

Multiplication and church planting

The experience of the Church of England



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Part I

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I. Korinther 3:6-7

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Feld

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I KORINTHER 3:7-9

CONFIDENCE

- God is already there
- Every local church has a missional calling
- The day of small beginnings



Temple de Mantes-la-Jolie

CONFIDENCE



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Acts



Multiplied

Ac 6:7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Ac 7:17 "But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt

Ac 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Ac 12:24 But the word of God increased and multiplied.

Increasing

Ac 6:1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.

Multiplication

in the book of Acts

Acts



Gospel

Disciples

Churches

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Implication #1

Church-planting starts with **Gospel-sowing**

Church planters are called to be fishers of people,
and not just keepers of the aquarium

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Implication #2

We need to think of church life as a **process of growth** of the gospel in us, moving us from believers to disciples to leaders. This takes time, but bears much fruit.

“

Als sie aber dem Herrn dienten und fasteten, sprach der **Heilige Geist**:
Sondert mir Barnabas und Saulus **zu dem Werk** aus, zu dem ich sie berufen habe.

Apg 13:2

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Multiplication

in the book of Acts

Acts



The Holy Spirit

Gospel

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Implication #3

Since **multiplication** is the activity of the **Holy Spirit**, we must recover the proper role of the Holy Spirit in our vision and strategy.

Multiplication

in the book of Acts



Ihr werdet die **Kraft** des Heiligen Geistes empfangen, wenn er auf euch kommen wird, und werdet meine **Zeugen** sein in Jerusalem und in ganz Judäa und Samarien und bis an das Ende der Erde.

Apg 1:8

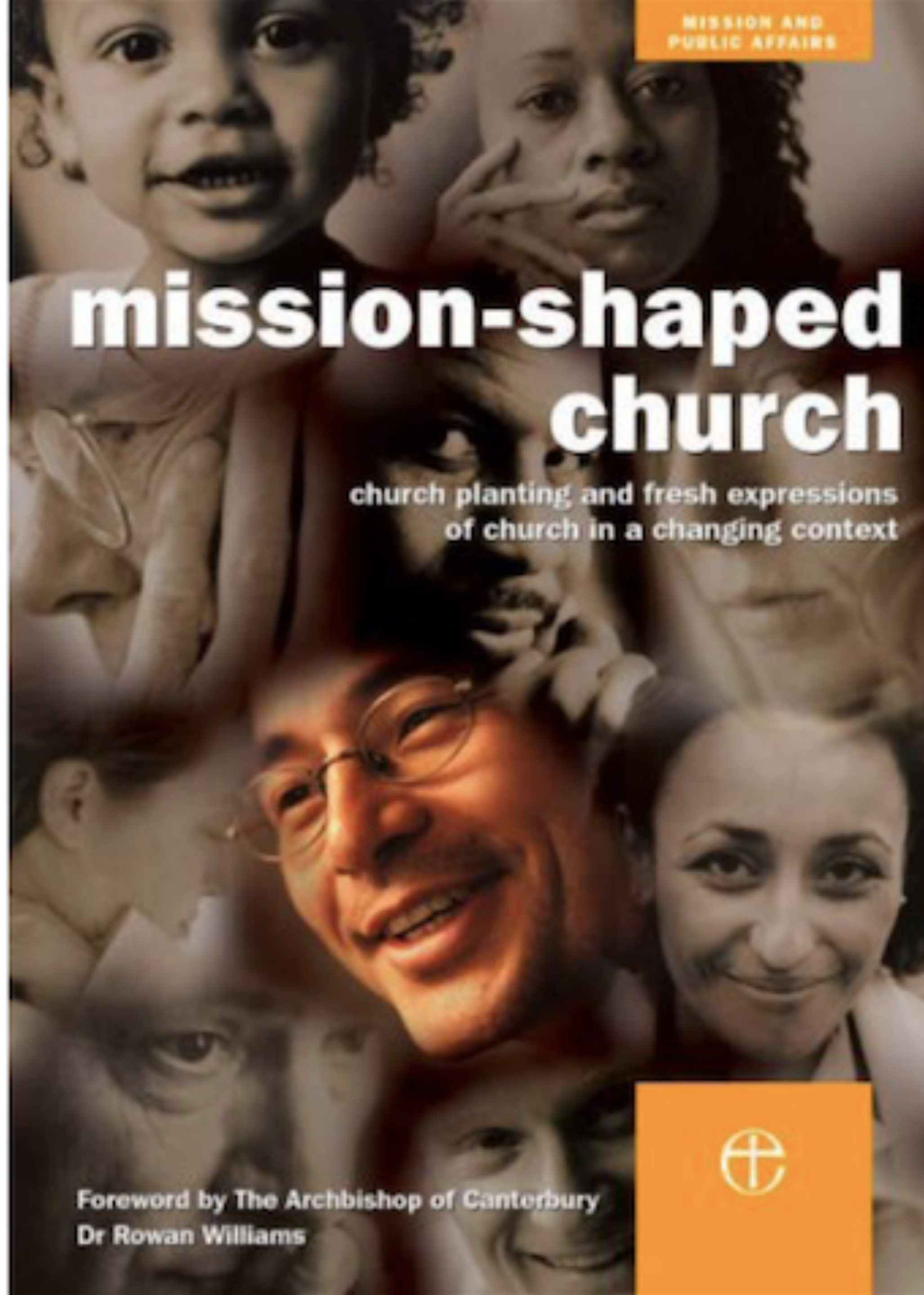
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Where to begin?

