A Church which is Poor and For the Poor

Response to the Theological Reflection by Bishop Isao

Wendy M Louis
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MAGNIFICAT – PART ONE
TO BE POOR

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
For He has looked with favour on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
In every generation.

KEY IDEAS

-DEPENDENCE
-ANAWIM of the LORD
-HUMILITY & HOPE
He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He has sent away empty.

KEY IDEAS

- GOD’s PREFERENCE FOR THE POOR
- DEVELOPMENT TODAY
- DESTITUTION & POVERTY
- POVERTY & RICHES – THE WIDENING GAP - GLOBALIZATION
He has come to the help of His servant Israel
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,
The promise He made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children for ever.

KEY IDEAS

- MERCY
- MEMORY & REMEMBERING
- Part of the Community of Believers = DISCIPLES WHO ARE POOR and FOR THE POOR.
I want a Church which IS poor

Pope Francis

CHURCH WHICH IS POOR - BEING POOR

DEPENDENT

ANAWIM of the LORD

RECEIVING WITH HUMILITY

LIVING IN HOPE ON THE MERCY OF OTHERS

What does it mean to be a CHURCH WHICH IS POOR?

Destitution? Moral Poverty? Spiritual Poverty?

None of the Above
Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden
UN Secretary General 1953-1961
Lutheran Christian
...the explanation of how man should live a life of active social service in full harmony with himself as a member of the community of the spirit, I found in the writings of those great medieval mystics for whom "self-surrender" had been the way to self-realization, and who in "singleness of mind" and "inwardness" had found strength to say yes to every demand, which the needs of their neighbors made them face, and to say yes also to every fate life had in store for them when they followed the call of duty, as they understood it...
"Love"—that much misused and misinterpreted word—for them meant simply an overflowing of the strength with which they felt themselves filled when living in true self-oblivion. And this love found natural expressions in an unhesitant fulfillment of duty and in an unreserved acceptance of life, whatever it brought them personally of toil, suffering—or happiness. I know that their discoveries about the laws of inner life and of action have not lost their significance.
Before Thee, Father, 
In righteousness and humility,
With Thee, Brother, 
In faith and courage,
In Thee, Spirit, 
In stillness.

Markings, Dag Hammarskjöld
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