

**EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS LEADERS FOR THE  
ALASKA CONTEXT OF MINISTRY**

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This project attempted to identify reasons and solutions for the leadership vacuum existing among Alaska Native churches of the Assemblies of God. Traditional approaches to leadership development had not produced sufficient numbers of homegrown leaders for Native churches in Alaska. This project emphasized empowering every church member for active ministry as a means of indigenous leadership development.

Research centered on two areas: (1) a biblical theological foundation for the concept of empowerment and (2) on the synthesis of current organizational empowerment processes with the church's need for indigenous leadership development.

A significant cross-section of church leaders in Alaska was exposed to the research on and potential of empowerment for leadership development through a seminar. Cognitive and attitudinal changes were measured, evaluated, and described.

This project produced a core of influencers in the Alaska District of the Assemblies of God compassionate toward local church empowerment as a means of producing Alaska Native leaders and an increased awareness for instituting empowerment processes in the churches of Alaska.