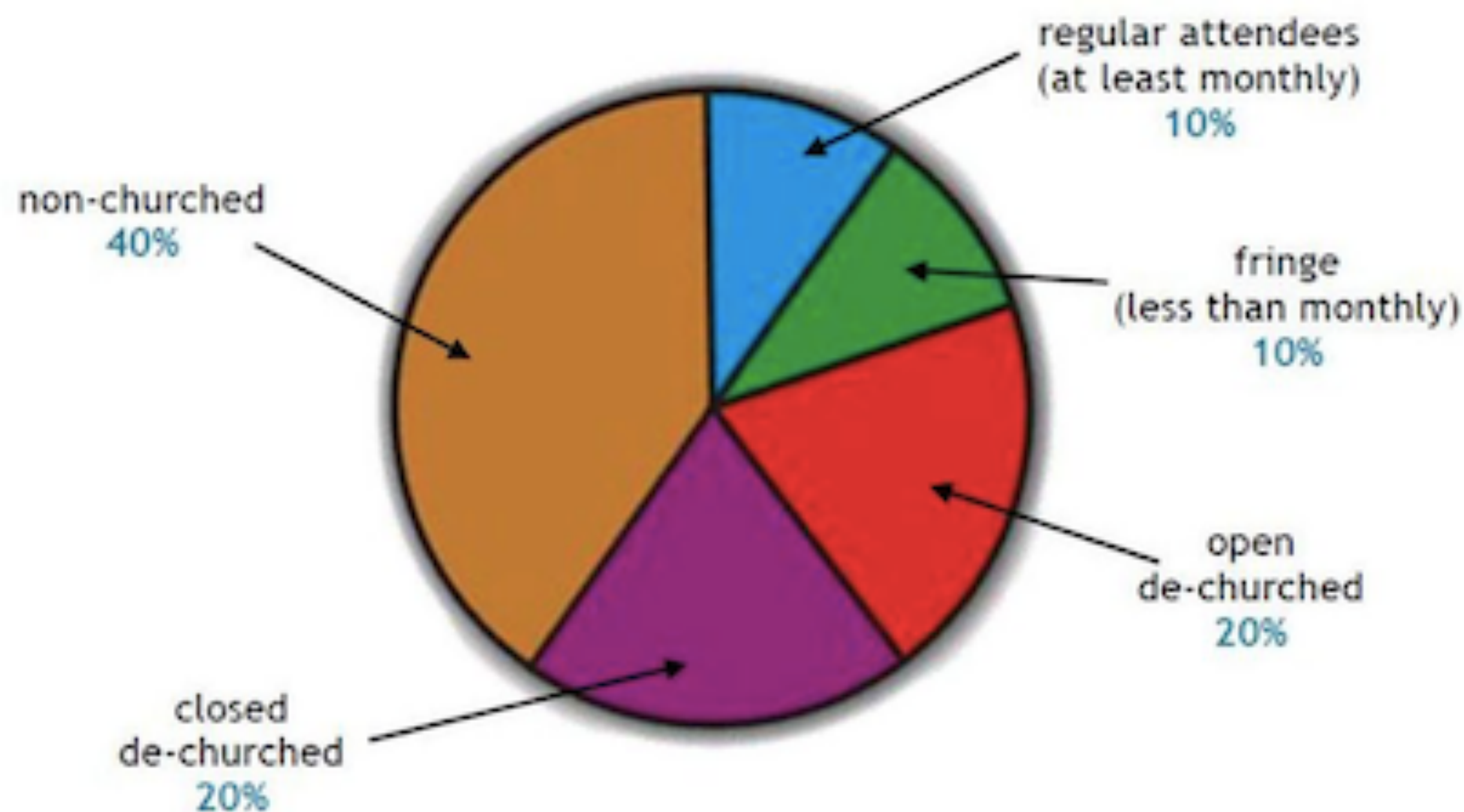
Double listening

- Context
- Gospel



Where to begin?

