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**Paper Abstract**

**Conversion and Transformation in the World Council of Churches 2012 Mission Affirmation *Together Towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes***

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A major landmark on the terrain of missiological studies is the World Council of Churches mission affirmation *Together Towards Life*, adopted by the WCC Central Committee in 2012 and prominent at the 10<sup>th</sup> WCC Assembly in Busan, South Korea in 2013. It is the second official statement on mission and evangelism by the World Council of Churches and was published thirty years after the first, *Mission and Evangelism: An Ecumenical Affirmation* (1982)

This paper engages *TTL* with the question of what kind of conversion or transformation it envisages? In particular, how far does it succeed in reconciling conflicting understandings of conversion by its attempt to integrate an understanding of conversion as personal and spiritual with a vision of social and economic transformation? Since the latter finds expression particularly in Section 2 “Spirit of Liberation: Mission from the Margins” and the former finds expression particularly in Section 4 “Spirit of Pentecost: Good News for All”, the paper addresses the question of how far these contrasting emphases are simply laid alongside each other and how far they are integrated to form a comprehensive vision of conversion and transformation?

The paper will draw on the findings of a book on Ecumenical Missiology currently in preparation to support the teaching of *Together Towards Life*. It could be considered under the Theology of Mission study group.