

REDEFINING *PANTA TA ETHNE* IN THE URBAN CONTEXT IN AFRICA FOR A MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

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The aim of this project will be to explore a new theological definition of *Panta ta ethne* (all nations) in the urban environment in Africa. It will try to respond to the question: what contextual theological meaning would best explain the concept *Panta ta ethne* in the African urban environment so as to engage the churches to participate in the *Missio Dei*?

Indeed, the mixture of ancestral and modern beliefs, the symbiosis of socio-cultural and religious values, and the rise of new urban phenomena characterized by ideologies and lifestyles thus creating a distinct subset alongside the complexity of political caste doubtless question the meaning of *Panta ta ethne* and often challenge the church to redefine a new contextualized missionary philosophy. This task is not dissociated from the theology and the history of the missions. From this state of affairs, a company that wants to focus on one of these aspects will be welcome in a foundation of universal scope like this.

The wish of this reflection is that of developing a theology of urban mission starting from an apprehension of *Panta ta ethne* as being a theological alternative capable of restoring human lives and to mobilize the churches to join God for participating in his mission in all spheres of life.

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