



The Church on Mission Through Prayer

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ABRAHAM & MARIA FRIESEN

- ▶ MISSIONARY TO INDIA from RUSSIA
- ▶ 1889



HEINRICH & SARA VOTH

- ▶ MISSIONARY TO CANADA from USA
- ▶ 1888



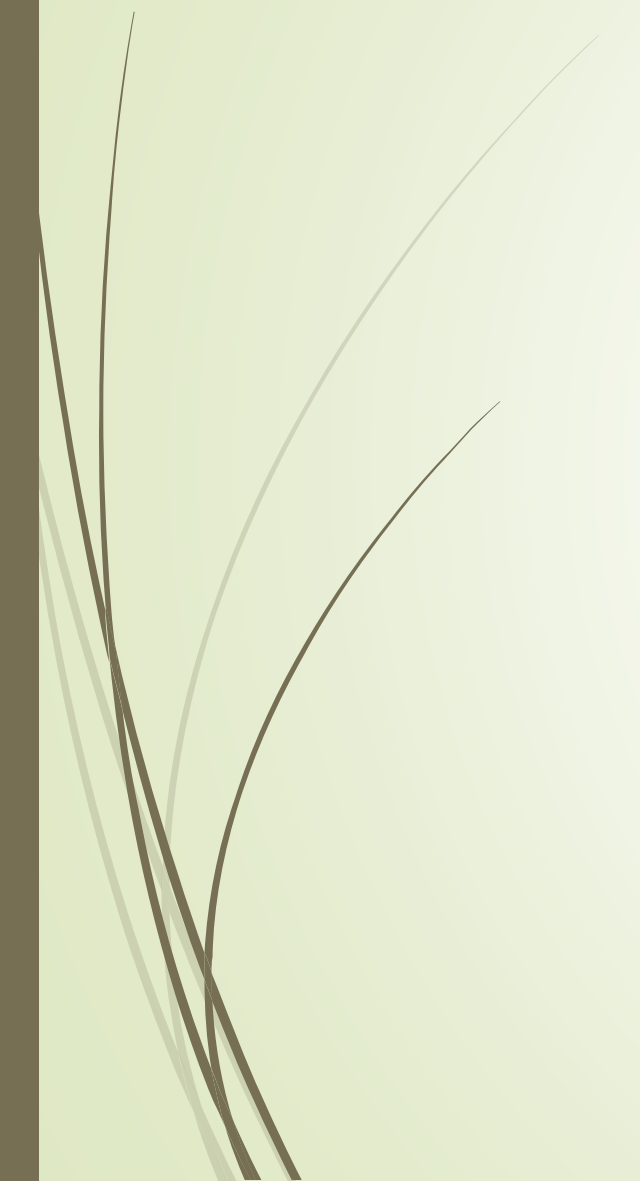
MISSION FLOWS FROM THE TRIUNE GOD

- IT GROUNDS THE CHURCH
AND ITS MISSION IN
COMMUNITY





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- Engagement in the missionary task must be grounded in relationship with the same Father who sent Jesus to earth and the same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus.
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Richard Twiss

(American Indian theologian)

- ▶ Trinitarian theology points to the radical communal nature of God...that aims are drawing humanity and creation in general into this communion with God's very life. It is not primarily about the propagation or transmission of intellectual convictions, doctrines, moral commands, etc. but rather about the inclusion of all creation in God's overflowing, superabundant life of communion.

MISSION FLOWS FROM THE TRIUNE GOD

- “IT’S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW GOD...
- ...BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW HIM IN ORDER TO KNOW THAT!”



MISSION FLOWS FROM THE TRIUNE GOD

- THE DIFFICULTY OF THE TRINITY DOCTRINE HUMBLER US ABOUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF MISSION



THE CHURCH IS ON MISSION

- THE CHURCH IS THE “DIVINE COMMUNITY”
- THE CHURCH IS WHAT SALVATION LOOKS LIKE
- THE CHURCH IS THE CENTER OF OUR MISSION



