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<http://www.lighthouse trailsresearch.com/blog/?p=9108> This is an old story that has been abbreviated for this AIB and relates to a more recent article that follows. ‘In his book, Warren Smith wrote the following: “From all appearances, Ken Blanchard would be playing an important role in helping to fulfill the “equip leaders” part of Rick Warren’s Global P.E.A.C.E. Plan. This was confirmed two weeks later when Warren appeared with Blanchard at the Lead Like Jesus Celebration in Birmingham. When Warren spoke at the conference, he stated that he and Blanchard were “working together” on the P.E.A.C.E. Plan...’

Rick Warren ‘...hired Ken Blanchard, author of the best-selling *The One Minute Manager*, to come to Saddleback to help train people how to be effective leaders at home, in business, in school, and in church.’ According to Lighthouse Trails Blanchard ‘has been a consistent advocate for eastern-style meditation and has written the forewords and endorsements for many New Age meditation books.’

<http://www.abwe.org/resources/events/situational-leadership%C2%AE> ‘Developed by leadership experts Paul Hersey and Ken Blanchard nearly 50 years ago, Situational Leadership® is the most widely taught leadership model in the world, and its leadership style is embraced by many of the world’s most successful organizations.

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Diagnose: “Understand the situation they are trying to influence”

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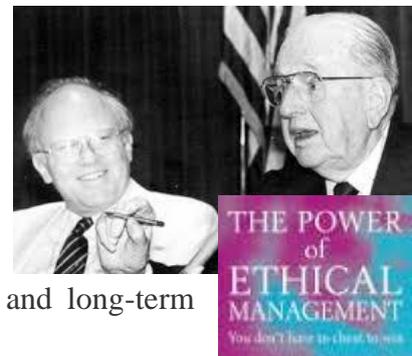
Communicate: “Interact with others in a manner they can understand and accept”

Advance: “Manage the movement”

Taught by our own certified trainers at the ABWE Home Office near Harrisburg, PA, Situational Leadership® is the perfect fit for missionaries, team leaders, and anyone with a desire to improve their leadership skills.’

<https://www.kenblanchard.com/Store/Books/Power-of-Ethical-Management> ‘Ethics in business is the most urgent problem facing America today. Now two of the best-selling authors of our time, Kenneth Blanchard and Norman Vincent Peale, join forces to meet this crisis head-on in this vitally important book. *The Power of Ethical Management* proves you don't have to cheat to win. It shows today's managers how to bring integrity back to the workplace. It gives hard-hitting, practical, ethical strategies that build profits, productivity, and long-term success.’

<http://tennesseestar.com/2017/05/17/pentecostal-church-in-north-carolina-town-converted-to-a-mosque/> ‘A former Pentecostal church in the small North Carolina town of Smithfield became a mosque on Saturday. Mosque organizer Ali Mohammad [told the Raleigh News & Observer](#) that there are plans for a worship and community center and a school. Smithfield is located in a rural county in the center of the state that is predominantly Christian. 1950s American film star Ava Gardner was born near Smithfield, which is now the location of the [Ava Gardner Museum](#).



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Local Christian leaders were invited to a ceremony at the new Islamic Center of Smithfield on Saturday, where mosque organizers planned to give them crosses removed from the building’s steeple and facade.’

Pastor Jim and Lorraine Melnyk of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Smithfield were planning to participate in the ceremony. Melnyk said he saw “...it as an important statement of community, that we take each other’s faiths seriously.” He also wanted “...to acknowledge how important it is to build bridges in the community when we’re living in a time that is so anxiety ridden and there’s so much mistrust going on in the world around us. It’s important when we can find common ground and share our community.” Melnyk continued, “I see this as a very positive thing, and if anyone is hurt or offended by it I challenge them to read the gospels a little more closely.”



<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/227625> ‘The city of London – dubbed "Londonistan" by outspoken journalist Melanie Phillips – now has 423 new mosques, which are "built on the sad ruins of English Christianity." So writes Italian journalist and writer, *Arutz Sheva* columnist Giulio Meotti...’

‘The Hyatt United Church, for instance, on Hamilton Road, was purchased by the Egyptian community and is being converted into a mosque. St Peter’s Church is now the Madina Mosque, and the Brick Lane Mosque used to be a Methodist church. Not only buildings are converted, writes Meotti, but also people: "The number of converts to Islam [in London] has doubled; often they embrace radical Islam, as with Khalid Masood, the terrorist who struck Westminster."

"Given the current trends," he predicts, "Christianity in England is becoming a relic, while Islam will be the religion of the future."

It is estimated that by 2020, the number of Muslims attending prayers will top the number of Christians attending weekly Mass, 683,000 to 679,000. Within a generation, the number of churchgoers will be three times lower than that of Muslims who go regularly to mosque on Friday.’

<http://www.lfpress.com/2016/09/29/former-london-church-set-to-become-mosque-and-school>

"I am delighted it will remain as a place of worship. I believe we only have one God some see it as the Prophet Mohammed and others as Jesus," said Rev. Richard Golden, of Melbourne United Church, who is also chairperson of the United Church’s Middlesex Prebytery.

<http://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/4668843/stamping-out-sexuality-phobia/?cs=112>

17/05/2017 In rural Australia ‘Two community groups joined forces on Wednesday to stamp the rainbow flag across Dubbo for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

Headspace Dubbo and Dubbo Sexual Health Clinic partnered up for the initiative that challenges discrimination and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, questioning and asexual members of the community.’ The article said ‘...10 coffee shops across the city used rainbow stamps on coffee cards in a mark of support.’ This was an ‘ideal day to come together and support people who don’t meet sexual and gender norms.’ 2Timothy 3:13 ‘But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.’

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