

FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH FOR A CHANGING CONTEXT

Neue Ausdrucksformen
gemeindlichen Lebens
in einem sich wandelnden Kontext

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MISSION SHAPED CHURCH Mission bringt Gemeinde in Form

- 'church planting and fresh expressions of church in a changing context.'
- Gemeindepflanzungen und neue Ausdrucksformen gemeindlichen Lebens in einem sich wandelnden Kontext



THREE YEARS PROGRESS

Was in 3 Jahren passiert ist

- 21,500 copies sold
- National Evangelism Officer (Paul Bayes)
- Senior Staff coordinator in 40 dioceses
- 'Fresh Expressions' organisation (+Methodist)
- 600+ registered projects,
- 35% of parishes in 2005 count.
- New legal Framework
- Mission leadership criterion for all ordinands
- Pioneer ordained ministers

THREE YEARS PROGRESS

Was in 3 Jahren passiert ist

- Pioneer lay ministry guidelines
- Resources: books, pamphlets, DVDs
- Training: 'Mission Shaped Ministry' course
- Additional financial provision, national & diocesan.

MISSION STARTS WITH GOD

Mission geht von Gott aus

- 'Mission has its origin in God. God is a missionary God, a God who crosses frontiers towards the world. In creation God was already the God of mission, with his Word and his Spirit as missionaries. God likewise sent his incarnate Son into the world.'

GOD'S SELF EMPTYING

Gottes Selbstaufgabe

- And he sent his Spirit at Pentecost. Mission is God giving up himself, his becoming (hu)man, his laying aside of his divine prerogatives and taking our humanity, his moving into the world, in his Son and Spirit.' David Bosch

MISSIO DEI

Gottes Mission

- 'It is not the church that has a mission of salvation to fulfil in the world; it is the mission of the Son and the Spirit through the Father that includes the church.' Jurgen Moltmann

THE PRIORITY OF MISSION

Der Vorang der Mission

- 'The Church of God does not have a mission, but the God of mission has a Church.' Tim Dearborn
- 'There is church because there is mission, not vice versa.' David Bosch

WE SHARE IN HIS MISSION

Wir sind beteiligt an seiner Mission

- 'The mission of the Church is the gift of participating, through the Holy Spirit, in the Son's mission from the Father to the world.' James Torrance

CHRIST SHAPED PRINCIPLES FOR THE CHURCH

Christus-geprägte Prinzipien der Kirche

- INCARNATION - The world to enter
Inkarnation – eingetaucht in die Welt
- CROSS - The world to counter
Das Kreuz – der Welt etwas entgegenhalten
- RESURRECTION - The world to anticipate
Auferstehung – vorausschauen in eine neue Welt

INCARNATION - A World to Enter Inkarnation – eingetaucht in die Welt

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

- 19 I have made myself a slave to all so that I might win more of them.
- 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew,
- 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law
- 22 I have become all things to all people
- 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel

GOSPEL AND CULTURES

Das Evangelium und die Kulturen

- CULTURES ARE RELATIVE
Kulturen sind relativ
- 'I have become all things to all people'
- THE GOSPEL IS NOT
Das Evangelium nicht
- 'I do it all for the sake of the gospel'

PAUL'S MISSIONARY METHODS

Missionsmethoden des Paulus

- 'As far as possible he (Paul) has deliberately identified himself with those whom he has sought to win for the gospel.' Morna Hooker
- 'I do it all for the sake of the gospel.'
1 Cor. 9:23

'THE GLORIOUS EXCHANGE'

"Der wunderbare Tausch"

- 'What Paul describes is the self-identification of Christ with men and women which, in turn, results in their sharing in what he is.' Morna Hooker
- 'Be imitators of me as I am of Christ.'
1 Cor. 11:1

WHERE THEY ARE

Dort wo sie sind

- 'The gospel, the power of God, always encounters and engages people where they are, where they live, in their social matrix.
- Inevitably, the gospel moves them and changes them, but it always comes to them, engages them, and nourishes them from that very point, as, and where, they are.' Paul Sampley

THE PRICE OF ENTRY

Der Preis des "Eintauchens"

- 'I have made myself a slave to all.'
- 'To those outside the law I became as one outside the law.'

