

***Missio Dei* and the *Milpa*.**

**Mission and Indigenous Knowledge for the Majority World in a Time of Climate Crisis**

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Abstract

“We will find a technological solution to the rising of the sea when money can be made.” This is a statement considered self-evident in the Dutch context. The Netherlands, after eons of struggle against floods on the one hand, and creating land where there once was sea on the other, is confident that human cunning shall prevail over the consequences of climate change (not crisis). The rise of sea levels can be managed. This view on the ever more quickly unfolding ecological crisis is rooted in an epistemology that places human creatures above all of creation and has developed within Christianity alongside capitalism, patriarchal structures and colonialism.

This paper proposes a dialogue between both eco(feminist) theologies and Latin American indigenous proposals for creation and life – such as the *milpa*, the traditional way of planting and growing in Central America and more politicized proposals such as *suma qamaña*, which can be translated as “good living”. How can indigenous knowledge of the world and creation offer both a deconstruction of the hegemonic ways of knowing and consequently living in the world and how do they offer alternatives? How do these resonate with biblical notions of living in God’s creation and open up *Missio Dei* for all of creation?