

A spiritual migration

from system of belief to way of life/
way of love



Corrections and clarifications

- Karol Wojtyla was referred to in Saturday's Credo column as "the first non-Catholic pope for 450 years". This should, of course, have read "non-Italian". We apologise for the error.

Recipe Correction

In a recipe for salsa published recently, one of the ingredients was misstated, due to an error.

The correct ingredient is "2 tsp. of cilantro" instead of "2 tsp. of cement."

correction

Due to incorrect information received from the Clerk of Courts Office, Diane K. Merchant, 38, [REDACTED] SW, was incorrectly listed as being fined for prostitution in Wednesday's paper. The charge should have been failure to stop at a railroad crossing. The Public Opinion apologizes for the error.

fire call

CORRECTION

Due to an error in transcription, Danielle Brisebois was misrepresented in *US* ("Where Are They Now?" *US* 60). Discussing the demands of the acting profession, Brisebois was misquoted as saying, "You have to know how to run, you have to be in shape, you have to know how to do sex acts." She actually said, "You have to know how to do circus acts." *US* regrets the error.

CORRECTIONS

The Earth orbits the Sun, not the moon. Incorrect information appeared in a story on Page A1 in Wednesday's Citizen.



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A theological migration

from violent Supreme Being
to nonviolent Holy Spirit/Spirit of
Christ



I used to be friendly on airplanes.

A missional migration

from organized religion (for self-protection)

to religion organizing for the common good

(institutions and movements in romance,
forming & deploying spiritual activists)





WE NEED A THEOLOGY OF

Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968



INSTITUTIONS, MOVEMENTS.
AND COMMUNITIES

Communities

Families, individuals, and organizations linked to a common environment, collaborating for the common good.

Institutions:

Organizations which
conserve the gains made
by past social movements.

Social Movements

Organizations which make proposals or demands to current institutions to make progress towards new gains.

Both movements and
institutions...

Organize for their purpose

Need one another

Are frustrated with one
another

Benefit or harm communities

Without movements ...

Institutions stagnate ...

Without institutions ...

Movements evaporate ...

Some movements
successfully inject their
values into the institutions
they challenge

Other movements
create their own institutions,
or pass away

Vital movements
call people to passionate,
sacrificial personal
commitment

Sustainable institutions
create loyalty across
generations through
evocative rituals & traditions

movements
can be
progressive or regressive



Parker Palmer's 4 stages of social change

1. Divided no more
2. Communities of congruence (conversation)
3. Going public (movement)
4. Alternative Rewards

From Greg Leffel
*Faith Seeking Action: Mission
and Social Movements*

A movement is born when 3 things happen:

- 2 or more people agree what's wrong
 - They agree what should be done
 - They agree to do it.

Leffel's 6 Characteristics of Vibrant Social Movements

1. Opportunity Structure
2. Rhetorical framing
3. Protest (messaging) strategy
4. Mobilization strategy
5. Movement culture
6. Participant Biography

Jesus says the kingdom of God is like gardening (an organic movement) not warfare (institutional action): It spreads through seeds ... sown into systems to grow.

The seeds of the message.

The seeds of people who personally embody the message.

The seeds of communities who socially embody the message.

Jesus seizes the *opportunity*
structure provided by
conflicted elites (Pharisees/
Sadducees; Herodians/
Zealots) and struggling
masses (Galilee/Judea)

He provides rhetorical framing on hillsides, in houses, on retreats, in public teach-ins, in debates, through parables, through rituals and practices. He repeats key themes - commonwealth of God, life to the full, life of the ages, liberation - rooted in dynamic tension with tradition.

His protest (messaging) strategy includes public demonstrations (healings & miracles), teach-ins (sermon on mount), civil disobedience (turning tables), guerilla theatre (exorcisms), festivals (feasts & feedings), naming evil (woes), naming heroes (blessings).

He develops a *mobilization strategy* based on 3, 12, 70, and multitudes. He entrusts freely with responsibility and expresses high confidence in his agents (greater things shall you do ...)

He associates his
movement culture with
love, joy, justice, risk,
hope, creativity, courage,
service, willingness to
suffer, nonviolence.

He provides his disciples
challenge, rest, retreat,
encouragement, recovery after
failures. They testify that
their *participant biographies*
have been forever changed for
the better.

What spiritual movement is trying to be born among us today?

What are its demands/proposals?

What role might we play in its emergence?

