An Integrated Holistic Response

Kenya

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Coverage

• Aid Organisations

• Local Churches

+ Para-church Organisations

History

Mission of some organisations is to mobilise the church
**Limited View of Church**

- Tended to see gifts as spiritual and focusing only on the scared outworking.
  - Primarily give to leadership
- Church becomes a *religious institution* managed by specialists on religious matters:
  - Focus on worship services
  - Prioritise spiritual needs of members
  - Distinguishing religious life from daily living / scared from secular

**Vision for All**

- The whole church (every member) as an agent of integral mission, engaged in all areas of life and creation.
- All members:
  - Share in the mission to go and make disciples
  - To witness to Christ
  - Access to a personal relationship with Christ
  - All called to service / ministry
- Benefits of salvation cannot be separated from responsibility for mission

**Geographical**

*Local Change = Global Impact*
Missional Cycle

A missional perspective

Integrated Response - Together

Obstacles

Potential

Transformation Journey

Gifts and skills available

Knowing your community

Needs and capacities

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. He will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the young together, and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the lion, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the cobra’s nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the nations will walk in the name of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.
Seeing with the Eyes of the Holy Spirit

• Look at people and see the future of God in them (see the face of God in them)
• We can’t do Integral Mission without:
  – The wisdom and understanding of the Holy Spirit
  – The counsel and discernment of the Holy Spirit
• Speak life and blessing into people as we see them through the eyes of God

Reconciliation and the Holy Spirit

• Isaiah 11:6-7 – Spirit of Reconciliation
  – Wolf and Lamb
  – Lion and Calf
  – Cow and Bear
  – Child and Cobra

This level of reconciliation cannot be brought about by rules and regulations

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Have we really described the right destination?
Shalom

- Have to be able to “imagine” peace (Shalom) in order to bring it.
  - What is your dream?
  - What is the dream of your community?
  - What is the dream of your nation?
- Anything imposed from outside will not work
  - Integral mission is not a project or a programme – it is a movement

Reality Check

- To truly and sustainably address transformational development we will not only need to address target indicators as outlined in the SDGs, but we will need to tackle the underlying deep rooted causes of poverty, injustice and conflict.

Obstacles to Change

- Power (Abuse of / hunger for / oppression / war)
- Prejudice (superiority / inferiority / hate / favouritism / war)
- Greed (Hunger for more / selfishness / excess / bribery / corruption / war)
- Lust (Gender based violence / exploitation / immorality / war)
- Lies (intentional deceit / lies / false flattery / lack of transparency / war)
- Idolatry (the worship of a physical object / the immoderate attachment or devotion to something or someone)
Act Justly

- To live with a view towards justice
- To promote justice
- To confront injustice
- To confront oppression
- To live in a way where you strive to alleviate inequalities and inequities

Love Mercy

- Mercy has a number of linked meanings:
  - To give forgiveness to someone when they may not deserve it
  - To express kindness towards someone
  - To be compassionate
- Love – to love being merciful and compassionate

Walk Humbly

- To walk / live in a way that is:
  - free of arrogance
  - free of self righteousness
  - free of judgementalism
    - Judgement of the rich on the poor
    - Judgement of the poor on the rich
    - Self select our judgements (mercy for ourselves judgement on others)
- We need to know what we don’t know

What does walking humbly means for us today – now in this room
Integral Mission and Local Church

- Introduce the real Jesus of the Gospels
- Demonstrate the Kingdom of God
- Reflect Jesus through:
  - Your life
  - Your family
  - In your community
  - In your nation
- Integrated response