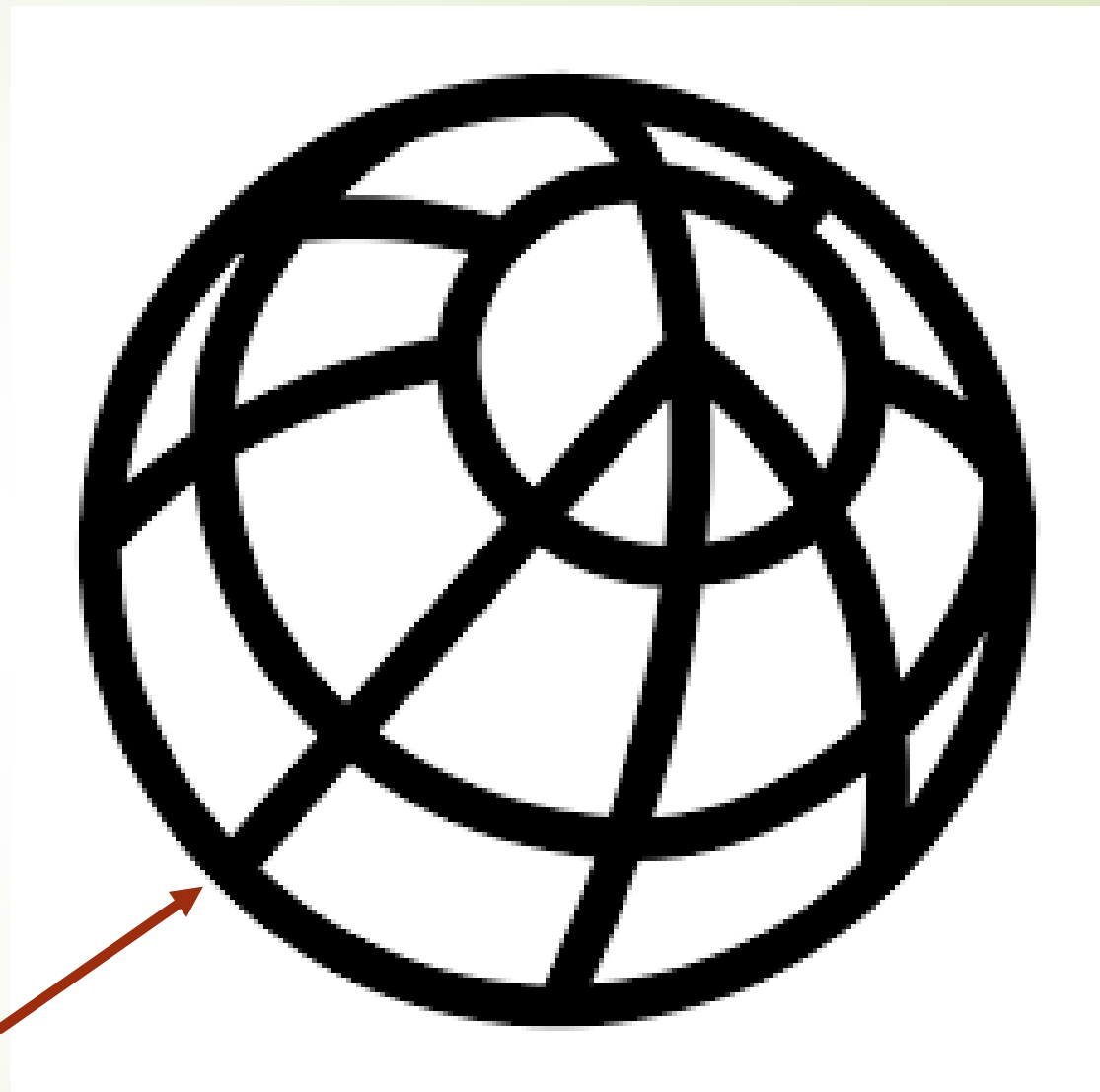
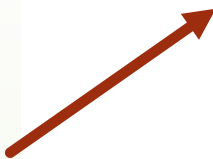


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- The Mennonite Brethren...has at times been characterized by evangelical activism and individual vision rather than by a communal understanding of a God-given identity and mission.
 - ...Mennonite Brethren will need to...contemplate the implications of being a global family called to mission.

