

**Table 5.1 ELEMENTS OF THE VISION:
Comparison of Maintenance and Missionary Models**

Element	Maintenance Model	Missionary Model
Inevitable results	Membership decline	Membership Growth
Goals	Ministering to church members; maintaining and improving the church as an institution	Development of effective structures in the congregations and judicatories to build community and further mission; making disciples; living in miraculous expectation; glorious transformation of lives
External Focus	Weak or none	Making disciples of the unchurched; spiritual development of seekers
Internal Focus	Church members; issues of the time that are sometimes divisive; the congregation as an association of individuals; focus implicit or vague	Discipleship, community, spiritual development; judicatory understood as a community of miraculous expectation; focus explicit
Basic denominational unit	Congregation	Denomination and judicatory as one church composed of all its congregations
Denominational functions	Geared to maintaining the status quo, with minor tweaking	Geared to making disciples as a missionary church; serves as a resource for judicatories and congregations; advances the unifying vision of the denomination and its congregations
Judicatory functions	Monitors Congregations	Unifies and integrates the congregations while capitalizing on individual congregational differences; serves as a resource for congregations; supports the missionary vision; implements the missionary model
Congregational Identity	Each church as separate from other churches in the judicatory, isolated and sometimes in competition with them	Each church as a missionary outpost of the one church of the judicatory and the denomination, networked to other congregations, cooperative with them and synergistic
Role of the miraculous	Miraculous sometimes experienced but not expected	Miraculous expected and experienced
Expectation of the personal transformation	Occasional at best	Glorious transformation expected and experienced
Membership	Largely restricted, although not by design	Comprehensive and inclusive