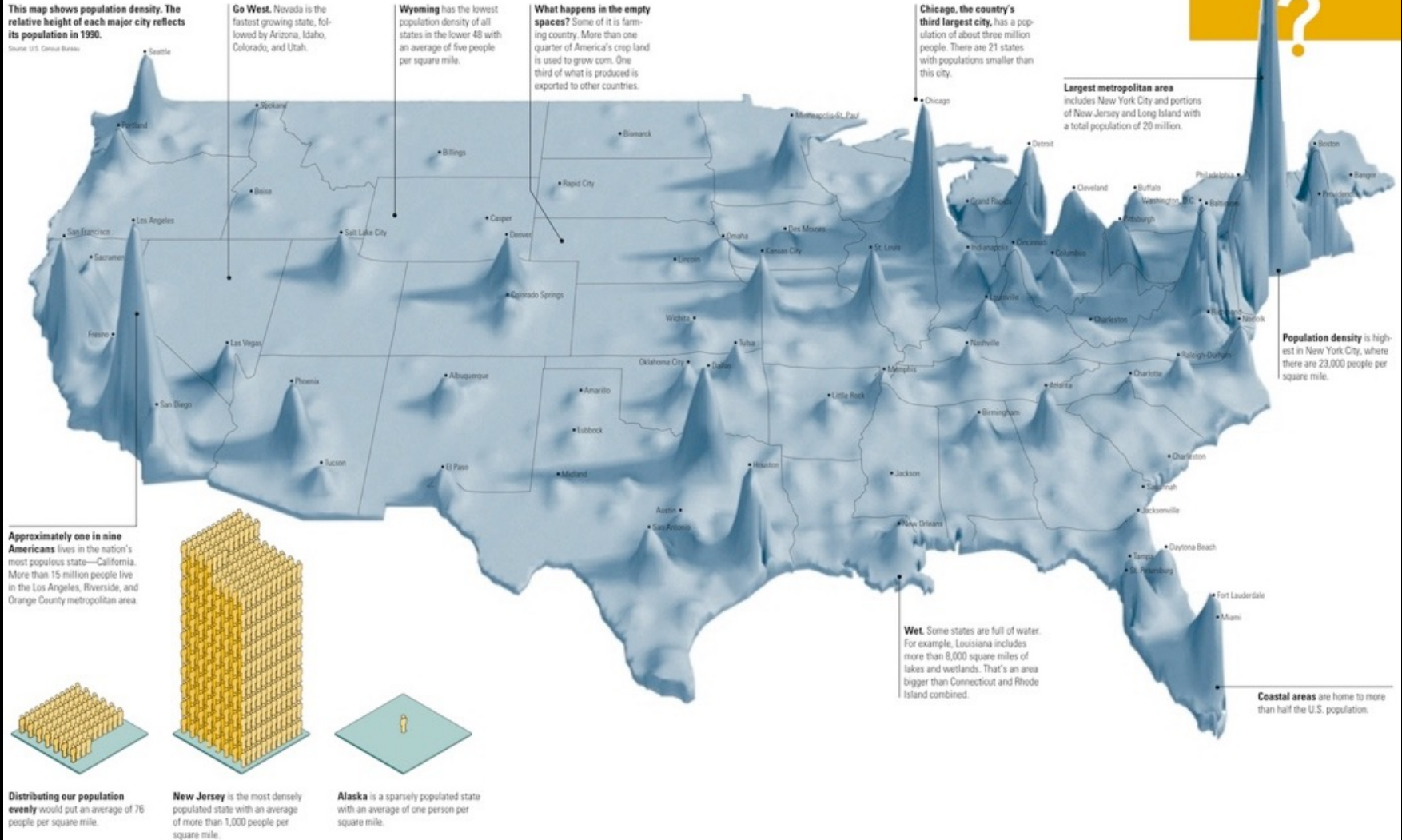
The Holy Spirit movement to ...

- protect the planet
- liberate the poor/oppressed
- build pre-emptive peace
- help people everywhere thrive
- teach and embody a way of life, a way of love

The population of the United States is not distributed evenly. Instead, we tend to bunch up in communities, leaving the spaces in between more sparsely inhabited. Most Americans live in or near cities; today 53 percent live in the 20 largest cities. 75 percent of all Americans live in metropolitan areas.

This map shows population density. The relative height of each major city reflects its population in 1990.

(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)



Population Distribution

*Where do we live?
Where don't we live?*



Understanding America

“84% of Americans now live in or around urban areas. But I’m United Methodist, so I speak out of the context of what I know best. 74% of our capital resources (that’s our buildings) are where only 16% of the American population lives. The Methodist Church flourished in the 1800’s and early 1900’s in small towns and rural areas. But now we continue to send pastors to church buildings instead of populations. And if we’re really going to reach people, we’re going to have to radically rethink our paradigms of what it’s going to mean to be missional.” - Rev. Mike Slaughter

More here: <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1227/interview-w-mike-slaughter>



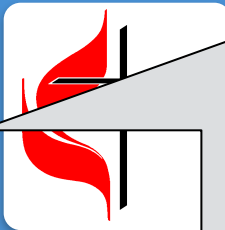
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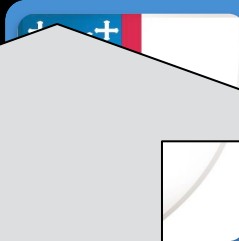
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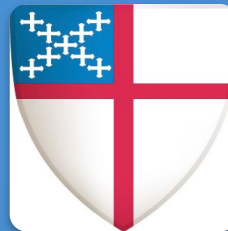
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A BOLD, VITAL SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT for
JUSTICE, JOY, & PEACE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



your
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here