CROSS - A World to Counter

Das Kreuz – der Welt etwas entgegenhalten

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

- 20 To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law.
- 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Die Kosten der Jüngerschaft

- 'The incarnation of divine love in a world of sin led inevitably to the cross.' Miroslav Volf

OUR LONG TERM PRIORITY

Unsere ständige Prorität

- 'When dealing with discipleship and the related capacity to generate authentic followers of Jesus, we are dealing with that single most crucial factor that will in the end determine the quality of the whole – if we fail at this point then we must fail in all the others.' Alan Hirsch

KEY PRINCIPLE 1

Schlüsselprinzip 1

- Inculturation (Embodying the Gospel)
- Planting not cloning.
- 'Dying to live'
- Something new grows

THE PRICE OF MISSION

Der Preis der Mission

- The church must always be willing to die to its own cultural comfort in order to live where God intends it to be.
- John 12:24 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies it bears much fruit.'

DYING TO LIVE

Sterben um zu leben

- 'The seed loses its previous identity, which was to be part of the sending church with its particular manifestation and culture. It will become something different from what it was before. Dying to live is inherent in the planting process.'
- Mission Shaped Church

INCULTURATION

Inkulturation

- 'Inculturation is essentially a community process "from below". Its purpose is to allow the gospel to transform a culture from within.
 - No serious attempt at inculturation can begin with a fixed view of the outward form of the local church.'
- Mission Shaped Church

RESURRECTION -

The world to anticipate

**Auferstehung –
vorausschauen in eine neue
Welt**

RESURRECTION - THE FUTURE IN ADVANCE

Auferstehung – Die Zukunft, die anbricht

- 1Cor 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
- 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

CHURCH AS POINTER TO GOD'S FUTURE

Gemeinden als Hinweisschilder auf Gottes Zukunft

- Our greatest need is for a baptism of imagination about the form of the church
- We have given too much attention to church as a passing on of the inheritance of the past and too little to church as an anticipation of God's future.

THE SPIRIT TRANSFORMS THE CHURCH

Der Geist verändert die Gemeinde/Kirche

- 'The Spirit does not simply bring life to an already predetermined structure, but constantly transforms the community in the present, relating it to Christ, its members to each other and its members to the world in ways which are appropriate to the ever changing circumstances in which the Church finds itself.' 'Eucharistic Presidency'

A FORTASTE OF GOD'S FUTURE

Ein Vorgeschmack der Zukunft Gottes

- 'The Church does more than merely point to a reality beyond itself. By virtue of its participation in the life of God, it is not only a sign and instrument, but also a genuine foretaste of God's Kingdom, called to show forth visibly, in the midst of history, God's final purposes for humankind.' Eucharistic Presidency

KEY PRINCIPLE 2

Schlüsselprinzip 2

- FROM - Detailed advance planning
- TO - Discernment in context.
- 'Seeing what God is doing and joining in.'

But God

Gott aber ...

- 'God continues to create new futures in the most inauspicious of places.'
- 'The biblical narratives are full of stories about places and people without hope who became centres of the Spirit's creative, world changing, activity.' Roxburgh + Romanuk

HEALTH WARNING!

Gesundheitswarnung!

- DON'T TAKE 'MODELS OF CHURCH' OFF THE SHELF
- FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT
- AN INVITATION TO IMPROVISE

TOGETHER TO GOD'S FUTURE

**Gemeinsam der Zukunft Gottes
entgegen**

- '...do not try to call them back to where they were, and do not try to call them to where you are, beautiful as that place may seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you nor they have been before.' Vincent Donovan

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