- Context



Churches

De-churched

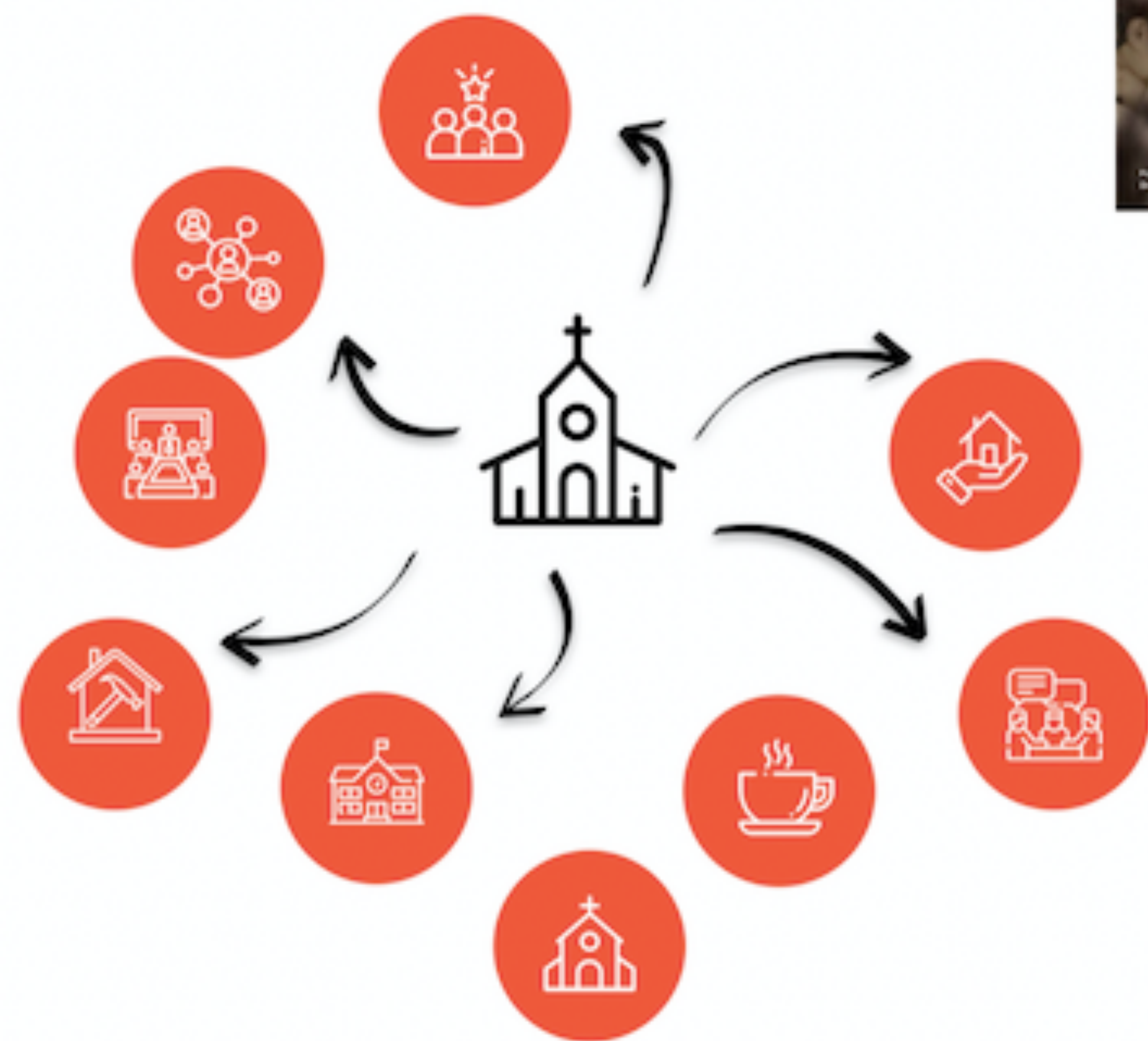
Non-churched

Where to begin?

- **Context**

- **Gospel**

God's mission
An opportunity

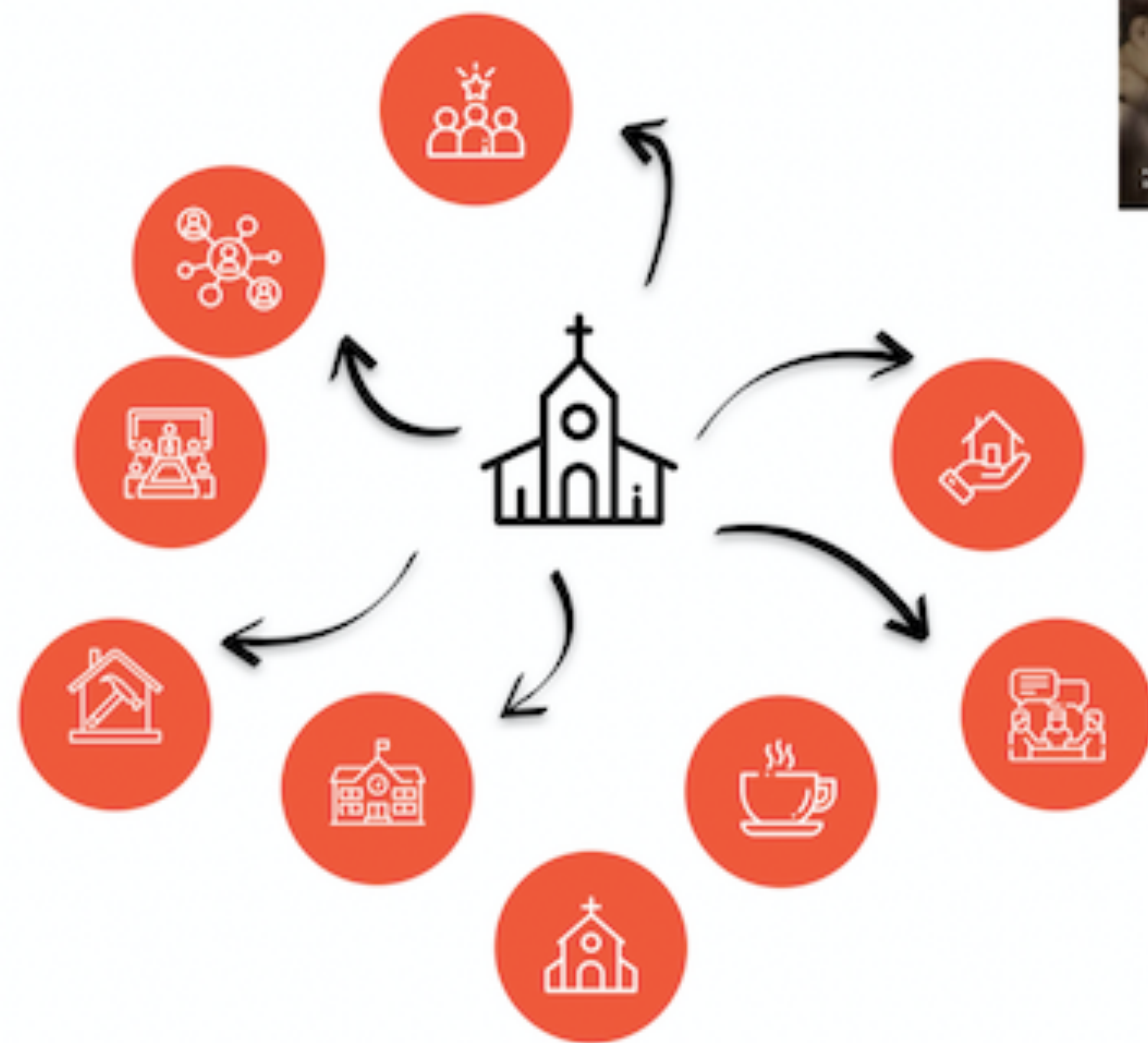


Fresh Expressions of Church



Where to begin?

There are huge opportunities to plant new mission initiatives within all parishes



Fresh Expressions of Church



CREATIVITY

- Diversity as a precious gift
- Building teams
- Using gifts for worship and witness
- Building bridges



CREATIVITY

Building bridges

- ▶ Celebration and food
- ▶ Culture and identities
- ▶ Children and young people
- ▶ Music and the arts
- ▶ Social action
- ▶ Prayer and spirituality
- ▶ Internet and social networks
- ▶ Ecology and creation
- ▶ Workplace networks
- ▶ Sports and leisure



Where to begin?

- **Context**

What is the need?

Mapping - where are we?

How can we describe our area?

Who are we not reaching?

What would the good news look like
for them?



Where to begin?

- **Context**

What is the need?

- **Gospel**

What has God given us?

- **Prayerful discernment**

What is God calling us to do?

What doors is he opening?

What would he like to multiply?



