







Webinar 2: Tuesday 26th May 2020

13:00 (1pm) to 14:15 (2.15pm)

***Church, mission & our world:
how do we see the church & mission impacted globally?***

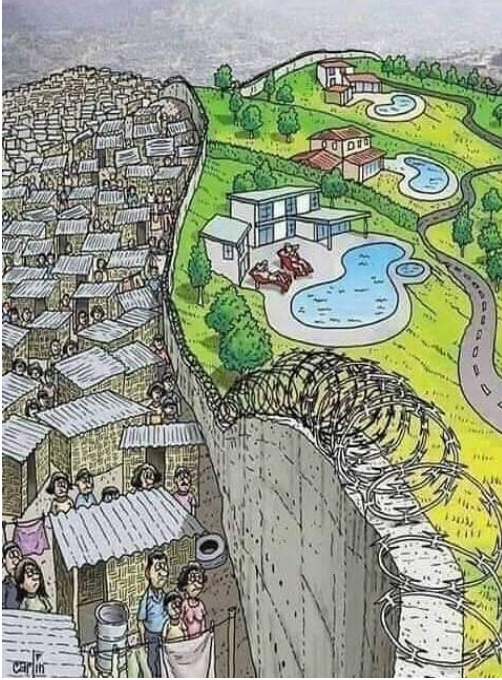
Contributors

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Overarching theme: Reimagining church & mission:
COVID-19 catalyses change – what does this mean for church & mission?

Webinar 2 specific focus: *Church, mission & our world:
how do we see the church & mission impacted globally?*

In Webinar 1 we looked at how church and mission was being impacted, and explored responses, opportunities and challenges. This was perhaps a more internal view. In Webinar 2 we want to explore a more external view and unpack what is happening globally, with special attention on the most vulnerable. The COVID-19 pandemic revealed just how interconnected we are, with the spread clearly following travel routes. Our responses varied per nation, per community but one particular similarity revealed itself fully – INEQUALITY.



In the first weeks the aid and mission sector scurried to protect their staff and now turn their attention to those in need. The fragility of their own organisational sustainability ever more real, as normal funding initiatives were no longer viable.

Does this herald a new era for these sectors? Do the aid and mission approaches need substantial change?

What about the vulnerable communities around the world? Is international generosity drying up as internal survival refocuses funds nationally?

Our news platforms seem to limit news to internal stresses. What does this mean for cross-cultural mission, for local church engagement and for international aid responses?

We are seeking to delve into these deep concerns and, through robust discussion, to consider what God is pointing His church and mission towards.

Hoped-for outcomes:

This second webinar will seek to capture learning under 4 broad headings that we hope will create a deeper understanding of the impact around the world and (in particular) among the most vulnerable. For example:

What do we see happening?	How does this impact church and mission globally?	What challenges are arising?	What should our response be?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing nationalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decrease in cross-cultural mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to demonstrate inclusion, transnational care, reduction in stigmatism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and demonstration of the new Kingdom way
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricted travel and limited access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on local help – limited engagement globally? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistical limitations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater co-operation with local / national entities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing inequalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surge in need – capacity to respond? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enormity of the problem requires a new approach? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outrageous generosity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic collapse, impacting the poor – worse than the virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short-term crisis, leading to closing or merging of organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding on to old ways versus daring to reimagine a new way / new structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new level of community resilience to be developed?

Considering the above examples how do we see church and mission globally being:

- 1) challenged?
- 2) impacted and transformed?

Contributors will be asked to address these two questions within their expertise.

Discussion

After each contributor has given their thoughts and inputs there will be an overview of questions sent in by registered participants.

Our panel members will then be invited to respond to the contributors' input, ask additional questions or point out another issue to be raised.

The session will be recorded and made available through the All Nations web site as well as on partners' resource pages.

Panel members

Panel members will be listening to the inputs from our contributors, and will be invited to respond in a number of ways:

- question and / or clarification; request for examples and / or evidence
- challenge or disagreement (a positive way of testing comments)
- comment or reflection (that will help illustrate an important aspect)
- further insight (that will enrich and / or provoke deeper reflection)

Our panel members are drawn from around the world, bringing in grass-roots experience enabling us to enrich the conversation.

Webinar 2 panel members

Amanda Jackson

Director, WEA Women's Commission (UK/Australia)

Aashima Daniel

National Director, EFICOR (India)

Matt Coulson

National Director, VIVA Network (Hong Kong)

Mark Collinson

Canon Principal, Winchester Diocese (UK)

John Baxter-Brown

CEO, Global Connections (UK)

We have asked our panel to seek to build on what the contributors have said, to apply their specific expertise and help us all to consider what the practical implications are for our responses in this catalysing time of COVID-19. We long for church and mission to be addressing those people in our world who are vulnerable, marginalised, oppressed and often not seen. We are seeking new ways, contextually relevant (and if need be radical) ways to ensure justice and compassion, love and hope are tangibly felt by people in need.

Getting to know our contributors

- 1) **Jason Mandryk:** Jason could not be with us in person but has made a short video clip and we also invite participants to read his eBook about the impact C-19 is having. We ask Jason to focus on addressing these questions: What is changing? How does this crisis impact who and what we pray for in our world today and in future?

Jason was born in Winnipeg, Canada and grew up and studied there, gaining a Masters in Global Christian Studies at Providence Theological Seminary. He has lived in England for 15 years, working on the past two editions of 'Operation World', initially as co-author with Patrick Johnstone and now as author.

- 2) **Oluwafunmilayo (Funmi) Josephine Para-Mallam:** Funmi has been asked to focus on what is changing with specific reference to the impact this is having on women and children.

Funmi is a professor of gender and development studies and Member of the National Institute (mni), Kuru, Plateau State, Nigeria. She is the national co-ordinator of Christian Women for Excellence and Empowerment in Nigerian Society (CWEENS).

- 3) **Heidi Damon:** Heidi has been asked to focus on what is changing around the world with a focus on impoverished communities. She will share what Tearfund partners are saying, and comment on how Tearfund is adapting to meet this new challenge.

Heidi currently works for Tearfund UK as the Head of Church Influencing and Partnership. She brings a wide range of experience to this role, as a life coach, freelance consultant, graphic designer and (for 7 years) with the Salvation Army as their Divisional Director for Community Services.

- 4) **Mark Galpin:** Mark has been asked to focus on how the pandemic is revealing inequality. He will explore what this could / should mean for our world – an opportunity to address what has been hidden or ignored for far too long.

Mark has lived and worked in East Africa, where he grew up. In 2000 Mark gained a PhD in Development and he has years of practical experience, with his most recent role being as Director of the United Mission to Nepal. In 2016 Mark returned to All Nations as a lecturer and tutor, heading up one of the major streams of the college, integral mission and development. In 2018 Mark became the All Nations Postgraduate Programme Leader.