

# Costly Mission

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Between Care and Sacrifice?



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In the context of mission:

Is there a contradiction between responsible decision-making regarding one's safety and wellbeing and the radical call to discipleship?

Is there one right choice?

What are the elements to be taken into consideration?



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## Missio Dei – a mission of love

- Mission invites us, but does not depend on our human endeavour

## Incarnation – self-giving and cruciform love

- God enters our lives in ultimate vulnerability and solidarity
- God opens the way to redemption and new life, life in abundance
- Mission invites us to share our lives complete and fully



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## Discipleship

- As the Father has sent me, so I send you (Jn 20:21)
- Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:5)

But

- Self-giving love is not self-denial or self-negation, but rather a free choice and an act of love
- Are we sure that our choice is responding to God's call?



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## Suffering

- is a dark intrusion and an unexplainable violation
- is destructive
- Is an unavoidable part of the human condition
- can be transformative

Jesus links suffering to discipleship



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When care and sacrifice seem to contradict each other in mission, what are the questions to consider?

Ubuntu and Sangsaeng as theological concepts

- interdependence
- responsibility towards a mutually life-giving choice and reality



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If God's self-giving love invites us all, gives life to all, albeit sometimes through suffering,

- what does it mean to be interdependent brothers and sisters in the church worldwide?

And

- What does it mean to be called to discipleship in a world where we have to contend with “human failure and sin, the madness and brokenness of our world, the forces of spiritual evil, and the way that God has chosen to work with us – and in spite of us”?





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- Tot welke vragen en overwegingen zijn jullie gekomen in de eerdere gesprekken?
- Welk licht werpen die op een ervaring of casus vanuit de eigen context of organisatie?
- Hoe kan dat bijdragen aan besluitvorming (als organisatie, maar ook persoonlijk als mission partner) in complexe situaties en mogelijksterwijs tegenstrijdige belangen en verlangens?