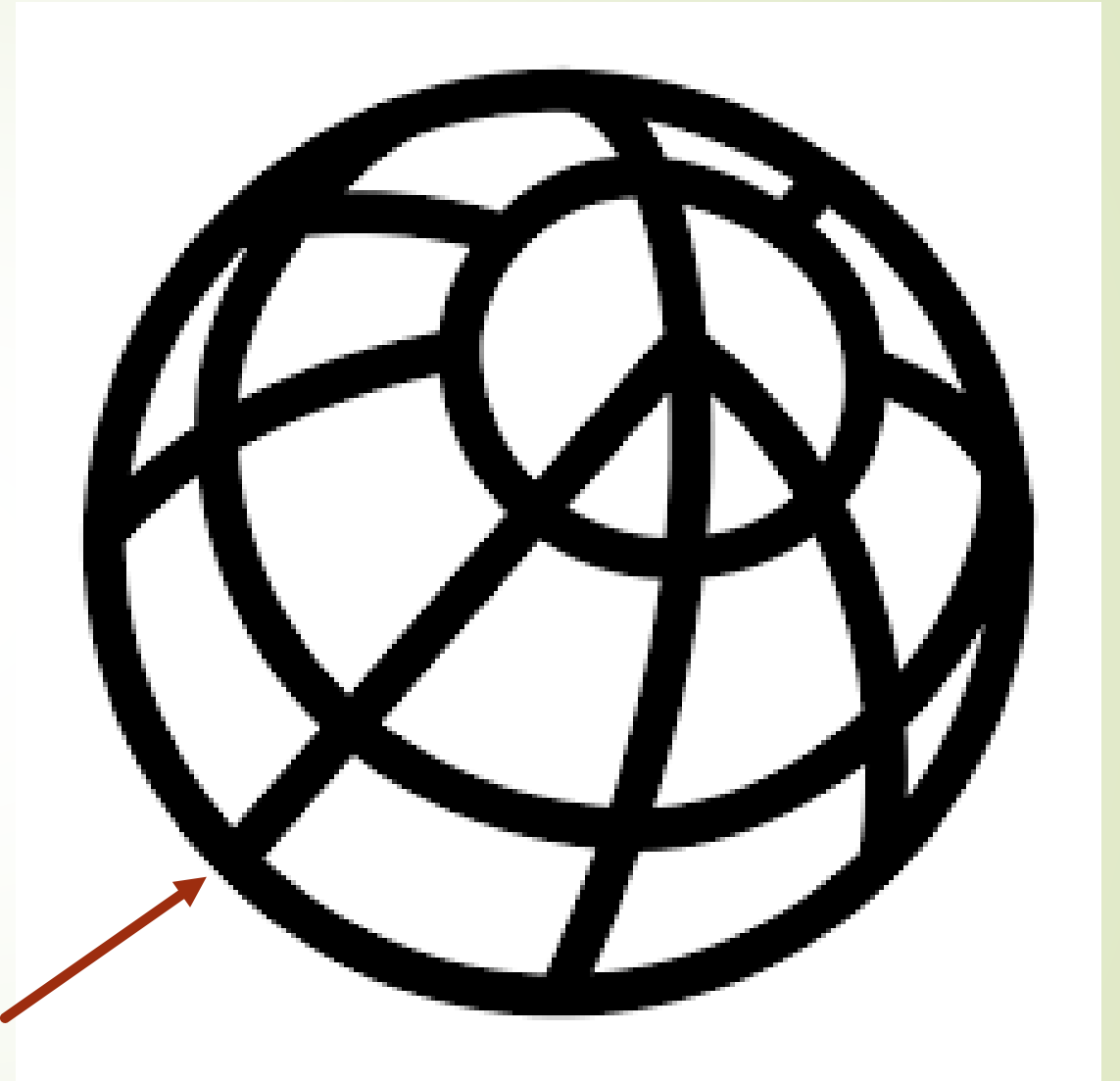
MISSION MUST HAVE GLOBAL CHARACTER

- THE CHARACTER OF MISSION IS COMMUNION
- OUR IDENTITY WILL SHAPE OUR MISSION



MISSION MUST HAVE GLOBAL CHARACTER

- OUR MISSION NEEDS AN “EVERYWHERE TO EVERYWHERE” GOSPEL
- OUR MISSION MUST BE SHAPED BY A NEW HUMILITY & A NEW UNITY





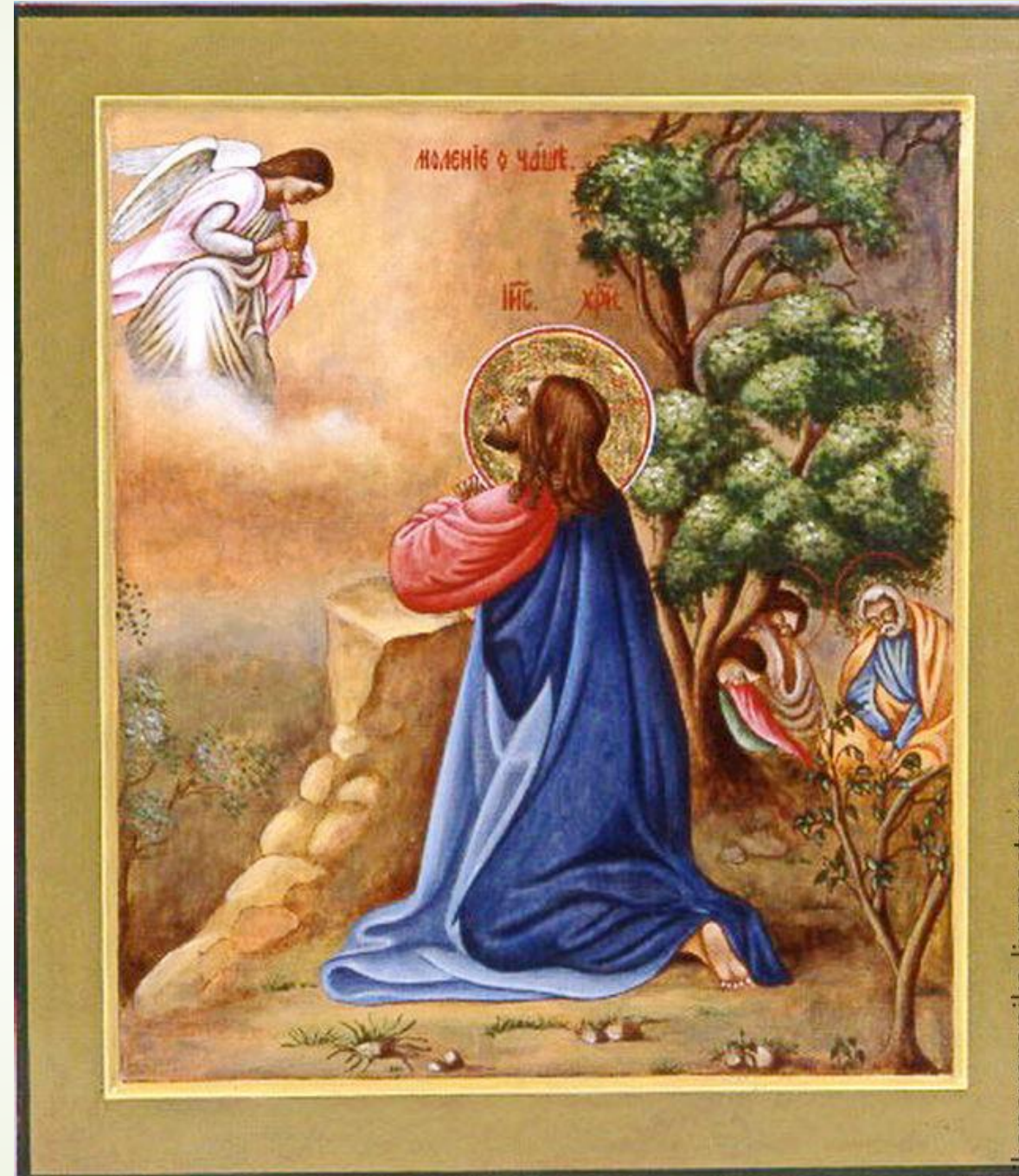
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- ▶ We must genuinely appreciate all cultures as being capable of reflecting biblical faith. We must move away from “American Christian mythology” which undergirds colonization and its resulting paternalism in Indigenous communities.
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PRAYER

- MISSION IS OUR PRAYER
- “CHRIST IN US” LONGS TO PRAY
- “CHRIST IN US” LONGS TO REACH OUR WORLD



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