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### FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN 21 DIOCESES

- Their average size is 50 people
- Teams which plant are mainly 3-12
- Lay led as often as clergy led
- Multiplying the small
- Within the reach of most churches

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### METHODIST RESEARCH 2018

- Just over 1000 Fxs ( & 4500 churches) >20%
- 38000 people involved (& 188000 members in inherited church) >20%
- 25000 of the 38000 no recent involvement in church - over half non-churched

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### PARTNERS IN FX

Church of England  
Methodist Church  
United Reform Church  
Salvation Army  
Baptist Union  
Church of Scotland

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## IDENTIFY AND RELEASE PIONEERS

- Church of England - Aim to double number of pioneer ordinands (OPM) each year)
- Church Mission Society - pioneer training
- Methodist Church – Venture FX and Pioneering Pathways
- Salvation Army - Pioneer meeting from 20/30 to 150)
- Baptist Church - Pioneer Collective - the vision of the Pioneer Collective is '400 new Baptist Pioneers: going to where the church isn't, doing what Jesus does and seeing what happens.'
- Church of Scotland – 'A new kind of Kirk minister – pioneering posts

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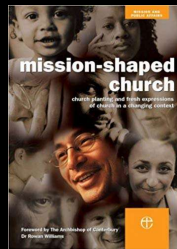
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## MISSION-SHAPED CHURCH REPORT 2004

Some conclusions:

- inherited church shaped by Christendom
- challenge to become shaped by mission
- God has initiated all sorts of creative mission responses
- fresh expression term coined
- dying to live
- trained pioneer ministers and leaders
- fresh expressions are signs of hope



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## WHAT IS A FRESH EXPRESSION?

A form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of people who do not attend any church

It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples

it will have the potential to become a mature expression of church shaped by the gospel and the enduring marks of the church and for its cultural context

