

BAKKE GRADUATE UNIVERSITY  
**Perspectives on Transformational Leadership**

The leader is a stewardship of power – acquiring it, giving it away, using it for God’s purposes, growing it in relationship vs. transaction, but not hoarding and using it for selfish ends.

*Transforming Power: Biblical Strategies for Making a Difference in Your Community* by Robert C. Linthicum

<b>Personal Perspectives</b>	<p><b>Calling-Based Leadership</b> – The leader seeks to understand God-given gifts, experiences and opportunities in understanding his/her unique role as a called instrument of Christ’s transforming work in and above world cultures.</p> <p><i>Transforming Mission</i> by David Bosch  <i>The Missional Church</i> Ed. Darrell Guder  <i>Business as a Calling</i> by Michael Novak</p>
	<p><b>Incarnational Leadership</b> – The leader pursues shared experiences; shared plights; shared hopes; in addition to shared knowledge and tasks.</p> <p><i>A Theology as Big as the City</i> by Bakke, Ray  <i>Exclusion &amp; Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness and Reconciliation</i> by Miroslav Volf</p>
<b>Ministry Perspectives</b>	<p><b>Reflective Leadership</b> – The leader lives in reality, reflects on its meaning, and catalyzes others with the courage, symbols, and example to make meaning in their own lives.</p> <p><i>Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America</i> by Michael Emerson/Christian Smith</p>
	<p><b>Servant Leadership</b> – The leader places the focus on servant first in attitude, priority, desire and even condition of a person to lead by serving and serve by leading. This paradoxical term is popular today, both in religious and non-religious circles, but even more so it is profound and challenging in its meaning and application in today’s global urban world.</p> <p><i>Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness</i> by Robert K. Greenleaf  <i>Insights on Leadership: Service, Stewardship, Spirit and Servant-Leadership</i> - Ed. Larry Spears  <i>Servant First: Readings and Reflections on the Practice of Servant Leadership</i>-Ed. Grace Preedy Barnes  <i>Stewardship: Choosing Service Over Self</i> by Peter Block</p>
<b>World Perspectives</b>	<p><b>Contextual Leadership</b> – The leader recognizes the previous work of God in other cultures and seeks to experience its unique gospel expression.</p> <p><i>The Gospel in a Pluralist Society</i> by Lesslie Newbigin  <i>Orthodox Alaska, A Theology of Mission</i> by Michael Oleksa</p>
	<p><b>Global Leadership</b> – The leader understands the complexity of today’s global, pluralistic, urban, economic and political landscape and sees the church from the perspective of a world church rather than a nationalized, denominational, or localized church.</p> <p><i>The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity</i> by Philip Jenkins  <i>Lexus and Olive Tree</i> by Friedman</p>