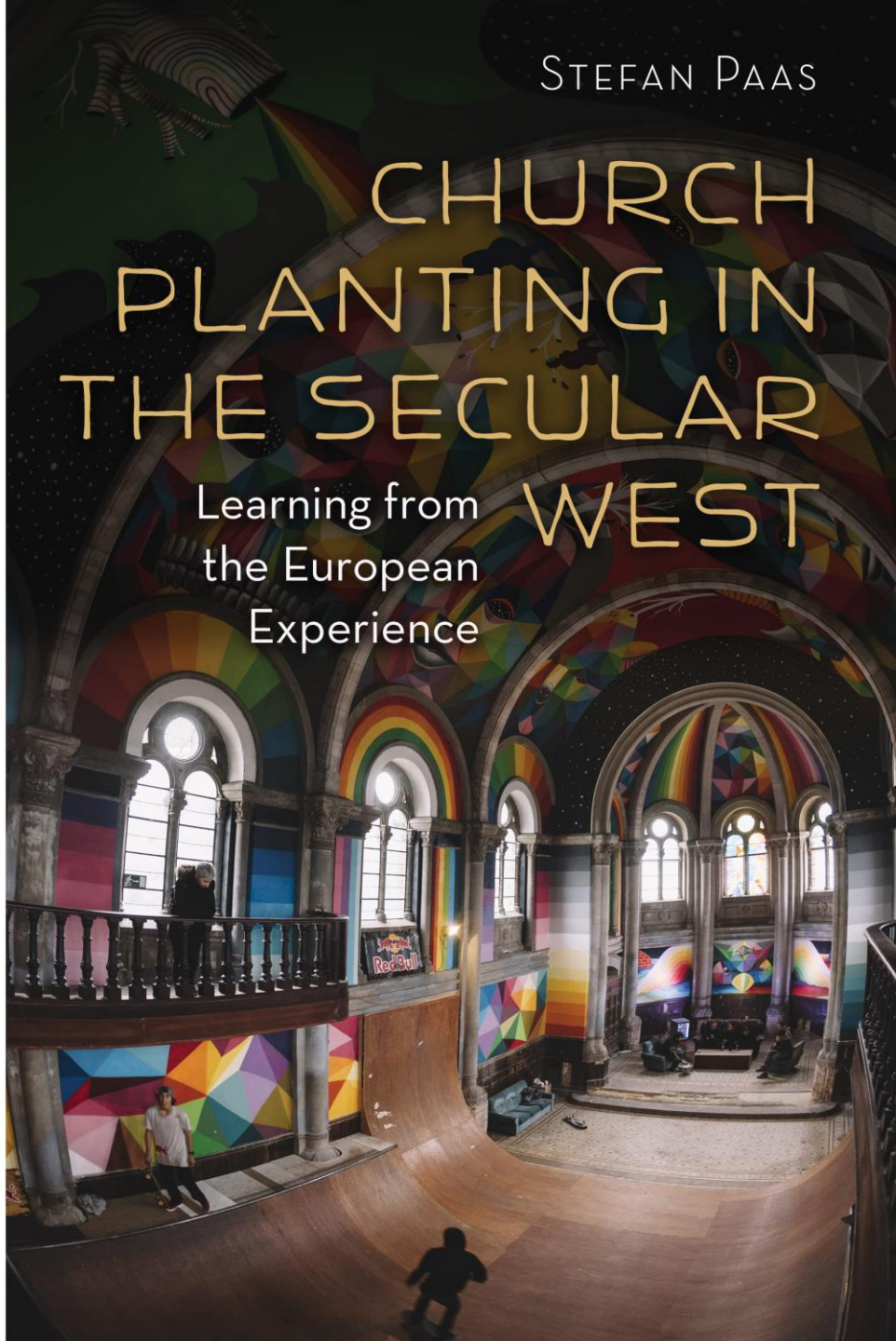
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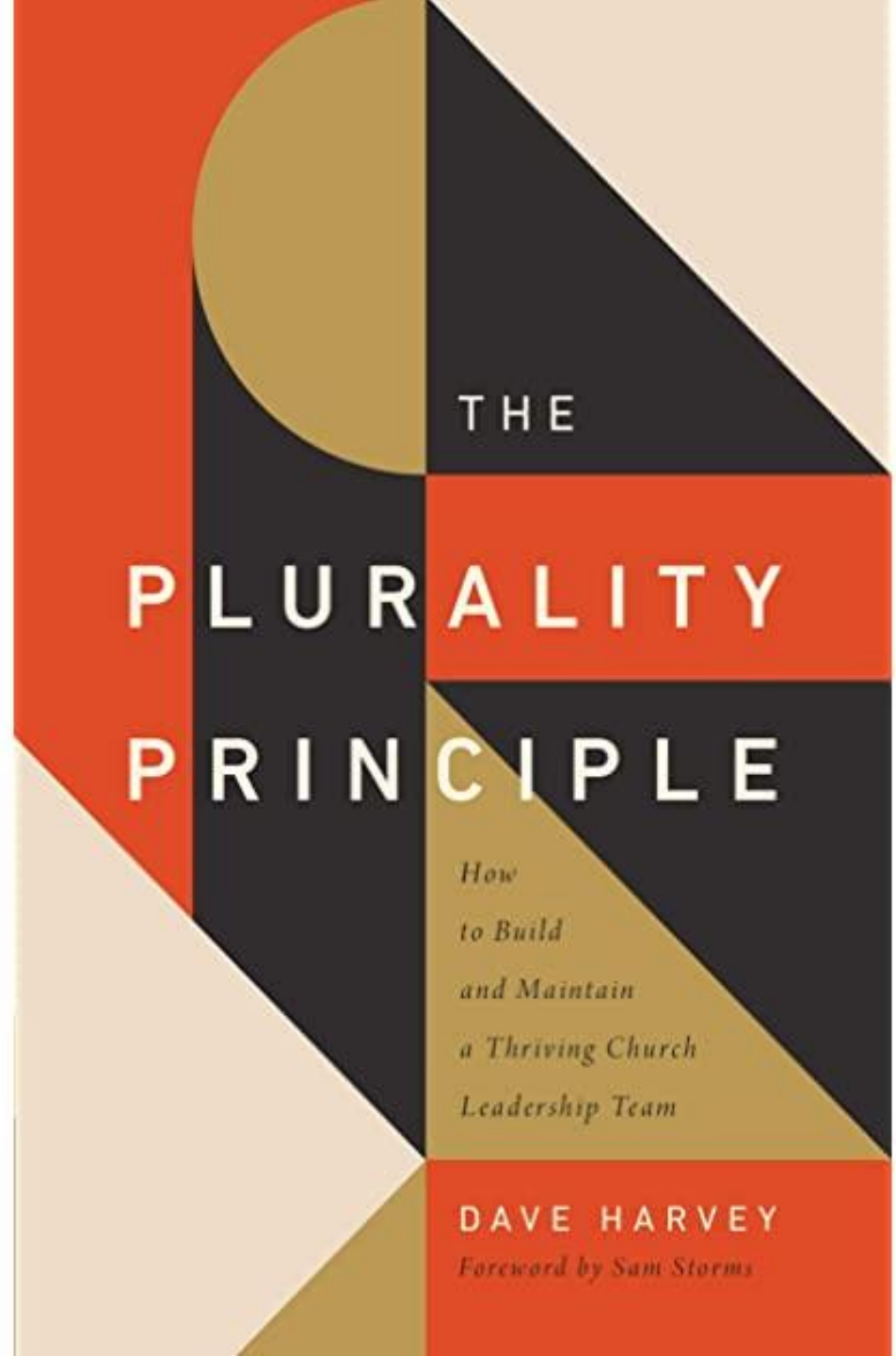
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THE PLURALITY PRINCIPLE

*How
to Build
and Maintain
a Thriving Church
Leadership Team*

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Foreword by Sam Storms



<i>Polity</i>	Episcopal	Presbyterian	Congregational
<i>Ordination</i>	Bishop	Presbytery	Congregation
<i>Organisation</i>	Law	Assembly (session, presbytery, synod)	Covenant (within) Association (without)
<i>Offices</i>	Bishop Presbyter Deacon	Pastor, Teacher, Governing Elder Deacon	Elder Deacon
<i>Distinctive</i>	Leadership	Collegiality	Democracy
<i>Fears</i>	Disunity	Unaccountability	Control, compromise
<i>Weaknesses</i>	Obstruction, compromise	Inertia	Isolation, unaccountability, indecision

What is at stake? What are you trying to guard? What are you afraid of?

What are the weaknesses?

1000 questions of planting

Reflecting on power in the church

- Inversion
- Levelling
- Relativising
- Distribution
- Change of manner
- Change of means
- Change of purpose

How do you relate to other churches?

How are officers appointed?

What authority belongs to the congregation?

How should the elders lead?

How should the church's resources be handled and by whom?

How are different decisions made?

What do you do in a crisis?