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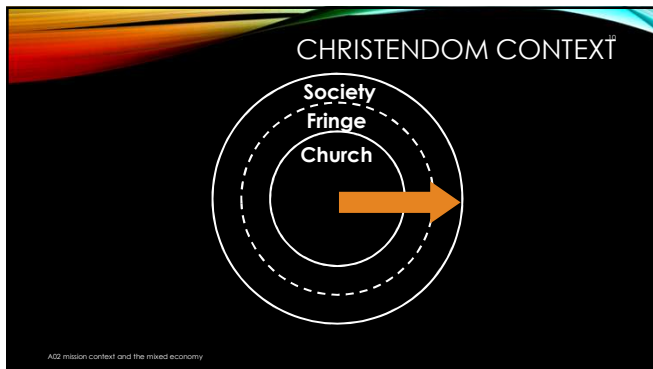
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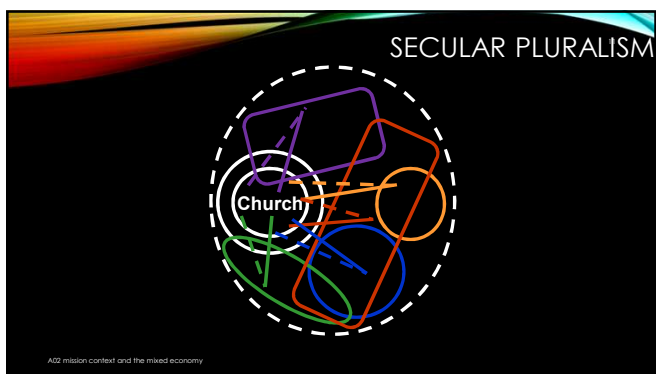
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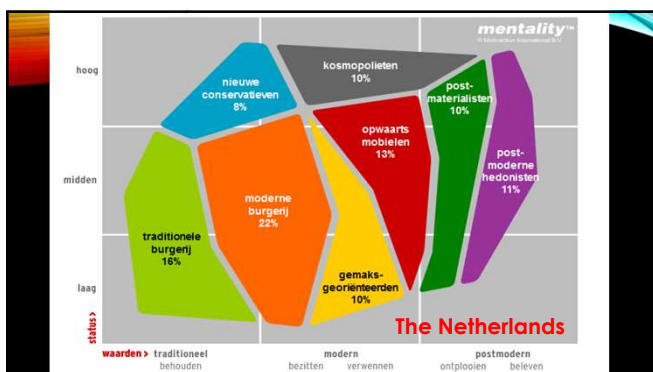
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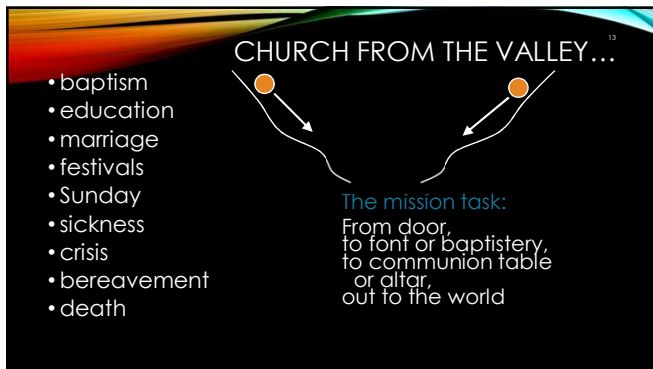
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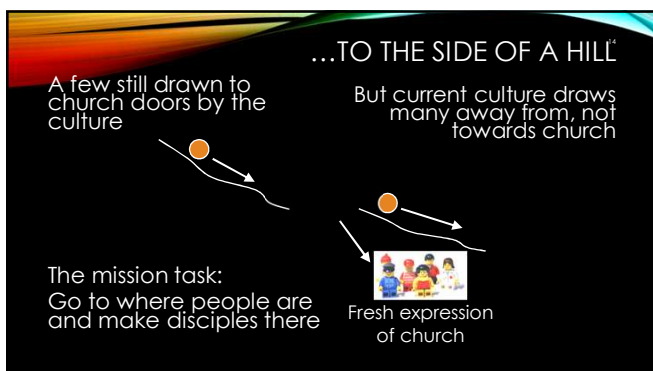
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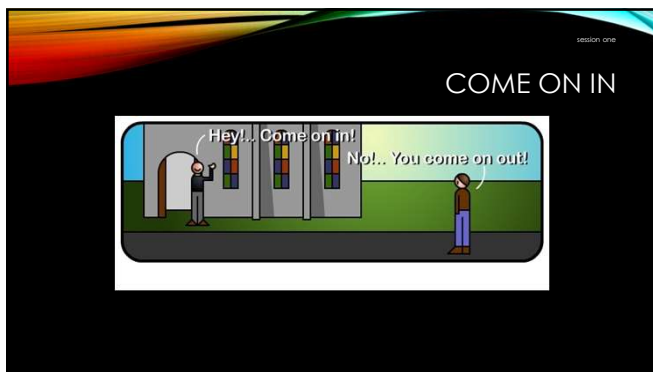
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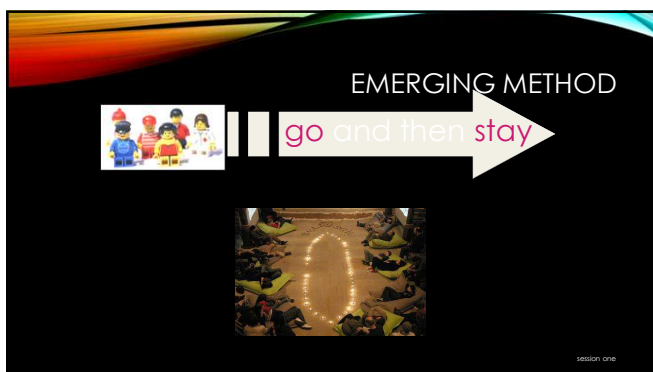
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Roy Searle:

"What God is doing today is not to arrest the decline of the Church but a new imagining from a place of exile."

