

Title: Developing Pastoral Care and Counseling Ministry for the
Kachin Churches in the context of Thailand, Case Study:
Wunpawng Christian Church

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ABSTRACT

This study is about a pastoral ministry inside and outside of the church community to understand and apply for the betterment of future pastoral ministry. This study is also to help the pastors to develop their Pastoral Care and Counseling skills in effective ways for their particularly church community. Especially, this study is mainly focus on the experience and the challenges of pastors from Wunpawng Christian Church (WCC) so that this study will help the pastors from WCC to understand the concept and theory of Pastoral Care and Counseling ministry and to apply in their particular church.

This study has five main chapters with different sub topic. The first chapter gives introduction to explain why the Pastoral Care and Counseling ministry is in need of Kachin Churches in the context of Thailand. The first Chapter also explains

the purpose of this research, words definitions, scope and limitation of this research and methodology part.

The second chapter emphasizes the understanding of Pastoral Care and Counseling ministry and it defines the meaning of pastoral care and counseling ministry. It also presents pastoral care as shepherding ministry particularly from the scriptures. Additionally, it explains the aims of pastoral care and counseling ministry with its basis skills in care and counseling ministry. Finally, the chapter mentions about the requirements of pastoral care and counseling ministry.

The Third chapter presents a case study of Wunpawng Christian Church (WCC). Firstly, it explains a brief history of the WCC with the background of the Kachins in Thailand and background of the church members. Secondly the chapter also presents the role, functions, and activities of the church and its pastors and ministers. This chapter also provides the interview parts of how pastors and ministers from WCC understand the pastoral care and counseling ministry. Finally, it gives the tools and some methods to develop pastoral care and counseling ministry in Wunpawng Christian Church.

The final Chapter five summarized all the previous chapters and concludes with suggestions to the pastors and ministers from Wunpawng Christian Church to apply this ministry with the church members effectively. This chapter also explains the importance of care and counseling ministry in the church societies. Therefore, the pastors and ministers from WCC can give much care and better counseling to church members and it will also be much more efficient and proactive ways.