

# Congregational Behavioral Covenant Workshop

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## Cooperative Learning and Non-Verbal Communication Exercise

Daniel divided us up into three groups, gave each group a bunch of plastic straws (a different color for each group) and then told us the rules: (1) build a structure that stands up and (2) no talking!

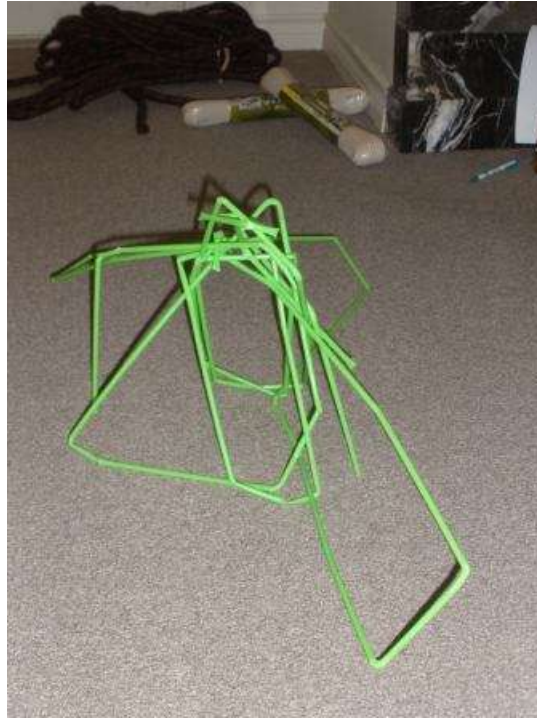
### THE GREEN STRAW GROUP



Amanda, Celeste, Marolen, Jessica, Barbara, and Martha work cooperatively.



Oooh, looking good. But do I hear talking in this group??



Et, voila! C'est magnifique!!  
(And it was only Martha talking to herself ~ not to anybody else.)

### **THE RED STRAW GROUP**



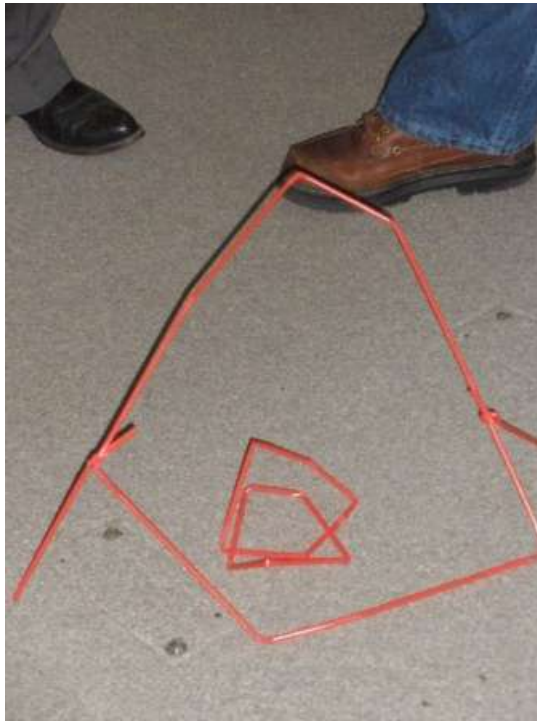
The Red Straw Group (aka "The Sitting Group")  
Jay, Tina, Ruth, Sherry, Gayle, Veronica and Tom study these things called straws.



The Red Straw Group begins to build.



The Red Straw Group moves their structure to a firm foundation.  
(thighs were not working too well)



The Red Straw Group has the foundation laid.



This is a very tall structure ~ seen from the proper perspective.

## THE BLUE STRAW GROUP



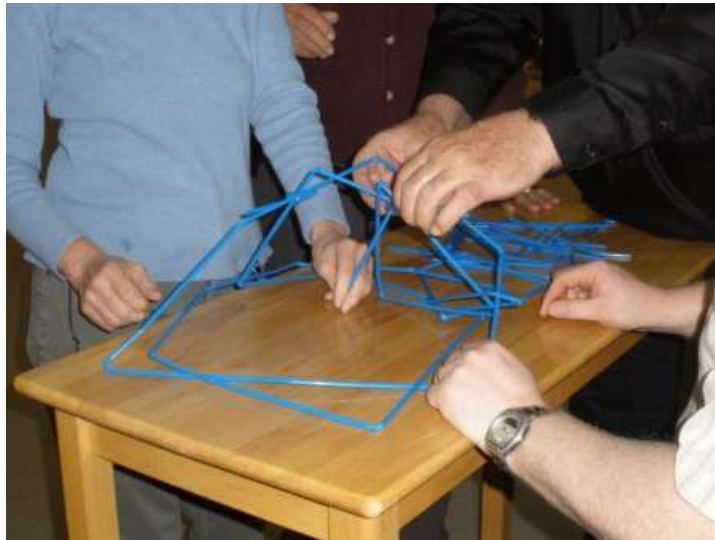
The straws are piling up ..... but does that count as standing up?



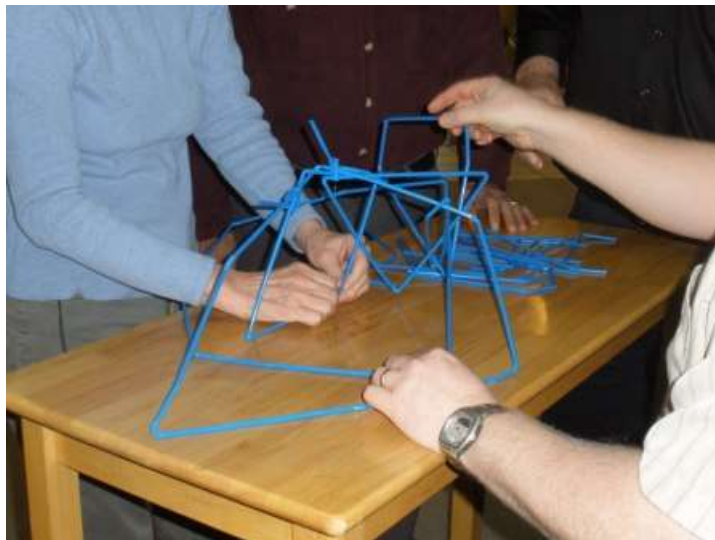
Jeff, Philip and Sky try another strategy.



Austin looks on helpfully as Jeff, Philip, Sky, Al and Jerry keep piling on the straws.



The Blue Straw Team begin to explore the mysteries of upward stability.



When necessary, one may tie the straws in a knot.