

Theological Reflection

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Are younger voices important?

Discussion:

Why invest in younger voices in the ecumenical movement?



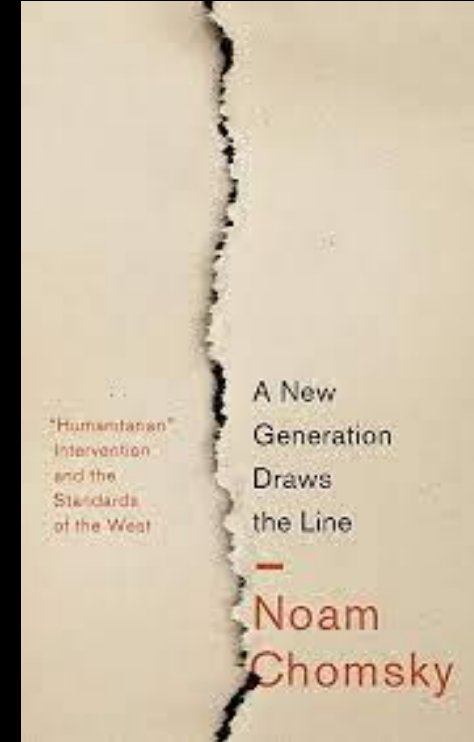
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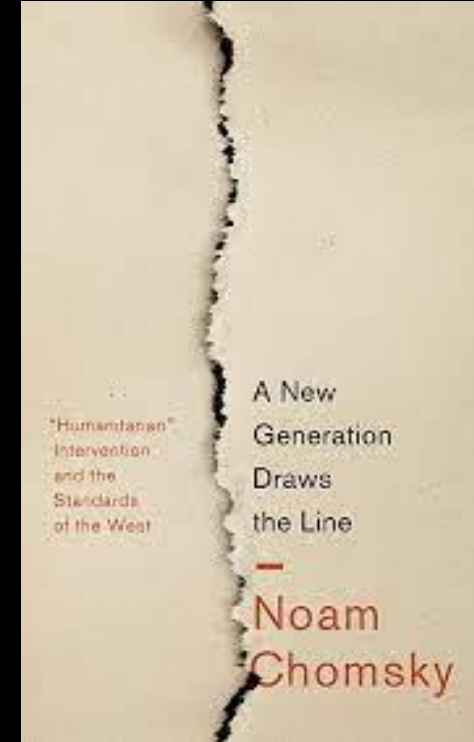
Less bound?
More imaginative?
Candid?
Passionate?
Hopeful?



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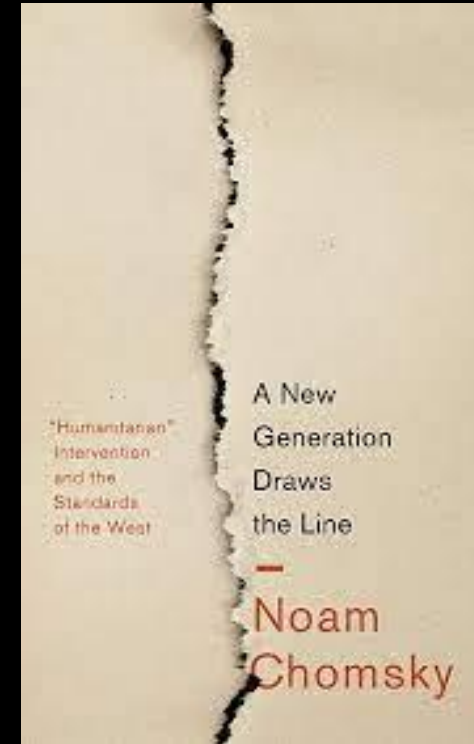
“This isn’t new people”!



