Mixed Economy Tool

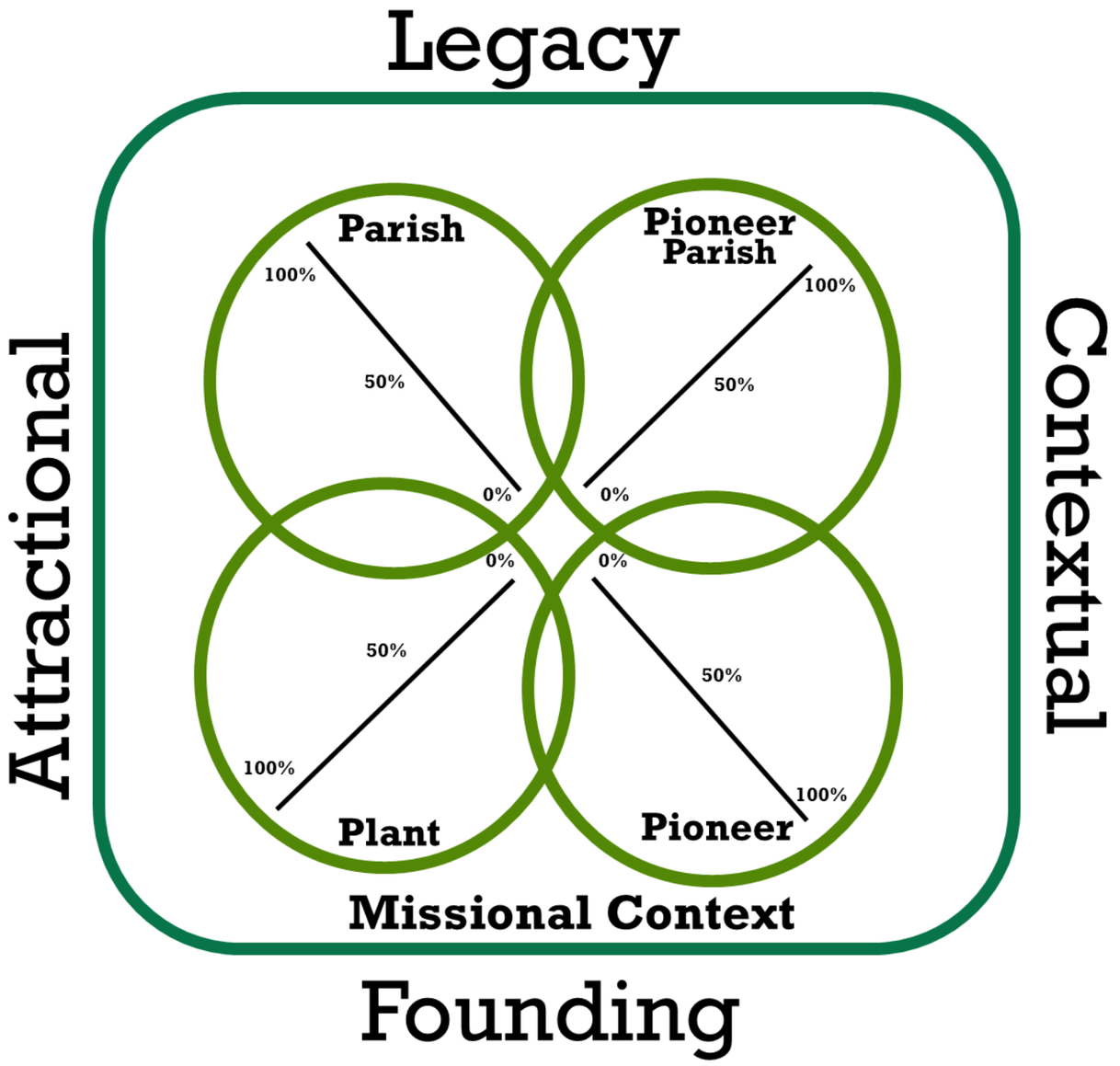
First read 'Redefining the mixed economy' which gives more information about the relationship between legacy, founding, attractional and contextual. This tool works with actual and aspirational data to explore the mixed economy (or ecosystem) of a diocese, denary or group of local churches. The tool provokes questions about the focus, resources and intention of church in response to the missional context.

