SR 812 Planning/Proposal Writing

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In fulfillment of Milestone #3, Erik Christensen’s Peer Review Discussion Forum took place on Friday March 31st, 2023, at 9:30 am.

The following summary of doctoral and peer recommendations are as follows:

1. Dr. Ward – Need to establish the central constructs from each instrument and variable.
   1. Need to define Spiritual Formation (SF) clearly to correctly choose instrument for SF.
      1. Advised to review Ken Boa’s seminal work on SF.
      2. Reminded that Cognitive belief, or what one says they believe doctrinally, does NOT necessarily mean their practices are aligned.
   2. Denominations and or Population definition
      1. United Methodist church is going through a massive change which is a concern regarding ‘orthodox’ Christian doctrine.
      2. Geographical factor/ region may be more important than the specific denomination itself as the region may influence Church Leader’s beliefs and practices more than even the stated denomination, they are connected with.
      3. Need demographic research to clarify the population/sample.
      4. Lit review – two massive parts
         1. Historical background
         2. Research design from chapter 3 becomes part of structuring the relevant research. Must deal with chap 3 design to correctly deal with Lit Review chap 2.
   3. Interact with professors/committee on narrowing down and crystalizing the design for the research...
2. Questions asked by Peers:
   1. Algernon – Am I focused on leadership and what leadership is doing rather than God and what HE is doing? Great question! How do I answer this?
   2. William – What social issue am I trying to answer? My answer involved making disciples, the decline of the church and lost impact upon society! We must balance the internal and the external, the internal beliefs and outward practices, of believers in the Church to impact Society as a whole!