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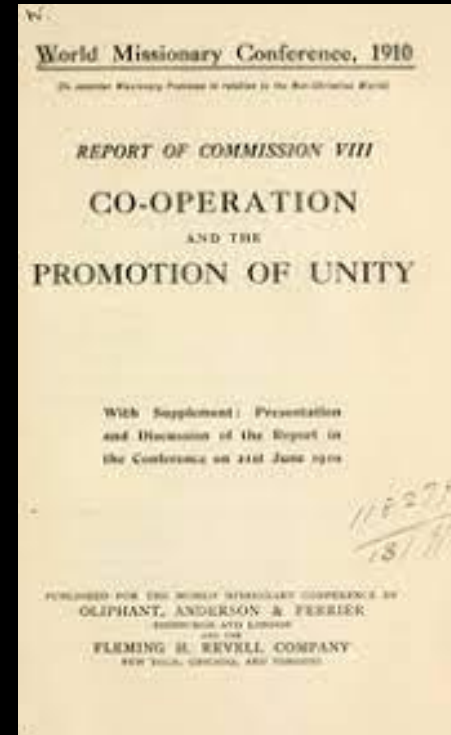
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The Eight Commissions and their date of presentation at the Conference are as follows:

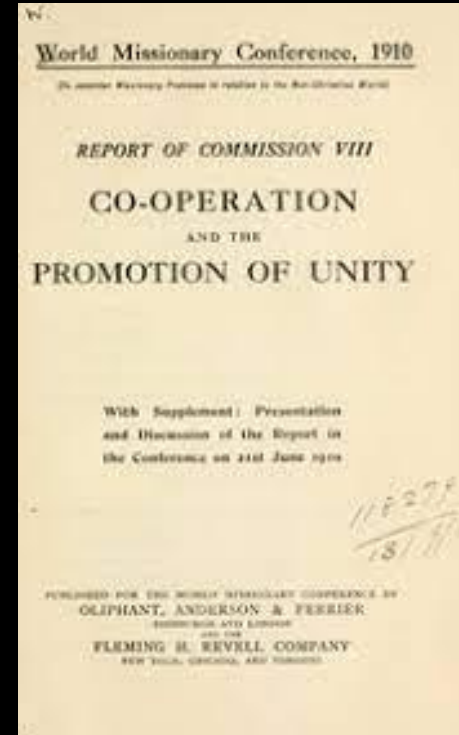
1. Carrying the Gospel to all the Non-Christian World (June 15, 1910)
2. The Church in the Mission Field (June 16, 1910)
3. Education in Relation to the Christianization of National Life (June 17, 1910)
4. Missionary Message in Relation to the Non-Christian World (June 18, 1910)
5. The Preparation of Missionaries (June 22, 1910)
6. The Home Base of Missions (June 23, 1910)
7. Missions and Governments (June 20, 1910)
8. Co-Operation and the Promotion of Unity (June 21, 1910)



Are younger voices important?

Simply because they're young? NO

Risk of expecting less



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important?

Why are *you* here?



Are lay voices important?

Christ as a worker



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Resisting the move
from ecumaniacs to
ecclesialacs.



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People, bodies & messiness

Privilege of the
Church.

Responsibility



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Can the church help
restore people's
(God's) missional
power?



Our presence is not the end goal

2 Corinthians 13:11

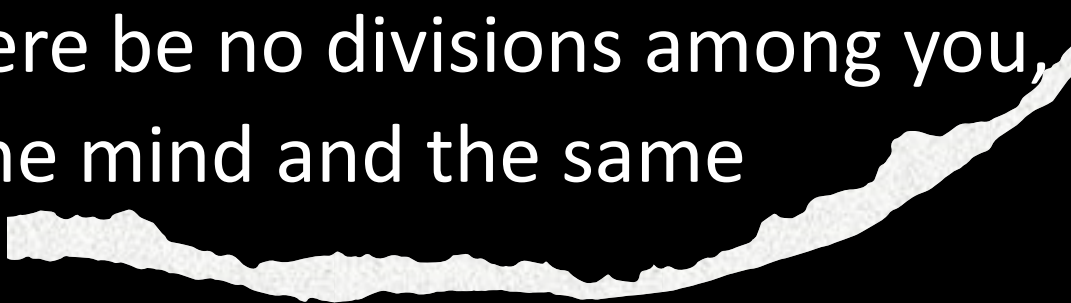
Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.



Our presence is not the end goal

1 Corinthians 1:10

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.



Our presence is not the end
goal

John1: 13, 35 By this everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you love one another.




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Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ



Are young voices important?

Only in so much as we commit to challenge them, be challenged by them, uplift them, and fully incorporate them as we look to unite the whole Body of Christ in our quest for a just and world reflective of God's real call for peace.

