

ABSTRACT

EDUCATION FOR LEADERSHIP:
AN HISTORICAL STUDY OF MAJOR PROBLEMS EVANGELICAL
CHURCHES HAVE FACED IN TRAINING LEADERSHIP LOCALLY

The Church of God, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies and the Church of the Nazarene, all within the Evangelical category of churches, shared a common origin in the Holiness movement which developed, in the United States of America, in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

On expanding their operations to the West Indies, in the first quarter of the present century, they developed an on-the-job programme of leadership training for their churches.

By the late 1940's, they recognized the need for a more professional leader and established residential schools, West Indies Bible Institute, West Indies School of Theology and Nazarene Training College, for this purpose. In doing so they encountered some major problems of student enrollment, curriculum development, physical facilities, administration and financing which they tried to solve with varying degrees of success; and which have influenced the direction in which the schools had developed.

This study explores these difficulties and the attempts to solve them, historically; assesses the contribution of these institutions to their sponsoring bodies and seeks to point two possibilities for future development.