

EASTER HOPE



*Do not remember the former things,
Or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

Isaiah 43: 18-19a

To be hatched ... takes work!
It takes
effort,
determination,
and the drive to live.

The timing has to be right.
The unborn is given the gift to
know when that time is.

The newly hatched creature
is not immediately
beautiful, graceful,
independent.

Give it some time
to get its legs,
and eventually...



Toward Daring Discipleship



April 2010
New Incarnations of Church



The Church
belongs
to God.

And God will ALWAYS
do a
new thing!

We are a people of the resurrection.
Thanks be to God!

NEW INCARNATIONS OF CHURCH

Fresh Expressions

"Fresh expressions of church' ... is a way of describing the planting of new congregations or churches which are different in ethos and style from the church which planted them; because they are designed to reach a **different group of people than those already attending** the original church. There is no single model ... The emphasis is on planting something which is appropriate to its **context**...

...there is a surfer church on Polzeath beach, a Eucharist for Goths ... a youth congregation based in a skate park ... church in a café, church in the function room of a pub... the aim is to plant church into the **communities to which people actually belong**. Then those churches can reach out to people who are different as well...



...A fresh expression is a **form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church**. It will come into being through principles of listening, service, incarnational mission and making disciples. It will have the potential to become a mature expression of church **shaped by the gospel** and the enduring marks of the church and for its **cultural context**."

+Graham Cray—Archbishops' Missioner and Leader of the Fresh Expressions Team
<http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/> (emphasis by Lorna)

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The Great Emergence



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"Phyllis Tickle offers a creative and provocative overview of multiple social and cultural changes in our era, their relation to previous major paradigm shifts, and their particular impact on North American Christianity. This is an immensely important contribution to the current conversation about new and emerging forms of Christianity in a post-modern environment..."

—The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

21st CENTURY CHRISTIANITY AND 21st CENTURY CHRISTIANS

May 14-16, 2010

What is happening to us? Why is it happening?
Where are we going? How do we go forward together as Christians in the emerging church of the 21st century.

Public Lecture

May 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

THE GREAT EMERGENCE:
21st Century Christianity –
What's Going on Here?"

THE EMERGING CHURCH

The emergent church draws **already 'churched' people** from various denominations into new forms of community as disciples of Jesus. The movement is not interested in the definitions of conservative or liberal Christianity. It is interested in sharing life in profound ways as people seek to follow God in the way of Jesus Christ in this century. It embraces **new forms of church and refuses to be domesticated**. The **Emergent Village** was formed in 1997 as a relational network where emergents can connect.

From Emergent village:

Our dream is to join in the activity of God in the world wherever we are able, partnering with God as God's dreams for our world come true. In the process, the world can be healed and changed, and so can we.

Articulated Emergent Values:

Commitment to God in the way of Jesus.

Commitment to the church in all its forms.

Commitment to God's world.

Commitment to one another.



The Network: <http://www.emergentvillage.com/about/>

Introduction to the movement by the national coordinator of Emergent Village: Jones, Tony. *The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent Frontier*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2008.

A United Church writer defines what it means to be an 'emerging' congregation and how a congregation might make that transition: Sanguin, Bruce. *The emerging Church: A Model for change and a Map for Renewal*. Kelowna: Copperhouse, 2008.