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### FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH:

missional

serve those outside church

contextual

listen to people and enter their context



formational

make discipleship a priority: journeying with people to Jesus

ecclesial

form church

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WHAT IS A FRESH  
EXPRESSION OF  
CHURCH?

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**++JUSTIN WELBY**

- Fresh expressions and pioneer ministry are ways in which we say, how do we ensure that people find the grace and love of God, and see the treasure that there is in the gospel of Jesus Christ, in ways that they can find accessible?"

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**A MIXED ECONOMY**

“Mixed economy is essential because it gives the balance between stability [and] an openness to the Spirit of God doing new things.  
Justin Welby

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**CHURCH PLANTING AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

- In the Church of England today, bishops undertake to pursue and support the full range of contributions to mission and church growth ... creating and normalising a pattern of diversity, of parish and other traditional forms alongside newer forms.
- This pattern of diversity is the 'new normal'. It requires leadership from bishops in leading our dioceses into understanding and embracing this diversity.

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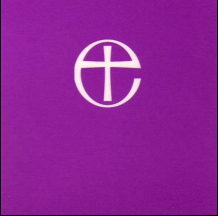
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## THE ECOLOGY OF A MOVEMENT



- New imagination about the church
- New climate of permission
- New resources

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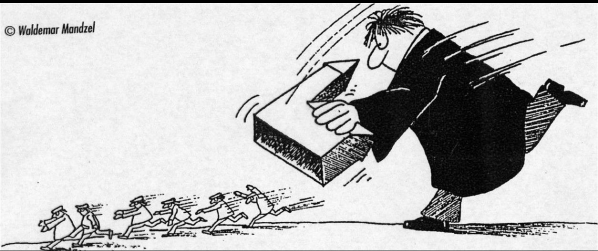
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## ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL CONTEXT IS VITAL!

© Waldemar Mandel



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## A PROCESS OF DISCERNMENT



underpinned by prayer, ongoing listening and relationship with the wider church

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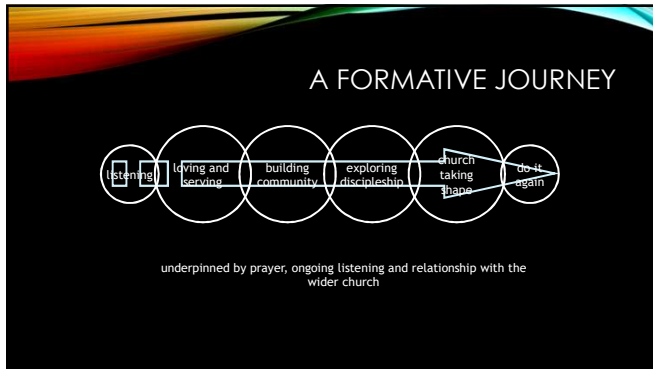
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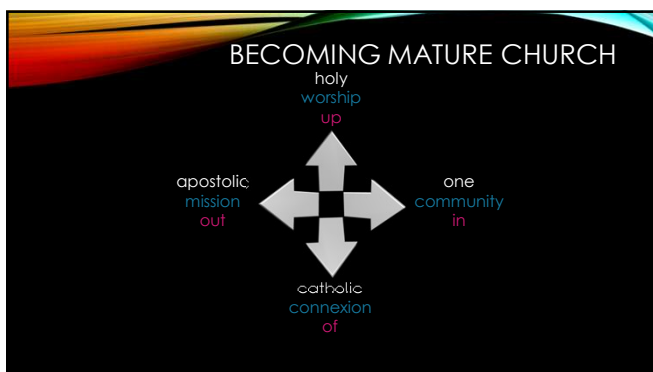
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RESOURCES



Mission-Shaped  
Ministry course

- Three Minute Guides
- Vision Days



Mission-Shaped  
Introduction

- You Tube videos
- National conferences

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"Nothing else, as a whole, in the Church of England has this level of missional impact .."

"Evidence suggests that for every one person sent out to be part of beginning a fresh expression of church, now there are more than two and a half people"

'A discernible move of the Spirit in our day'  
George Lings, lead researcher

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