Tool 1: (below) plots the number of churches in a mixed economy.

Tool 2: (on p2, 3, 4) presents 3 different ways of plotting numbers of worshippers (core), cultural fringe and those with no connection to church (indifferent and dismissive). Comparing and contrasting the data spread of each it prompts questions about where current focus is and where aspirational focus and attention should be. For example, what is the relationship between different expressions of church within the mixed economy? What proportion of each expression of church is present or should be present and why? To what extent is the mission demographic or the status quo influencing strategy and direction?

Tool 1:

Number of churches



Data
Number of Parishes (parish):
Number of Church Plants (plant):
Number of FXPs parish birthed (parish pioneer):
Number of FXP stand alone (pioneer):
Total:

Task:
1. Turn these 4 figures into percentages (each figure/total x 100)

2. Plot each percentage on the appropriate axis

3. Draw a straight line from dot to dot between axis to show the data spread. (see example fig. 1)

4. Discuss what you notice. What does this say about intention, focus, resource etc.?

5. Discuss the overlap of each of the circles. What is the relationship (strategic, practitioner, community) between them?

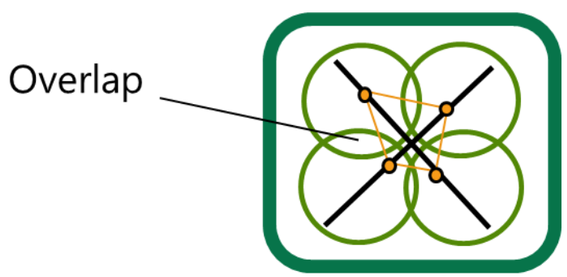
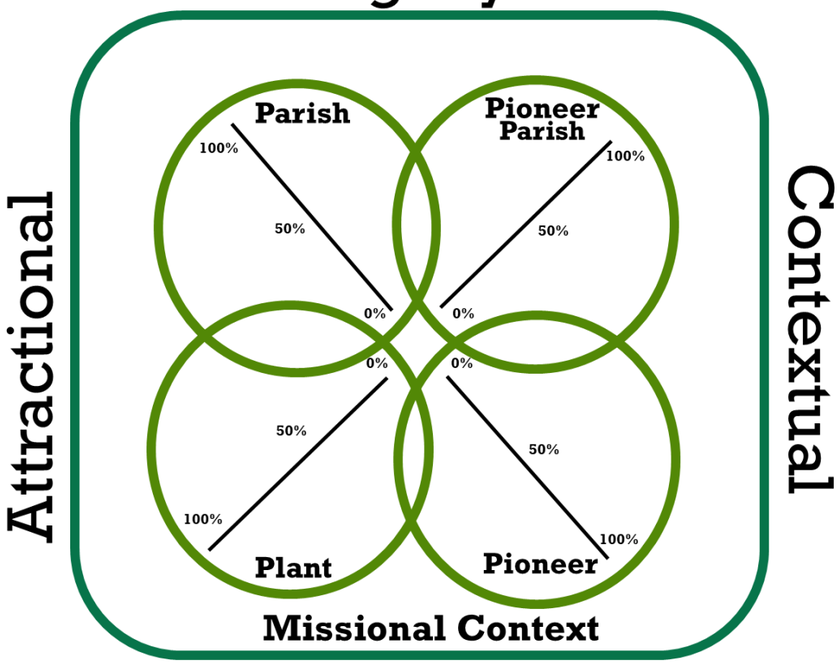


