

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This thesis explains despite the big economic progress that science has brought to the world, religion still need to take its leadership role in guiding the world towards a better future. It also explained why diakonia leadership is chosen in China context as the leading force to create positive social changes. The sharing economy which increasingly exerts great influence over China's current economy is also examined as the background of the problem. The example of Amity foundation is used to explore the practical implication of faith-based leadership in this Internet era. In the first chapter of this thesis, the context and the problem will be stated for understanding the purpose of the topic. This section also includes the methodology, literature review and limitations. In the second chapter, I will explain instead of science, why the religion should lead the ideology of this Internet era. I will further explain among the major religions in China, why diakonia leadership is considered as the leading religious ideology to handle the current social problems. This will also include the current changes brought by Internet in contemporary China today. In the third chapter; I will describe the current trend in China that related to diakonia leadership. Other related environmental spheres for conducting public diakonia leadership will also be examined for a complete picture. In the forth chapter, I will explain how public diakonia leadership can work as the norm together with the E-leadership as the practical strategy in this Internet era. Last chapter will use amity foundation as an example to demonstrate how diakonia leaders develop the competences in the management process. The structuring forces and model of development in St. Gallen management model will be used to analyze the case.