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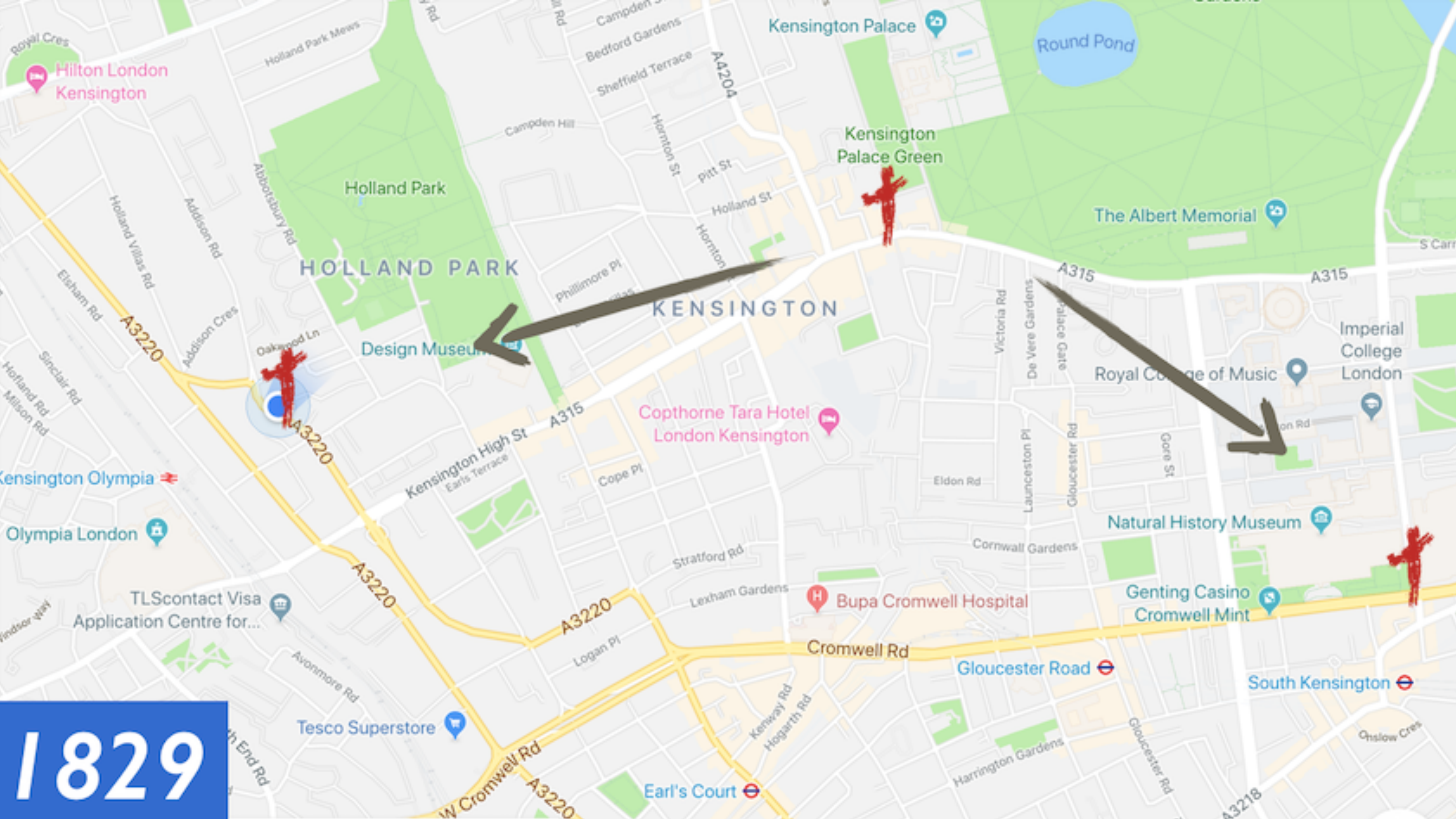
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