fig. 1

Actual



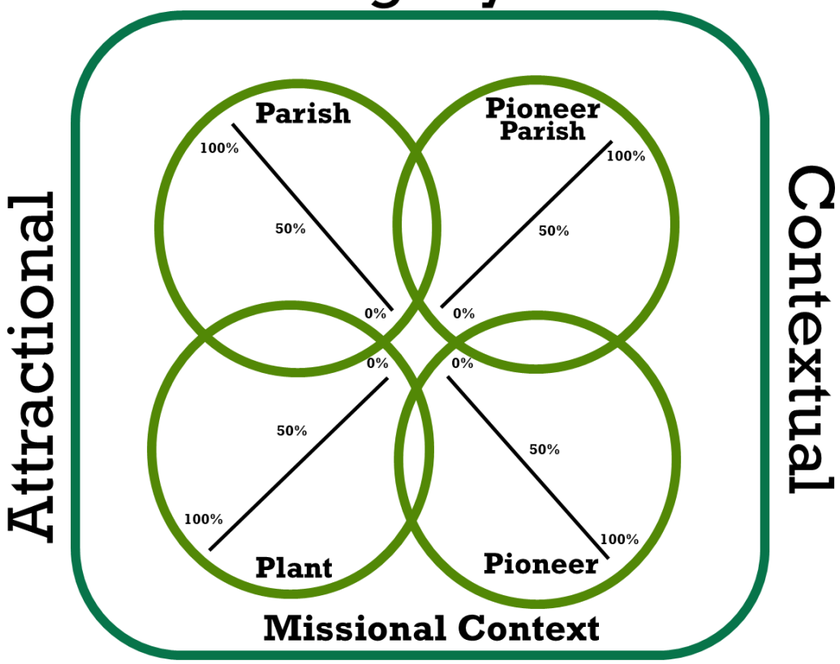
Founding

What percentage of
1. Core Anglicans
2. Regular Anglican Worshipers

are present and where? Make an assumed or educated guess if numerical data isn't available.

Combining these two groups what (%) proportion are present in each circle?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Plot these on the grid and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

Actual/Aspiration



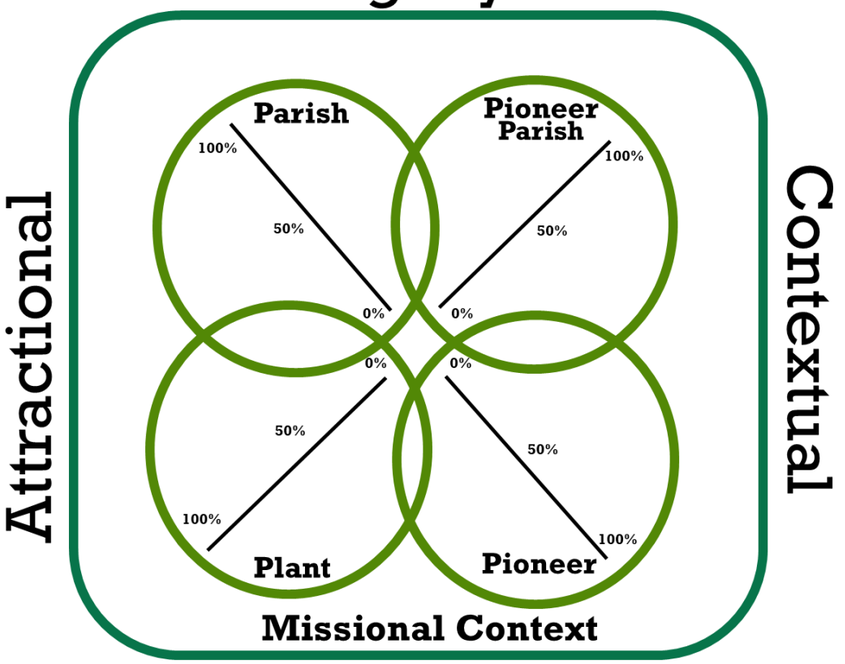
Founding

What percentage of
1. Cultural Fringe

are currently present and where? Make an assumed or educated guess if numerical data isn't available.

What (%) proportion are present in, or beyond, each circle?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Plot these on the grid and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

