

Reconciliation

Building the peace of Christ in our
divided and broken world.

“Reconciliation
is God’s initiative,
restoring a broken world to God’s
intentions by reconciling “to Himself all
things” through Christ. (Col 1:20): the
relationship between people and God,
between people, and with God’s created
earth. Christians participate with God by
being transformed into
ambassadors of reconciliation.”
(A 2005 Lausanne paper)

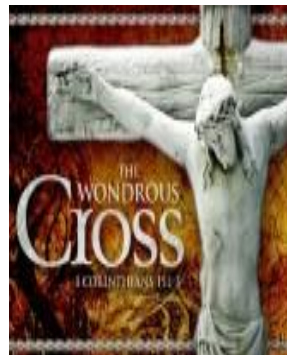
Our SAn brokenness

- Race
- Class
- Ethnicity
- Xenophobia



God takes sin seriously!

The word "Sin" makes it possible to see our brokenness against the canvass of the big picture of God. In this way, it is not possible to trivialise it.



Our collective brokenness

- Self worth.
- Ubuntu.
- Confidence to imagine and shape the future.
- Community.
- And more...



Faith, hope and love.

Our poverty
consists in this:
*that our faith,
hope and love
have been
eroded...*



A politics without faith

- A weak doctrine of sin: cant admit policy error, low emotional intelligence.
- Current praxis that undermines future prospects.
- Secular logic, opens up a can unaccountable practice.

Without hope

- Dilemma of NPC
- Rainbow cynicism.



Without love

- Mistrust
- Alienation
- Lack of social cohesion



Four theses

Thesis one

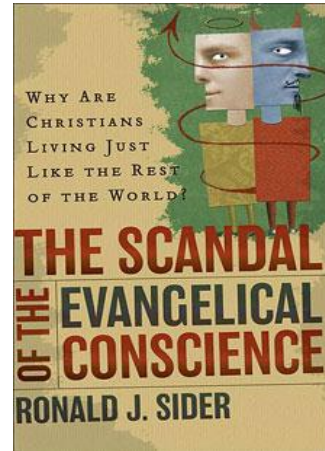
The cross holds the power to transform relationships.



No. Just kidding!

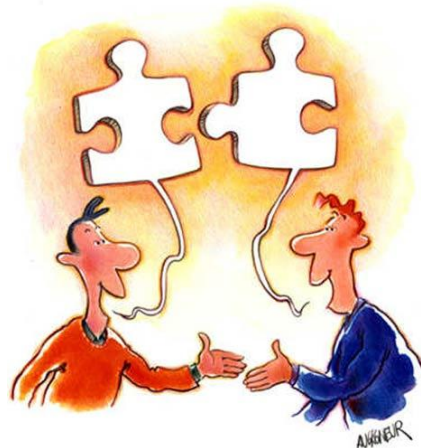
**Evangelicals are like others
in:**

- *rates of divorce,*
- *premarital sex,*
- *domestic violence*
- *use of pornography, and*
- *are actually more likely to hold racist views than other people.*



Thesis two

A theology
and practice of
Reconciliation is
a debt we owe
South Africa
and
the world.



Thesis three

“The future belongs to those with the courage to forge missional partnerships of mutuality.”

Thesis four

“The victim who waits for the oppressor to make the first move might wait for a very long time!”

Indicators of transformed agency

Inner
life

Recovery of self
worth, inner
healing,
openness to
embrace the
new.

Indicators of transformed agency

Church
life

*Embrace
of
transformation
in the life and
witness of the
church*

Indicators of transformed agency

In Mission

*Emergence of
confident black
contribution in
mission
leadership*

Indicators of transformed agency

In worship

*A flourishing of a
creative
expression of
authentic,
redeemed
African
spirituality*

Indicators of transformed agency

**In
partnerships
(global and
local)**

*Embrace of
transformation
in the way
Leaders
collaborate in
world mission.*

What would Jesus do?

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the
captives, and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim
the year of the Lord's favour.'

Conclusion

“The Church itself ought to be a key indication of hope, a living alternative, infusing and challenging the social sphere with a more radical vision of God’s reconciliation.”

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Table questions

- Is it true that the Cross holds the best promise for reconciliation in society? If Yes, why. If not, why not?
- What would you consider to be the best markers/indicators for a reconciled South Africa?
- What contribution can you, your church or WENSA make to serve the cause of reconciliation in the nation?