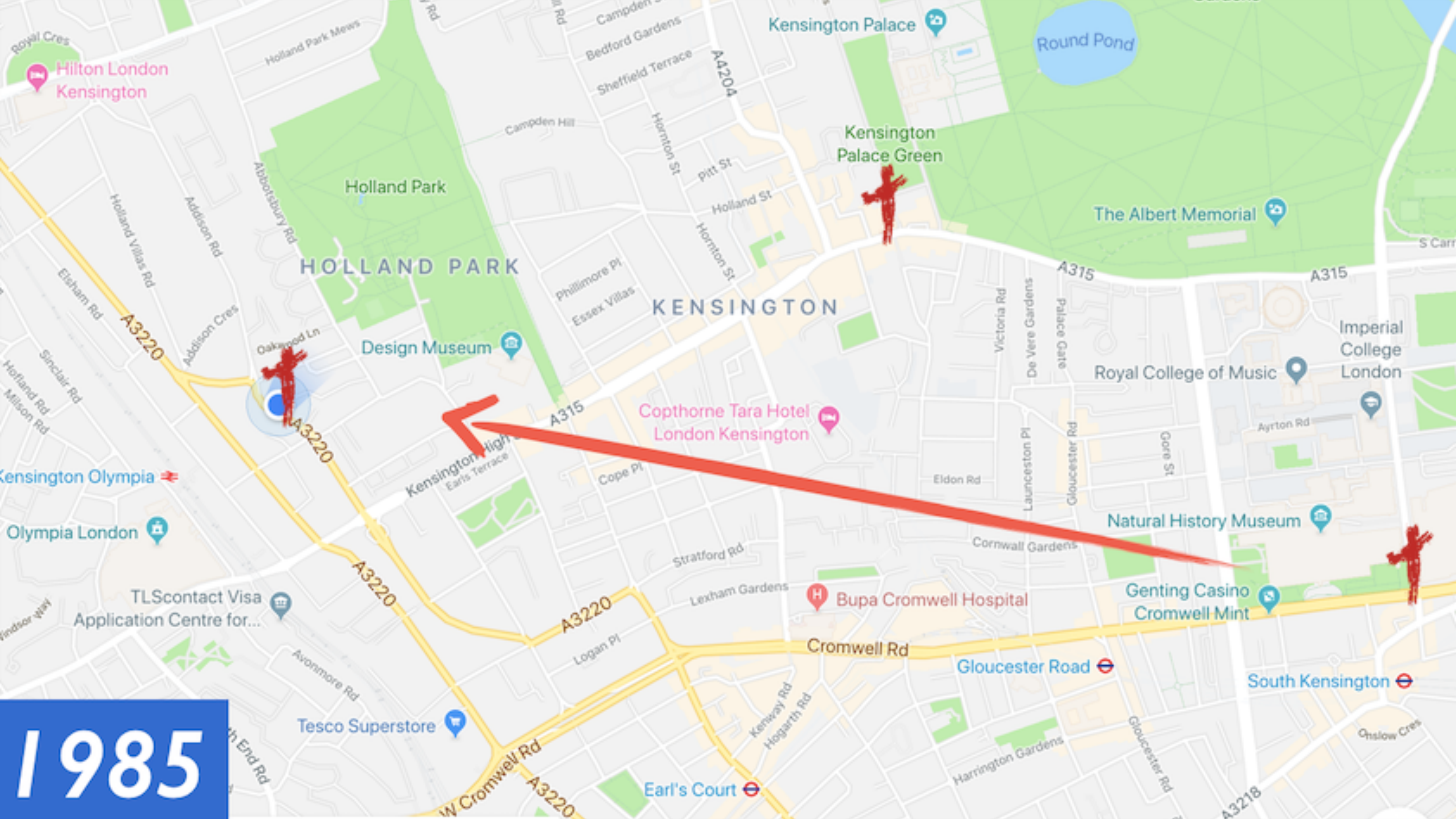
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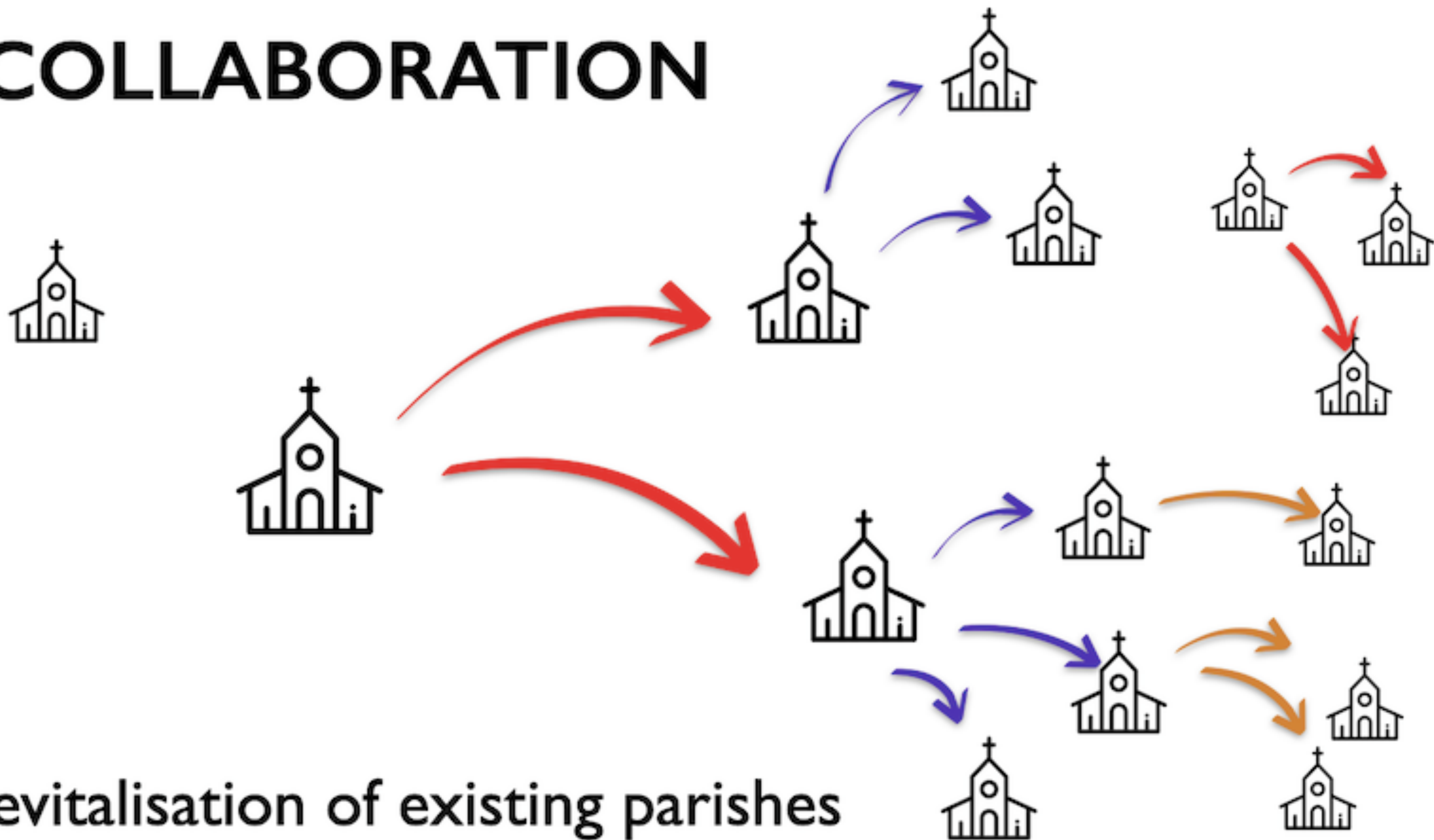


