



TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**WORKSHOP
REFORMED FAMILY FORUM**



Workshop

- **2 Points of departure**
- **The 3 Key Concepts**
- **An example**
- **Discussions**

2 POINTS OF DEPARTURE



- 1) MISSIONAL THEOLOGY of A MISSIONAL CHURCH
- Missio Trinitatis Dei – God invites us to partake in His Mission
- God → Church → World **vs** God → World ←← Church
- Every Christian is a missionary!
- Trinity is a community of perfect love – Miloslav Volf
- Create “Us”-communities



POINTS OF DEPARTURE

- **2) MISSIONAL DIACONATE**

- = focus on the recovery/repair of God's reign in the world
 - ...by prevention, alleviation, removal, after care of, and endurance with,
 - ...the suffering and social distress of individuals and communities
 - ...as well as the promotion of justice (righteousness) within all relationships in church and society
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- **2 categories of social welfare needs (Mat.25)**
 - **1) material needs – hunger / thirst / without clothes**
 - **2) pastoral needs – strangers / sick / prisoners**



- Modi/Dimensions of diaconate

- - **(social) welfare diaconate / social well-being**
 - - Psa 72:12 He rescues the poor who call to him, and those who are needy and neglected. / those without any helper
- - **friendship diaconate / evangelisation**
- - **righteous diaconate / restorative justice**
- - **prophetic diaconate (*on structural injustice*)**
- - **developmental diaconate**
 - = ABCD-diaconate (asset-based-community development)
- - **endurance diaconate**
- - **environmental diaconate**



3 Key Concepts:- Transformation

- Rom 12:1 Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, ...
- Rom 12:2 Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God **transform** you ... Change agents in communities – transformation
- Transformation **vs** Reformation
 - - Change agents in the church
 - – reformation
 - - Change agents in the world
 - – transformation
- Towards an “Us”-community



Community

- “Church **vs** world” = focus on Church as Institution
- “US-community” = focus on Kingdom of God
- Needs analysis - Assess community needs
- Perceived look **vs** Deeper understanding (What is really going on?)





3 Key Concepts:- Development

- **ABCD**
 - **Asset Based Community Development**
- **Strength Based approach**
 - “Play the ball where it lies”
 - **Farming God’s Way**
 - Look back before you leave...
- **WHAT?**
 - **UKUBA ECD Programme**



UKUBA: a fight against Poverty

- Research on church's involvement in poverty
- Poverty ALLEVIATION **vs** Poverty PREVENTION
- Form for confirmation of Deacons
- “Do what you can with what you have!”
 - 2Co 8:12 If you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have.
 - 2Co 8:13 I am not trying to relieve others by putting a burden on you; ...
- Impact of 1 Christian supporting 1 other person



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A Flagship project

- UKUBA Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- What is affordable?
- Different levels of ECD's
 - Informal playgroups to highly functional kindergarten
- First 2000 days
- Develop in all spheres of a person's life
 - Great motor muscle
 - Small motor muscle
 - Brain function



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RESILIENCE



Protective Factors
(Connections, Relations and Resources)



Risk Factors (Adversities)



**Ability to bounce back with
Jesus**