

Hi.

I am Annika Huneke from the headoffice of youth work of EKvW and I am here to speak from the perspective of a younger generation.

What I can do is: speaking from the perspective of a 31year old, white, academic, female, heterosexual perspective. And I got some input by other younger people during this conference who were discussing the whole make-up of it in WhatsApp groups or whom I asked to tell me their impressions.

Some points were brought up by all of 'us' and can be summarized as follows:

We came here to deal with 'mission' today and experienced that mission today in EKvW is defined, explained, elaborated, and discussed predominantly by people older than 40. By people predominantly male (remember: this conference started with six male voices – two female...that's where you already somehow lost our attention). We experienced mission predominantly discussed by privileged people who are in positions of power. And to be honest? It does not surprise us.

We came here to deal with mission today and learned, that mission is about opening spaces to meet without fixing identities and roles. That mission is to love and to truly listen to each other and to be transformed together in mutual appreciation and affirmation. To open up, to be united in diversity with and through God who is already there.

We came here to deal with mission today and have one request:

Dear EKvW. Dear power-holders. Make it your mission to include diverse perspectives. Everywhere. Always. Make it your mission to share your power with those who are not yet heard.

Make your mission dialogical and self-critically inclusive by constantly asking:

- who is how addressed and included? Who decides?
- Who speaks and who speaks for whom?
- And more important: Who not and why?

Dear EKvW: make it your mission to bring out Gods love for all by sharing your power with us – the younger generations – and go further: share your power with all generations, with people of diverse ethnic, social and whatsoever backgrounds. Balance gender. Balance perspectives! We all know it's not easy!

But let's make it our mission to bring out and share Gods love for all and let's make it participative. Let us make it truly inclusive!

Thank you for listening.