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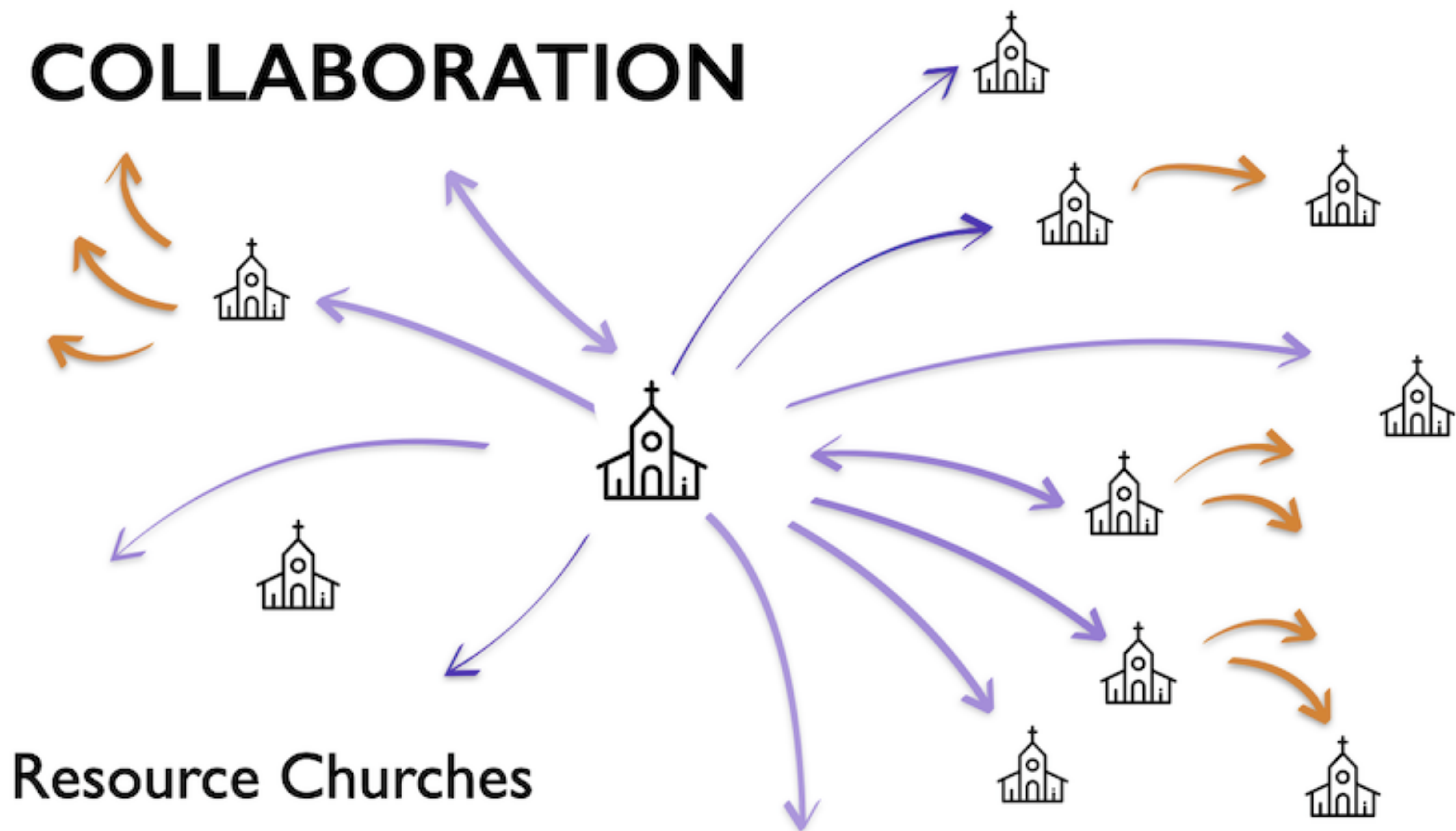


