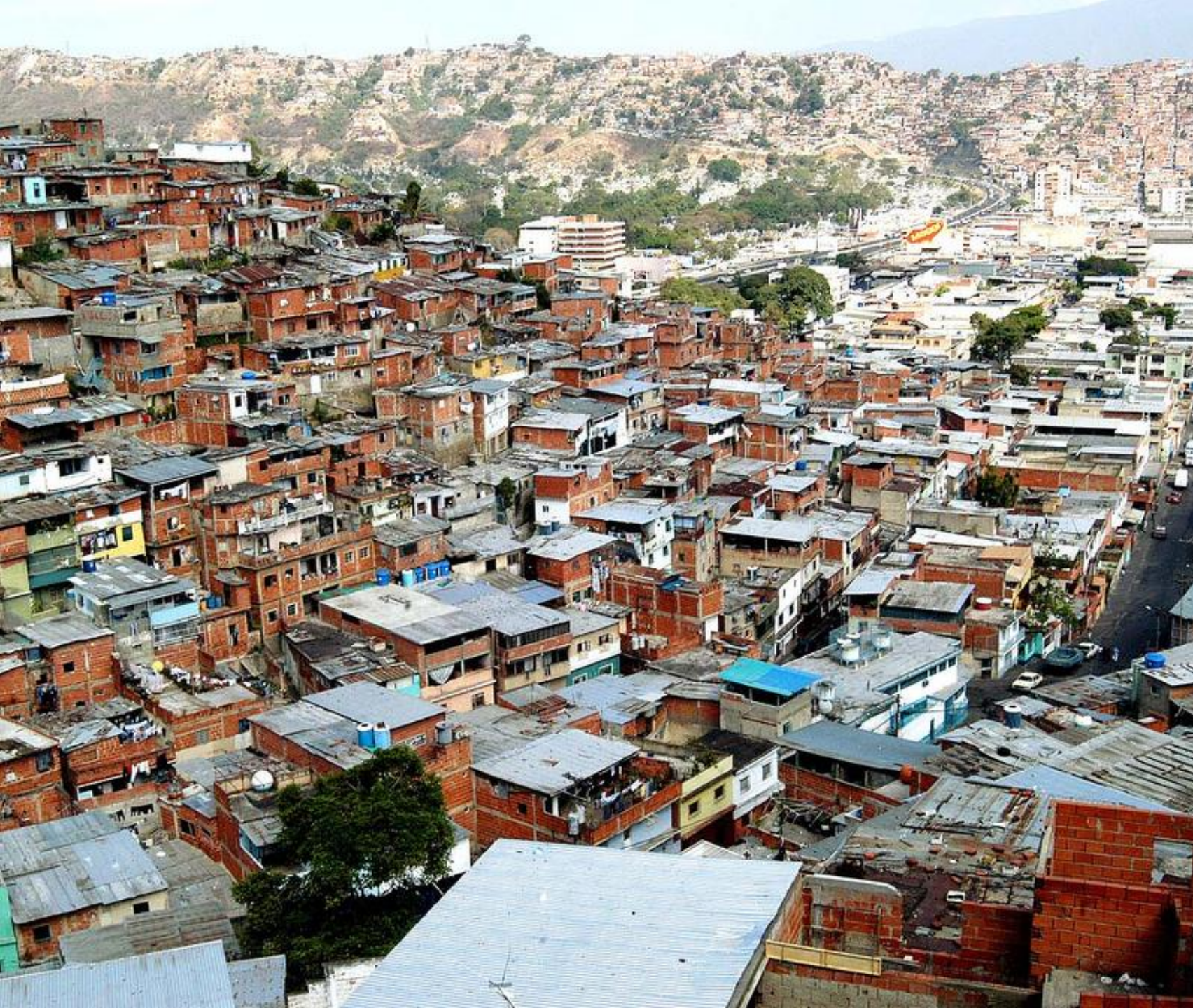




PENTECOSTAL URBAN ECO-MISSION
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PENTECOSTALS,
URBAN ECOLOGY
AND MAJORITY
WORLD SLUMS



EVERYONE IN POSSIL
– SCOTLAND'S
POOREST
COMMUNITY - LIVES
WITHIN 500M OF
VACANT AND
DERELICT
LAND...COMPARED
TO 26% NATIONALLY

*ITS ON OUR
DOORSTEP TOO!*



ARE WE WILLING
TO *RELOCATE* TO
THE WOUNDED
URBAN PLACES OF
THE PLANET?

PUTTING THE
NEIGHBOUR BACK
INTO THE HOOD

ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTIVISM GROWS
FROM TAKING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR
PLOT OF GOD'S
EARTH *HE CALLS US
TO*



JOHN PERKINS

1. RELOCATE
2. REDISTRIBUTE
3. RECONCILE
4. REHABILITATE



INTIMATE LOCAL
KNOWLEDGE
ENABLES PRECISE
RESPONSES

WE NEED TO GET
RELATIONAL BEFORE
WE GET SOLUTIONAL



STARTING SMALL:

INTEGRITY,
COMPREHENSION,
CREATIVITY,
PARTICIPATION

NOT BOTH/AND...
BUT FIRST/THEN



SHOWCASING THE
LAND IN THE
MIDST OF THE
WIDER
COMMUNITY



URBAN
EARTHKEEPING
ENABLES LOCAL
ECUMENICAL
RECONCILIATION...

IN A CITY DIVIDED
BY SECTARIANISM



SPIN-OFFS FOR A
RENEWAL OF
CHURCH LIFE:

TABERNACLES AND
AN EASTER TREE-
PLANTING
EUCHARIST

STANLEY HAUERWAS A COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER

- “The most basic task of any polity is to offer its people a sense of participation in an adventure. For finally what we seek is not power, or security, or equality, or even dignity, but a sense of worth gained from contribution to and participation in a common adventure.” p13

NURTURING A CHURCH ON THE PERIPHERY WITH ECO-MISSION AT THE CENTRE

1. Person of Jesus Christ has ultimate significance
 2. All use the same sacred writings
 3. All use bread and wine and water in a special way
 4. Each group thinks of itself as having some community with the others, despite disagreeing with many principle concerns
 5. Continuity with ancient Israel
1. Inculcate Christologies of creational reconciliation
 2. Subvert and re-interpret the ancient narratives
 3. Create new modes of eucharist that foreground creational reconciliation
 4. Introduce the church to the rich stories of practice from other streams
 5. Reveal creation care as having continuity with the whole mission of the people of God

Andrew Walls, *the Gospel as Prisoner and Liberator of Culture*'



A THEOLOGY FOR URBAN ECO MISSION

EZEKIEL 47

JOHN 7

GENESIS 18/19

PENTECOSTAL LAND HEALING AND RECONCILIATION ECOLOGY

Ezekiel 47:6-12

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. ⁸ He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, ^[b] where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there **becomes fresh**. ⁹ Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. ¹¹ **But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt.** ¹² Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

A QUESTION

- How do we mobilise congregations currently apathetic towards local environmental action towards energised local engagement? What steps do we need to walk them through?