



into the Melting Pot

the question is more important than the answer

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PCN Britain - The Eight Points

Notes from the Discussion

Our discussion hardly strayed from the very first point!

The differences in the two versions (pre and post February 2015) caused some debate, with a number of us 'preferring' the earlier version.



- 1a The name 'God' brings baggage, but each of us can try and find a word to use that best describes our experience of the spiritual or sacred.
- 1b Some find Robinson's 'ground of being' helpful, others refer to the 'more', 'beyond' or more traditional 'creator' or 'I am' / 'I is'. For some 'love' is as good a word as any.
- 1c The idea of a personalised being 'up there' is distinctly unhelpful for some; however the concept of relationship pushed us towards personal metaphors.
- 1d Finding meaning and purpose within the randomness of our universe can be a difficult search.
- 1e Our view of God changes, but the idea of relationship is central – between each other and with that which is 'greater than' ourselves.
- 2 There was general agreement about point 2, and gratitude that this has been incorporated into the Christchurch Statement of Belief & Belonging.
- 4 One comment from an Anglican background valued the formality of a communion service, its peace and contemplation. Another saw this point with its emphasis on 'bread and wine' as a religious distraction from the generosity and humanity of sharing meals.
- 5 There is a danger of judgement without mercy.
- 6 Within the search for truth, where is the 'red line' of morality? At what point can you say with certainty 'this is right or wrong'? But our experience tells us that this line changes over time and across cultures.
- 7 Uncertainty is the new certainty – the very basis of our meetings!