

Finding Your Missional Voice

a conversation about innovation, creativity, and mission

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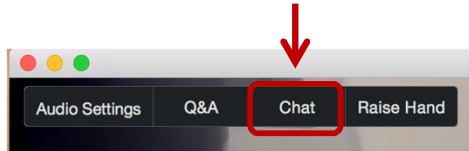
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Missional Voices (MVNG)



A hub of conversation about reimagining Church and transforming neighborhoods, inviting lay and clergy leaders to **listen, experiment, and share** their knowledge.

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Our driving question...

What if God is up to something
REALLY BIG AND GLOBAL...

but it can only be discovered through
THE SMALL AND LOCAL?

Three Voices

- *Theological (me)*
- *Contextual (Elizabeth Gardner)*
- *Incarnational (Tamara Plummer)*

Theological Voice

*What does the tradition, practice,
and history of our faith have to say?*

Contextual Voice

*What do the people, cultures, and
neighborhoods in which we're
serving have to say?*

Incarnational Voice

What do the people doing - or hoping to do - this work have to say?

Isaiah 61:1-3

Luke 4:18-19

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

Isaiah 61:1-3**Luke 4:18-19**

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

Isaiah 61:1-3

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Isaiah 61:1-3

Luke 4:18-19

he has sent me...



John 20:21

As the Father has sent me...

I am sending you



Isaiah 61:1-3**Luke 4:18-19**

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 2. *to bind up the brokenhearted,*
 3. *to proclaim liberty to the captives,*
 4. *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,*
 5. *to comfort all who mourn;*
 6. *to provide for those who mourn in Zion*
 7. *to give them a garland instead of ashes,*

Mission is, quite simply, the participation of Christians in the liberating mission of Jesus, wagering on a future that verifiable experience seems to belie. It is the good news of God's love, incarnated in the witness of a community, for the sake of the world.


- David Bosch, *Transforming*

Mission

Established Church	To	Missional Church
Mission is outreach and service.		Mission – God’s mission of restoring creation to wholeness and holiness – shapes the church’s life: its worship, leadership, ministry.
The church’s mission is to keep the church going.		The church’s mission is God’s mission.
How can we get our neighbors into church?		How can we welcome our neighbors into relationship with Jesus Christ – inside church and outside of church?
We help our neighbors in need.		We are engaged in mutual relationship with our neighbors: we embrace & transform them; they embrace & transform the church.
Church happens when we worship.		Church happens when we engage God’s mission via worship, prayer, evangelism and action.
The clergy are the ministers, via their ordination.		All the people are ministers, via our baptism.
We come to church to be fed.		We come to be fed and to feed, to heal and be healed. Then we are sent to share the same blessings.
Failure and death are unacceptable for ministry.		Trying, failing, and rising again are inevitable as we follow the Christ who was crucified, died, and resurrected.
How do we save the church?		How can we become a vibrant embodiment of God’s mission?

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