

A Template for Reimagining Presentation Charism

Before we go off reviewing, reimagining and renewing ourselves and our organisations, we have some basics to attend to.

The purpose of this reviewing, reimagining and renewing can be easily misunderstood or misinterpreted. It could amount simply to the development of new organizational visions and strategic plans, to grow strategies ... all well and good, but possibly nothing to do with our core purpose, our true identity.

Our reference point for any reviewing, reimagining and renewing must be our identity. Who are we? Why do we exist? What is our purpose? We need to get sharp clarity about these questions...

We are not reviewing our identity as a static thing, but as a living thing that evolves in relationship to, and in the context of, our world, its people, its needs.¹⁰

SOME KEY GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Do we believe that God is active in the world?

Do we believe that we are God's presence in the world?

Do we understand the charism of Nano Nagle and her way of being God's presence in her world?

Have we used critical thinking and social analysis to understand the signs of our times?

What are the justice areas which call for our attention?

Could we address these in our ministry?

Do we frequently ask, what distinguishes this ministry from others?

Do we have a clear sense of purpose that is shared and articulated?

Do we regularly assess our behaviours and attitudes against Presentation values?

Have we made a clear distinction between words and deeds? Who we say we are as distinct from how we act in the day to day?

How prepared are we to change priorities or directions?

What has remained the same over time? What is enduring?

Have we asked what can we learn from others on the same journey?

What would Nano Nagle say to us if she visited our ministry today?

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