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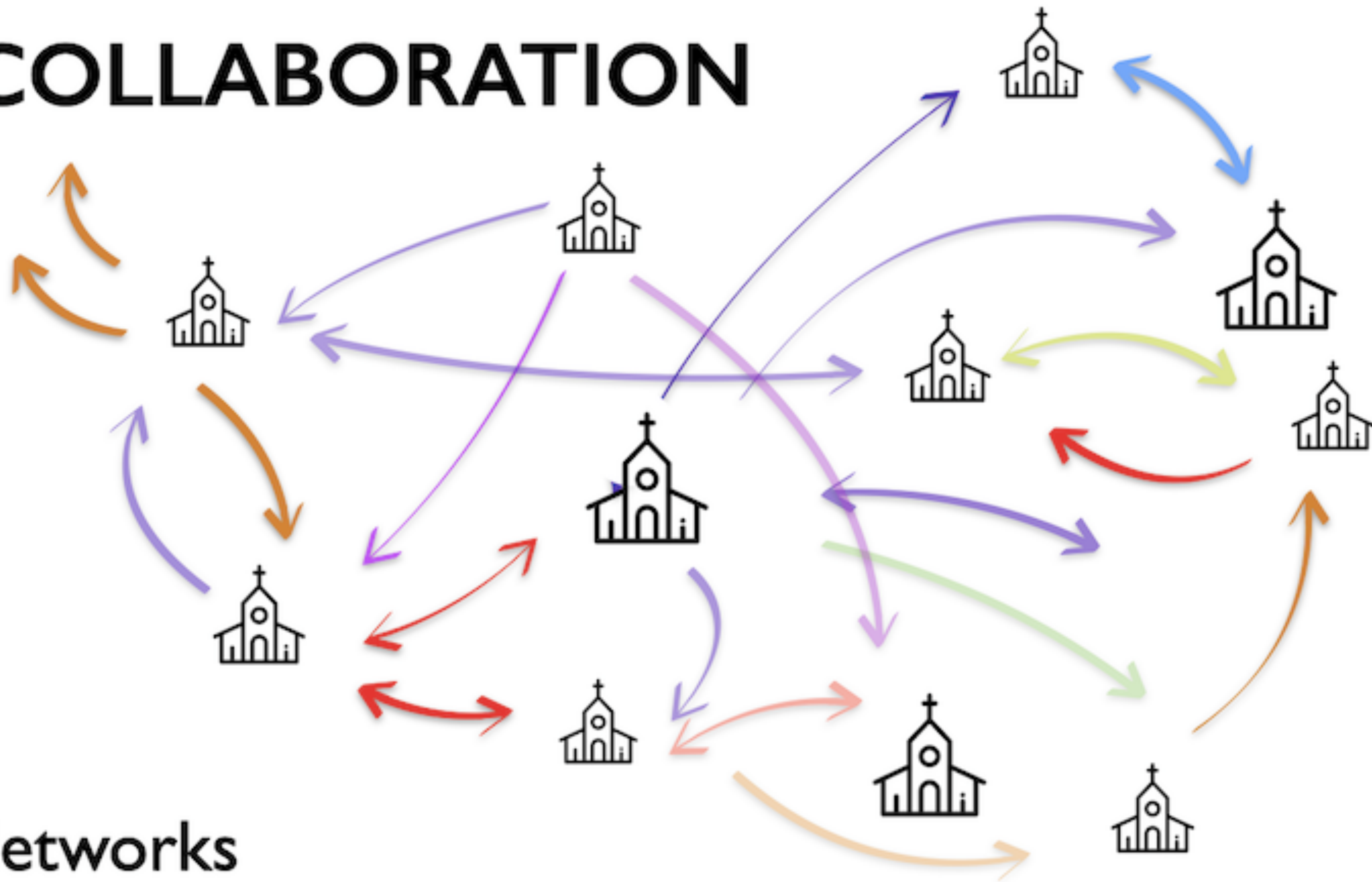
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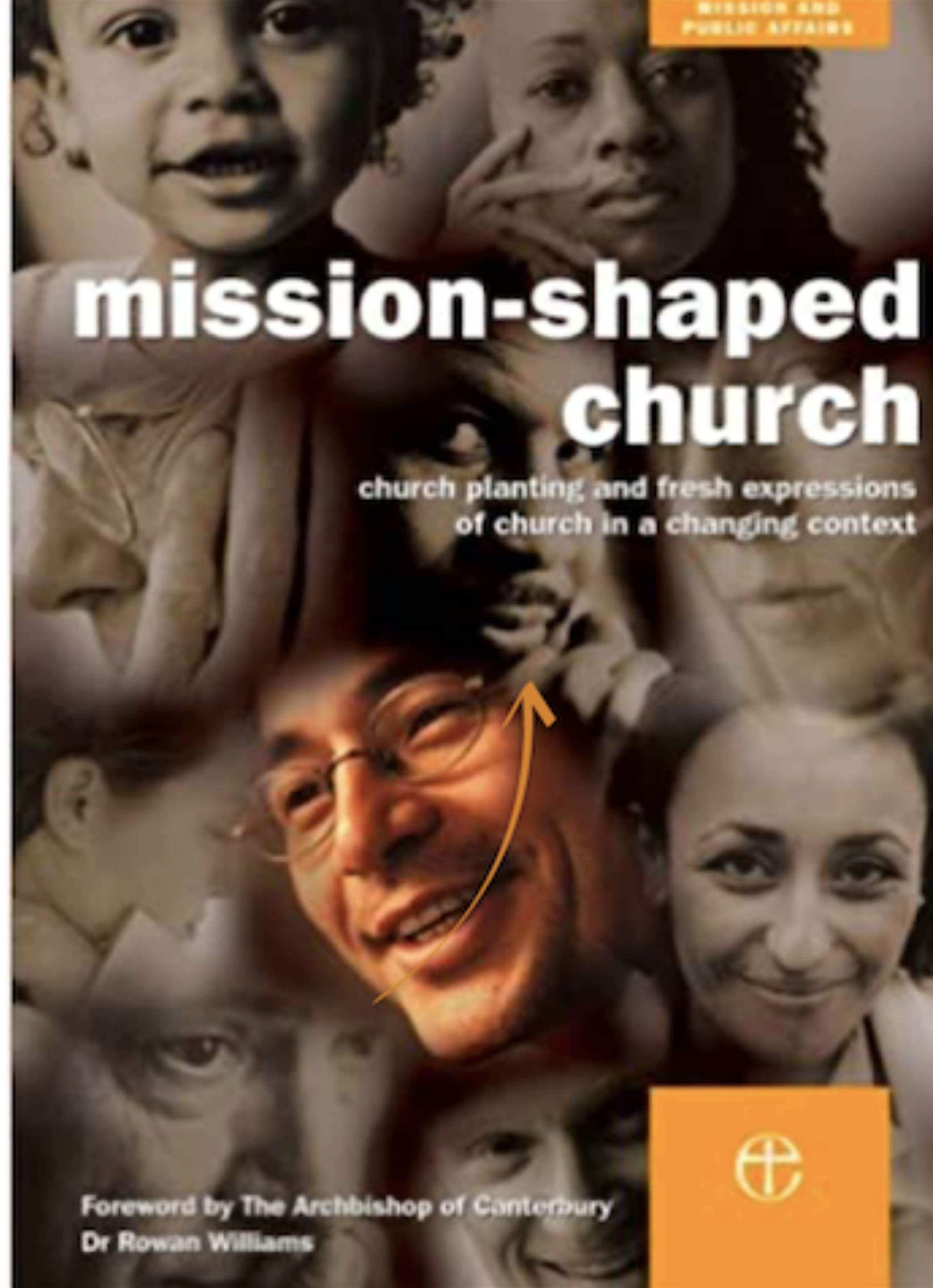
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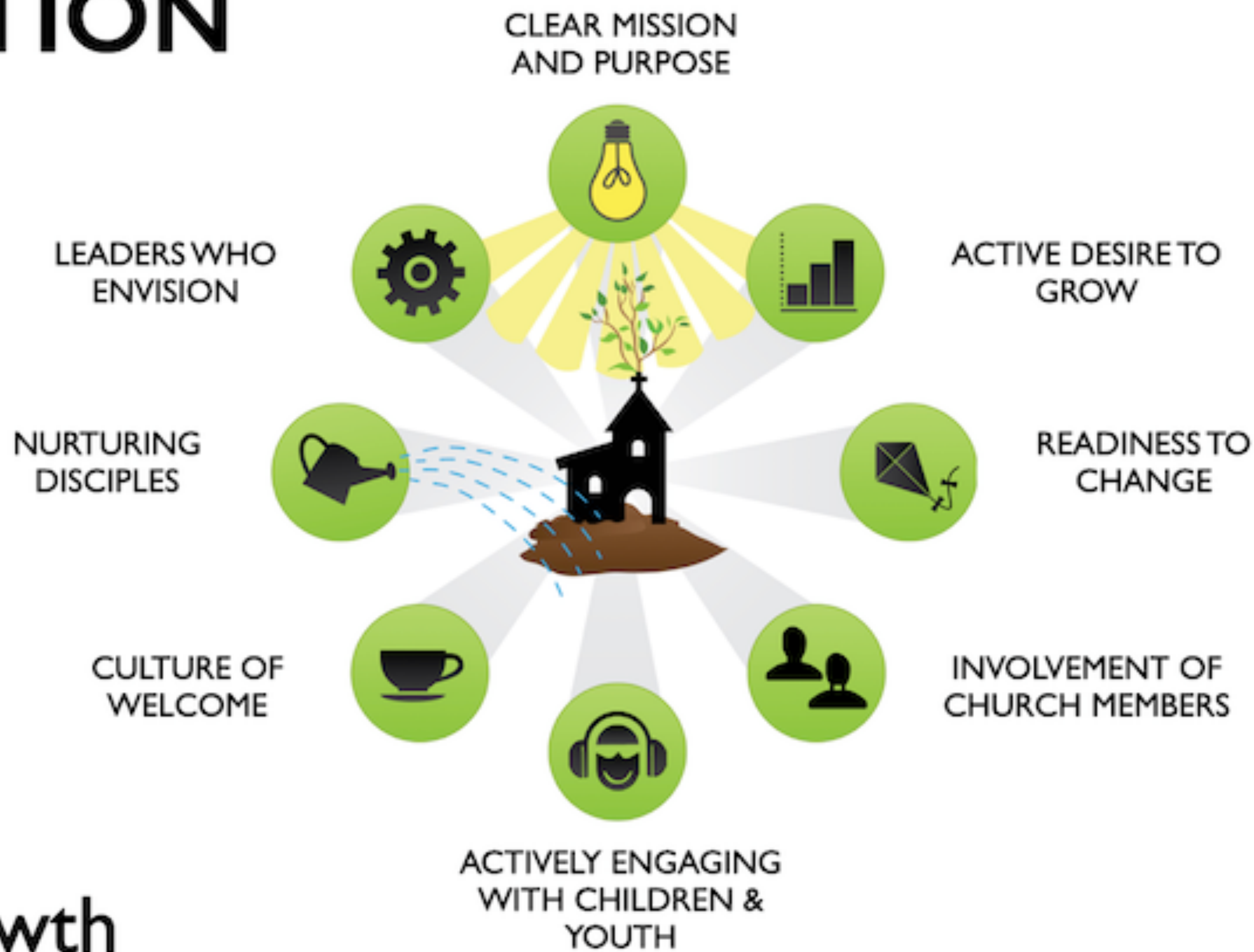
