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### ARI HUKARI Reconciliation in World Religions

The idea of reconciliation could be seen as a purely Christian category of thinking, but it can be argued that the idea of reconciliation is recognisable in all religious traditions. The human condition or misfortune and the need for restitution are described variably in different faith traditions, sometimes in contradictory ways. But we might describe the principal aim of reconciliation as the desire to find balance and harmony in life. The way to inner peace varies from one faith system to another. By studying the cultic or liturgical practices we can best understand the dynamics of reconciliation in different faith communities. Various discourses of religious restoration are analyzed in the article.

### MIKA HIETANEN "I've got, like, a message from God": Strategies of Persuasion in the Revivalist Rhetoric of the Nokia Mission

The article analyses techniques of verbal rhetoric based on recordings of prayer meetings from the first year of the Nokia Missio Church (2008–2009). The rhetorical situation is of particular interest in this charismatic congregation. The crowd can be examined from the viewpoint of the

various participant groups, drawing on Lloyd Bitzer's idea of the life span of a rhetorical situation. Classical rhetoric, verbal communication and psychology are used to augment interpretation. The analysis shows how rhetorical strategies are used at various points in the meetings. They include pathos, emotional music, personal testimonials, *ethopoeia*, leading prayer and messages from God. Particular focus here is on words of welcome, praise, testimonials and addresses to the congregation, with discussion of how the listeners are being persuaded according to their life situations.

### TOMI KARTTUNEN Eberhard Jüngel and Wolfhart Pannenberg as Interpreters of the Doctrine of Justification

Eberhard Jüngel and Wolfhart Pannenberg played a central role in the German discussion regarding the Joint Declaration on the Justification (1999). Jüngel argues for an effective interpretation of the forensic act of declaring the ungodly as righteous. The basis for this is the eccentric act of faith and its orientation towards the act of justification. Pannenberg points out the ecstatic fellowship of a believer with Christ so that Christ is both outside (*extra nos*) and inside of us (*in nobis*). Due to the unity with Christ the righteousness of Christ is imputed to

the empirical self of a justified person who thus can grow in righteousness. The article suggests that the model of Pannenberg is more ontologically oriented, argues on a broader biblical basis and is ecumenically more open than the contribution of Jüngel.

## LEENA AHTEENMÄKI-PELKONEN

### Direction of Change: Conceptions of Work Counselling among Work Counsellors of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland

This empirical interview study is an inductive analysis of the goals of individual work counselling as presented by work counsellors (n=11) in the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland, in accordance with a qualitative research approach and a constructive paradigm. The work counsellors mentioned 1) goals related to the work counselling situation (atmosphere and interaction, establishing the basic task, discussing spiritual questions, and personal development goals of the counsellor) and 2) goals related to the client (coping at work, perspective of the workplace community, handling of customer cases and progress made by the client during counselling). In the conclusions, I compare these with my previous study of psychiatric work counsellors (n=6), demonstrating that church workers focus on the counselling process and the client, while psychiatric work counsellors focus on the work. The comparison raises the fundamental issue of the relationship and dialectic between counselling and work. Differing solutions lead to differing work counselling functions within the church and in society at large.

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