Aspiration



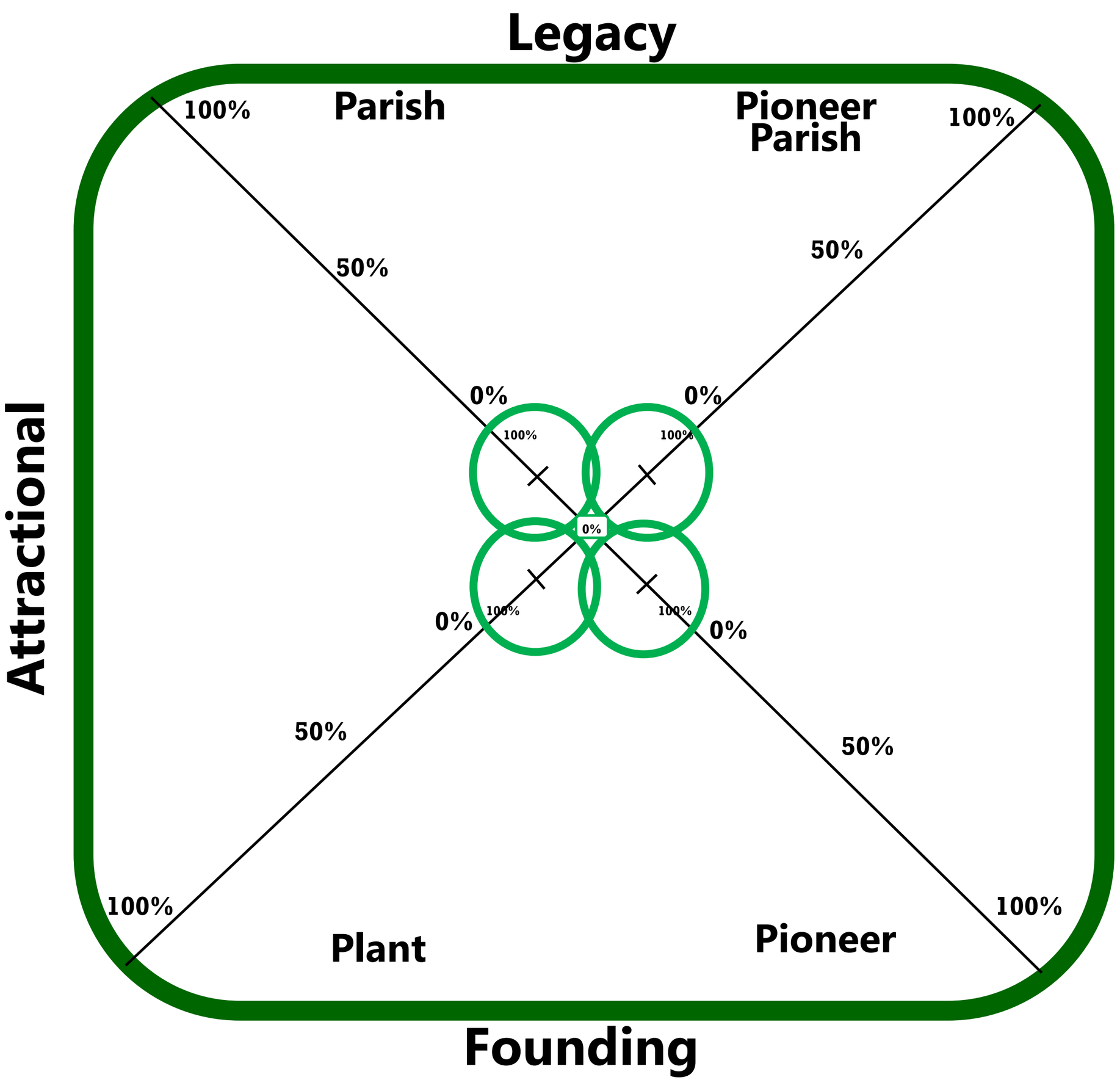
Founding

How do you anticipate those who are currently
1. Indifferent
2. Dismissive

will be best reached?

Combining these two groups what would be the most effective (%) proportion of mission focus in, or beyond, each circle?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Plot these on the grid and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

Compare the 3 kite diagrams :What do you notice? So what? What's the next step?



Actual: What combined % of
1. Core Anglicans
2. Regular Anglican Worshipers

are present and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Plot these on the grid within the green circles and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

