

World Church Quiz

How many Christians are there in China?
Which is the fastest growing missionary church?
How many people are there in the Anglican Communion?
How many Christians are there in the world?
Can you name the six Mission Deaneries of Singapore Diocese?
Are the majority of the world's Christians in the 'North' or 'South'?

Reflection; Gerald Arbuckle says *Thinking about justice begins by listening to those who know about injustice.*

Who should you be listening to?



Challenge of Ecumenism: Archbishop Justin Welby spoke of the enormous challenge of holding together the Anglican Communion and of the need for a '**deeper ecumenism**'. What do you think he meant by this? Can you think of ways in which our lack of forgiveness and holding on to past divisions hampers God's mission in our communities?

Note the inspiring example of the United Church of South India (inaugurated 1947).

Book Links.....

Anything by Desmond Tutu, especially *No future without Forgiveness*

Bonhoeffer. Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: Eric Metaxas

Naught for your comfort: Trevor Huddleston

Healing wounded history: Russ Parker



It takes the whole world
To know the whole Christ

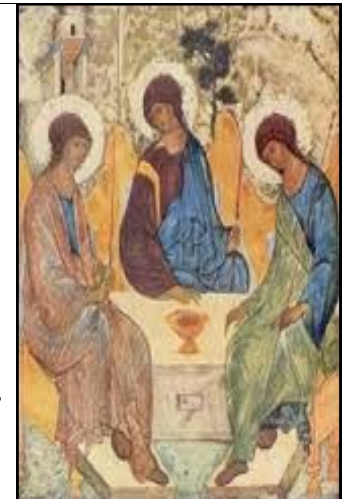
Session 3: Transforming Communities through Forgiveness and Reconciliation

In this session we will try to learn from our global partners how to live lives of forgiveness and reconciliation



A prayer of Welcome

*Lord God, you have brought us together in partnership.
You have caused us to depend on each other.
We thank you for this.
May we use this opportunity to discover each other.
Open our hearts to see the problems and needs of our partners,
Strengthen us as we give and receive,
sharing material and spiritual gifts.
We commit ourselves to You as we go journey together,
United with one another in Your love. Amen*
Gustrow Cathedral; Christian Höser (2013)



Making Links....

- Share experiences of hospitality and generosity from the past week.
- Share insights into forgiveness and reconciliation from your own life, the news, film or literature.

Bible Links...

Ephesians 2: 14-18

The writer of Ephesians is pointing out how Gentiles and Jews are now all one through Christ... even though previously they may have thought they had little in common.

1. In v 14 we read how Christ has 'destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility'.
2. What are the barriers and hostilities between people in your community (and perhaps your church?)
3. Why does the writer of the letter say that Jews and Gentiles are now one?
4. If this applied to Jews and Gentile division in Ephesus – is it still true for the divisions we know of?
5. If Christ has 'made us one', what can we do to make this a practical reality in our churches and communities?

Companion Links...

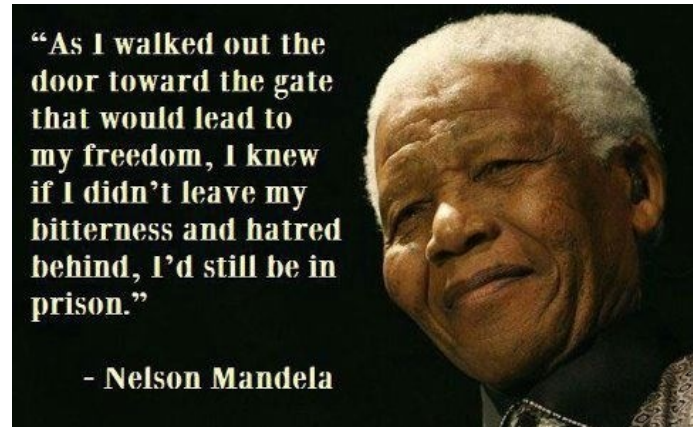
Dean Mike Sinclair shares how the Truth and Reconciliation Process in **Qu'Appelle** has implications for St Paul's Cathedral.



The Truth and Reconciliation process bringing healing in post-Apartheid South Africa



Formation of the **Nordkirche**, uniting former East and West Germany



Local Links....

Martin Luther King powerfully said "The most segregated hour in the world is eleven o'clock on a Sunday morning".

Shane Claiborne comments; *Reconciliation will never make its way into our worship services until it makes its way into our homes.* Does this sound like your church? Have you had experience of reconciliation at home or in your church?

Case Studies: Pam Daniel and Black Minority Ethnic Anglicans.

Cross-Cultural Churches and Sanctus on Saturday

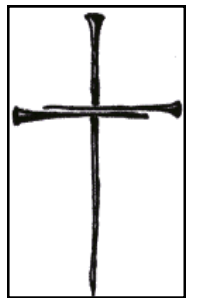
Prayer Links.....(from Coventry Litany of Reconciliation)

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, **Father Forgive.....***

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

To view the Litany of Reconciliation in other languages, please visit <http://bit.ly/1NUTzHZ>



Personal Challenge;

- Is there any action required to follow through any situation of personal conflict, disagreement or betrayal?
- Pay particular attention to global examples of conflict this week.