**Liturgy Conference**

**God bless Africa: Worship for a Time like This**

**17-19 March 2015**

**Presentation and Participation**

1. **Vatican II: *Sacrosanctum Concilium***

“… all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Pet 2:9, 4-5) have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism.”

“Yet it would be futile to entertain any hope of realizing this unless pastors of souls, in the first place, themselves become fully imbued with the spirit and and power of the liturgy and capable of giving instruction about it.” (SC 1.II.14)

Key phrases:

* all the faithful
* full, conscious, and active participation
* a right and obligation
* pastors imbued with the spirit and the power of the liturgy
* pastors capable of giving instruction

1. **The Reformation and Liturgy**
   1. **The priesthood of all believers**
   2. **Use of the vernacular as liturgical language**
   3. **Use of folk music**
   4. **Participation in the Eucharist**

* both elements
* orientation of the celebration
* table/meal instead of altar/sacrifice

1. **Post-Reforamtion developments**
   1. **Excessive focus on preaching**
   2. **Undervaluation on the sacraments**
   3. **Limited participation:**

* Protestant Orthodoxy: intellectual participation
* Pietism: emotional participation

1. **Contemporary Challenge**
   1. **Full and active participation**

* planning
* presentation
* contextually relevant
  1. **Sensory participation**

**Don E Saliers: *Worship Come to its Senses***

* sense of awe
* sense of delight
* sense of truth
* sense of hope
  1. **Eucharistic participation**

The Body of Christ *around* the table is nourished by the Body of Christ *on* the table

1. **Conclusion**

**Shaker hymn: *Simple Gifts:***

‘Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right,

'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,

To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,

To turn, turn will be our delight,

Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.