

# IAMS: Powers, Inequalities, and Vulnerabilities: Mission in a Wounded World

## Paper Proposal

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**Proposed Paper:** Missions Motivation in Post-Premillennial Evangelicalism. A case study in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian and Missionary Alliance

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**Abstract:** Holding to a premillennial return of Christ, early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Evangelicalism was motivated to engage in world evangelisation as a means of 'bringing back the King'. Under the leadership of its founder, A. B. Simpson and then its second president, Paul Radar, the Christian and Missionary Alliance sent thousands of missionaries around the world motivated by this goal. Today, the global Alliance numbers more than 6 million members in 22 thousand churches in over 80 countries. For many within the Alliance today premillennialism remains an important pillar of the movement, however, its import in relation to the task of world evangelisation has waned. In its place has arisen a deeper emphasis on announcing and enacting the Kingdom of God. Much of this has been driven in recent times by the 'millennial missionary' who is more interested in producing real change in the lives of people than in pointing forward to some future eschatological hope. This paper investigates the primary reasons for this shift and the impact it is having on contemporary mission strategy in the Christian and Missionary Alliance.