

Running the Race Organizational Harmony

I. Foundations for Biblical Harmony

Faith-based organizations have been given a vision and mission for kingdom impact.

Challenges include:

Increasing polarization.

Decreasing freedom to hold differing views and remain friendly.

Looking to sources outside God's Word.

Definitions:

Unity- oneness of purpose.

Uniformity- sameness in approach.

Harmony- pleasing combination of different parts.

II. Barriers to Organizational Harmony

Individuals and groups equally committed to rightly interpreting and living under the authority of the Bible disagree, and often struggle with those who see things differently.

III. Harmony Framework

<u>Communicate</u> – what organizational harmony looks like.

Create – a lexicon of challenging terms.

Clarify – how decisions are made within the organization.

<u>Cultivate</u> – space for discussion and disagreement.

God's purpose for our organization will be fulfilled not because of, but despite us. Therefore, we can trust the outcomes ultimately to Him.