


Missio Ecclesia
Session Two: The Renewal of the Church

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fx fresh expressions

Foci...
Missional
Contextual
Formational
Ecclesial




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New FX informal strapline "reaching new places and new people in new ways."




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"Church Planting puts mission at the heart of church and church at the heart of mission." Tim Chester



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Missional
Culture friendly and
Counter cultural
balances




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Contextual



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of Pentecost 'tongues' and Esperanto!




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Mood and tone and the perils of 'sloping servanthood'




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'Exiles' – helpful to an extent?



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Formational (unashamedly about discipleship)




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Discipleship...
...and the people called Methodists

"Any 'church', inherited, emerging or whatever, is not fulfilling a basic function of 'church' if it is not enabling disciples of Christ to be made and deeper disciples of Christ to emerge. This is the acid test of church."
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Formational Taking time....



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Formational Of leadership and some hard realities....




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“The past was strong enough for the parishioners to feel sufficient security in one another’s company and each other’s commitment so that they could afford not to notice that their services were enabling the worship of fewer and fewer people.”
 Penny Jamieson




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A too-small, too sedentary, too comfortable, too unradical, too boring, too uninteresting model of discipleship cannot contain or sustain life long, whole of life discipleship.



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Ecclesial



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A Company of Star throwers
 A Community of Fence Movers
 A Covenant of Global Gardeners
 A Collegiality of Bridge Builders
 A Conspiracy of Goodness




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Ecclesial
 ‘neither the height nor the depth?’

