

**Kingdom at Work Project**  
**Draft programme for workshop on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Purpose of the project:**

**Purpose of the project - To transform the world of work through a process of discernment and intervention informed and empowered by a communal theology of the kingdom.**

[Key concepts: kingdom, community, empowerment, discernment, intervention (mission); transformation]

**Objective of this workshop:**

To learn about and discuss the purpose of the Kingdom at Work Project.

To initiate the recruitment and equipping of a team of 'guides' to help develop and further the work of the project.

**PROGRAMME**

**9.30 Welcome, notices and prayers**

**I. 9.45 - 10.45 Addressing the challenge**

**9.45 - 10.00 The world of work**

The current scene - the challenge ahead

Some important initiatives BUT inadequacy of church's current engagement - in practice and theology

**10.00 - 10.30**

**10 Exercise - individual**

1. Identify a 'working collective' of significance - guidelines given
2. Write down one example of where that working collective is *succeeding* and *failing* to operate by the values of the kingdom?

20 Sharing of thoughts in plenary

**15 Why a communal kingdom theology for the world of work?**

The primacy and power of relationships

Other hallmarks = key concept of the kingdom community

The complementary of sociology and theology

**COFFEE BREAK (10.45 - 11.15)**

**II 11.15 - 12.30 A communal theology of the kingdom at work**

**11.15 - 11.40 The sociology of the working collective as a community**

10 The meaning of community - the 4Ss -sociology

5 The dark side of community - negative power - insular/exclusive/destructive

5 Sociology - the 4Ss - reliant on subjective feelings

No way through without moving from feelings to values and beliefs.

10 **Plenary** - discussion

**11.40 - 12.25 The theology of the working collective as a community - the kingdom community - 4Ls**

- 5 The meaning of the kingdom  
Theology - the 4Ls - objective (beliefs and values) - 'value-added'
- 25 **The Trinity as sovereign of the kingdom community - 'king and people'**  
**4Ls an some of their attributes -**  
God the Creator - gift of life - transforms security  
Christ as Liberator - gift of liberation - transforms significance  
The Holy Spirit the Unifier - gift of love - primacy - transforms socialization  
All as a learning community - 4Ls - gift of learning - transforms nurture  
The 4Ls - all needed - in every situation (universal) - empowering - transforming
- 10 **Plenary** - discussion
- 10 **The kingdom community and servant leadership - a brief introduction**  
The Trinity as sovereign (legitimator) - source of gifts of the kingdom community.  
A trinitarian model for servant leadership - a role which legitimates and facilitates

### **LUNCH (12.30 - 1.15)**

#### **III. 1.15 - 2.30 The art of discernment**

- 20 **Discernment - an art**  
Need to deepen understanding of discernment  
- 4Ls and of how, when and where they are *already* manifest or absent  
- present = enhance                      absent = challenge  
  
Through **signs** (recurring happenings) and **critical incidents** (one off events)
- Christian resources for raising awareness:**  
Secular resources for discernment: knowledge, skills and experience
- 5 **Plenary** - questions
- 5 **A word about intervention** (key concept) - not explored today
- 1.45 - 2.30 Exercise -**
- 5 **Exercise**  
Write down one example of where you believe your  
working collective is *succeeding* and *failing* to deliver *one* of the 4Ls?  
What attributes of the L chosen are not being delivered?  
What sort of intervention might overcome this deficit ?
- 25 **Groups of 3** - share findings of exercise - questions concerning 4Ls and the exercise
- 15 **Plenary** - feed-back and discussion

### **TEA BREAK (2.30 - 2.45)**

#### **IV. 2.45 - 3-30 Where next?**

- 10 **The wider context - towards a kingdom theology of the economy**  
Global implication of the model - 4Ls and servant leadership  
New aspect of project
- 20 **The role of 'Guides'** - those interested and next workshop
- 15 **Plenary** - discussion and finish