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Definitions of the Six Currencies for the Cycle of Blessings by Eric Law

Currency of Time and Place: Paid and volunteer time that leaders and members offer to the church or ministry. Properties from which a church and ministry operates, and other properties owned or which can be accessed by the church and ministry.

Currency of Gracious Leadership: The ability to use skills, tools, models, and processes to create gracious environments (Grace Margin) within which mutually respectful “relationships” and the discernment of the “truth” across differences can be built internally, among existing members, and externally, with non-members. Differences can be racial/ ethnic, age, gender, sexual orientation, class, political affiliation, or simply those existing between church members and other folks in the neighborhood.

Currency of Relationship: The internal and external networks of mutually respectful connections that leaders and members of a church and ministry have. Internal connections include constructive relationships among members and leaders, area churches or ministries of the same affiliation, area denominational organizations, and national and international denominational structures. External connections include constructive relationships with non-members, different racial, cultural and ethnic groups in the neighborhood, people with resources and people in need in the community, civic community leaders, ecumenical and interfaith partners, community and civic organizations, and local businesses.

Currency of Truth: The ability to articulate individually and corporately the global and wholistic truth, both internally—the experiences of different individuals and groups within the church or ministry—and externally—the experiences of different individuals and groups in the community, the neighborhood, the city or town, the nation, and the earth.

Currency of Wellness: The state of being healthy physically, socially, economically, ecologically, and spiritually within a church or ministry, the neighborhood, the town and city, nation, or the earth, especially as the result of deliberate effort. Sustainable wellness requires regenerative and circulatory flow of material, human, financial, and natural resources.

Currency of Money: Something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value, or as a means of payment.

“I want to reiterate three points. First, it is the flowing of these currencies that gives them value. The dynamic exchanges of these currencies are what circulate and regenerate resources, making a ministry sustainable and missional. For example, a church might have a beautiful church building—a currency of place. But if it is only used on Sunday when the church members come to worship, the currencies of time and place are not being maximized, because it only flows into the currencies of leadership, internal relationship, and wellness one day a week. For the rest of week, this currency of place has no value. And, if a currency does not flow, it has no value” Eric Law