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# ABSTRACT

This thesis investigated the relationship between computer-mediated communication (CMC) and perceived level of intimacy (PLI) of adolescents of Taytay First Church of the Nazarene (TFCN), Taytay, Rizal Philippines. The researcher used a survey questionnaire adopted from Natalie Pennington's "Building and Maintaining Relationships in the Digital Age: Using Social Penetration Theory to Explore Communication through Social Networking Sites" (Pennington, 2015). Spearman's Correlation Coefficient was utilized to examine the relationship between the TFCN adolescents' age, gender and PLI; perceived type of relationship and PLI; depth and breadth of communication and PLI; and the use of other communication forms and PLI.

The purpose of this study was to examine the perceived levels of intimacy in CMC among adolescents in Taytay, Rizal, First Church of the Nazarene, Philippines. The study was quantitative in approach. The researcher conducted a survey for measuring the PLI between 60 respondents and their CMC friends. This research asked the respondents to choose a CMC friend (person with whom they communicate on a daily basis using CMC) and investigated the respondents' PLI via CMC.

Summarizing the research findings, respondents' PLI had no correlation with the respondents' age, depth of communication, or breadth of communication. Meanwhile, the respondents' PLI correlated with the respondents' gender, respondents' perceived type of relationship, and the use of CMC and other forms of communication.

Based on the findings, the thesis suggested that TFCN should consider CMC as a platform for adolescents to express themselves and at the same time continue to

encourage face-to-face meetings and interactions such as cell groups, Bible study groups, and accountability partners.

# DEDICATION

This thesis is dedicated to churches who may find this research relevant to their youth ministry.

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