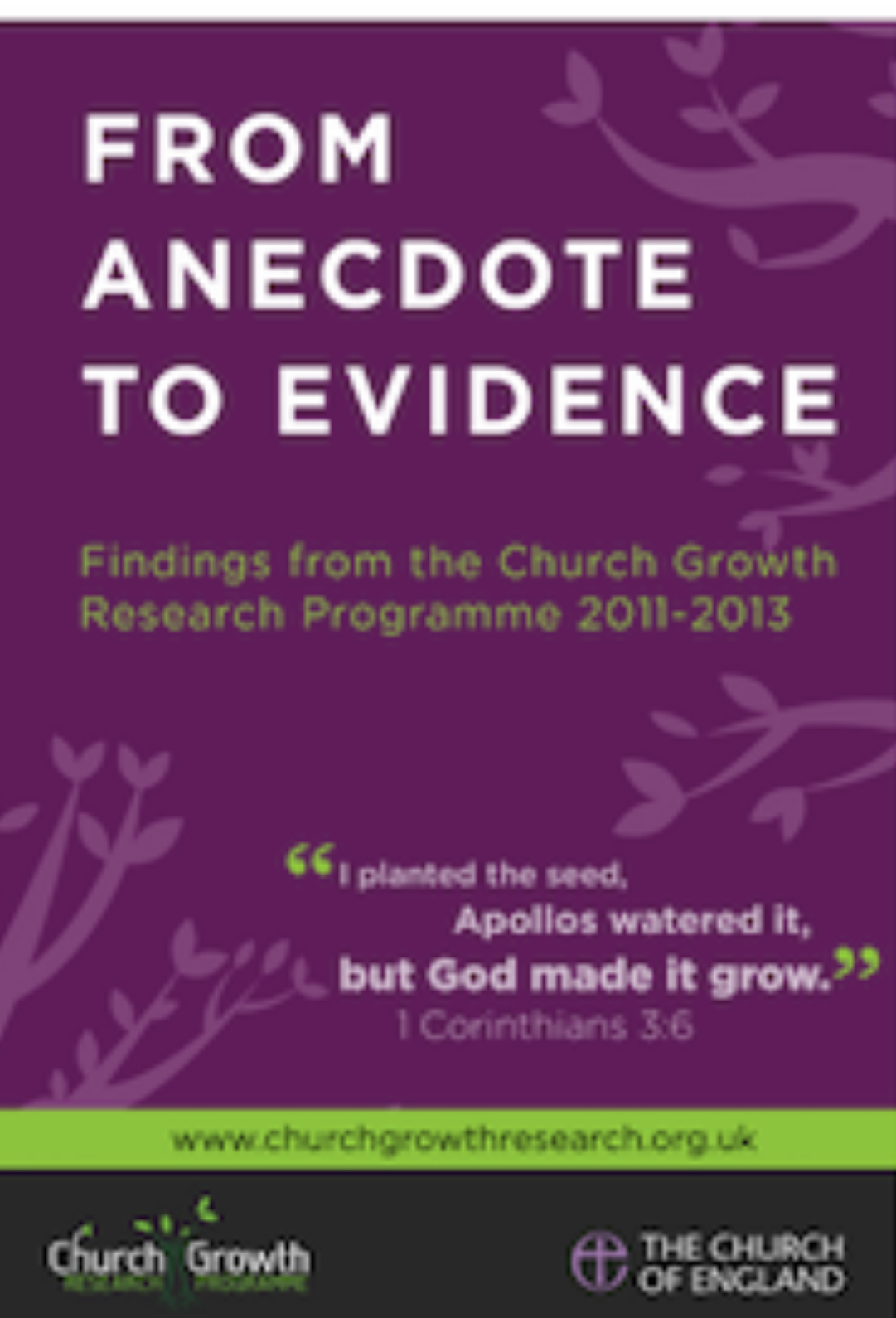
Networks

COLLABORATION

- Different models
- Mixed ecology
- Generous orthodoxy



CONSTRUCTION



Factors
associated with growth

Church multiplication

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