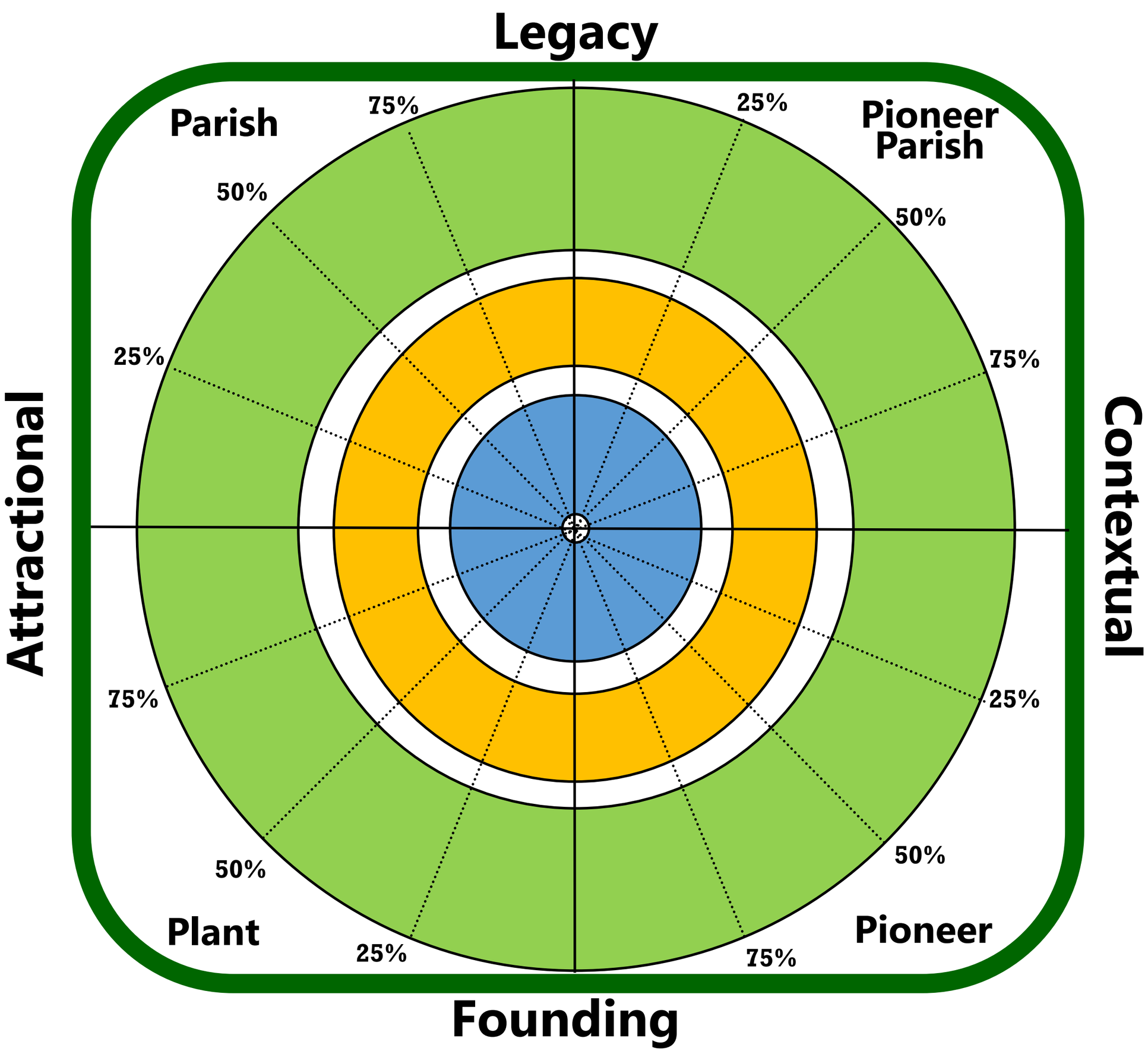
Actual/ Aspiration: What % of
1. Cultural Fringe

are present and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Plot these on the grid outside the green circles and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

Aspiration: What combined % of
1. Indifferent
2. Dismissive

are best reached and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
Ina different colour also plot these on the grid outside the green circles and draw a line between each axis to show the spread.

Compare the 3 kite diagrams
What do you notice?
So what?
What's you're next step?



Actual: What combined % of
1. Core Anglicans
2. Regular Anglican Worshipers

are present and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
In each sphere, plot and shade appropriate proportion of the blue circle.

Actual/ Aspiration: What % of
1. Cultural Fringe

are present and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
In each sphere, plot and shade appropriate proportion of the yellow circle.

Aspiration: What combined % of
1. Indifferent
2. Dismissive

are best reached and where?
Parish:
Plant:
Pioneer Parish:
Pioneer:
In each sphere, plot and shade appropriate proportion of the green circle.

<u>Compare the blue, yellow and green spheres</u>

What do you notice?
So what?
What's you're next step?