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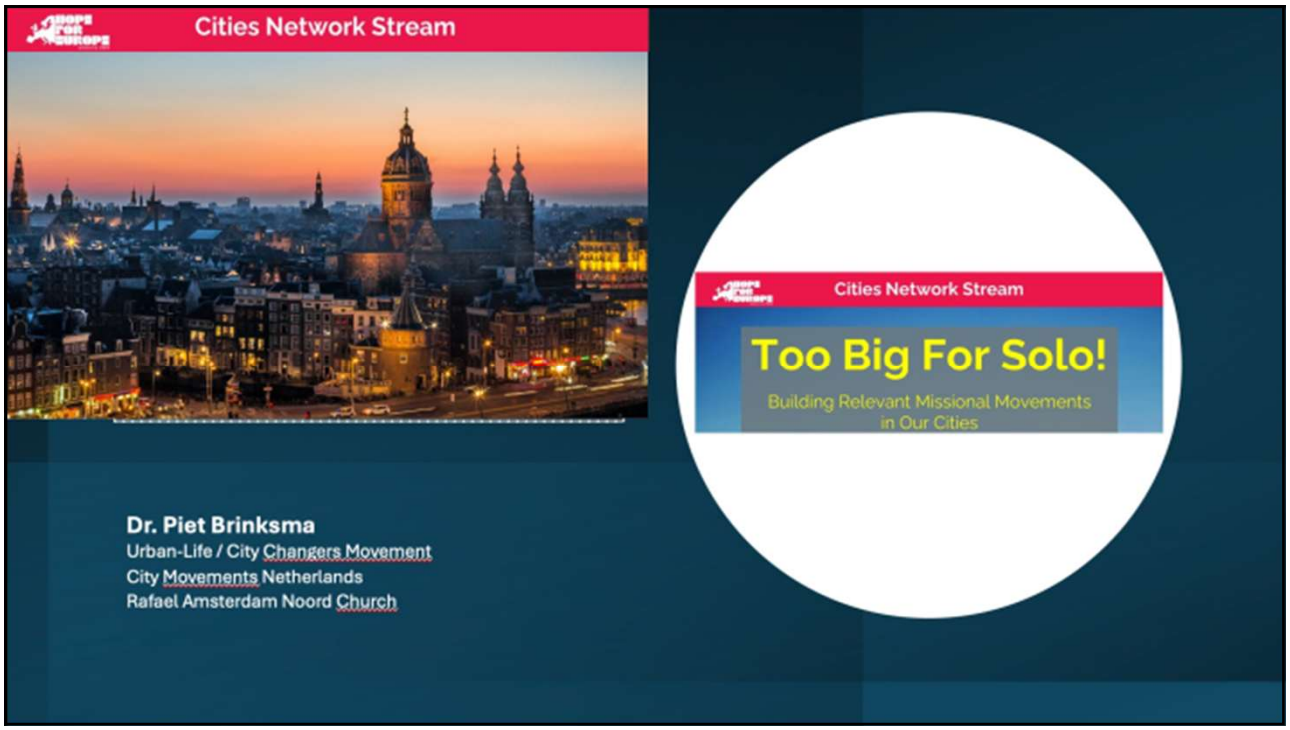
The why & how of urban unity networks

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Welcome

Introducing the EEA Cities Network Group
(Dr. Rainer Schacke)

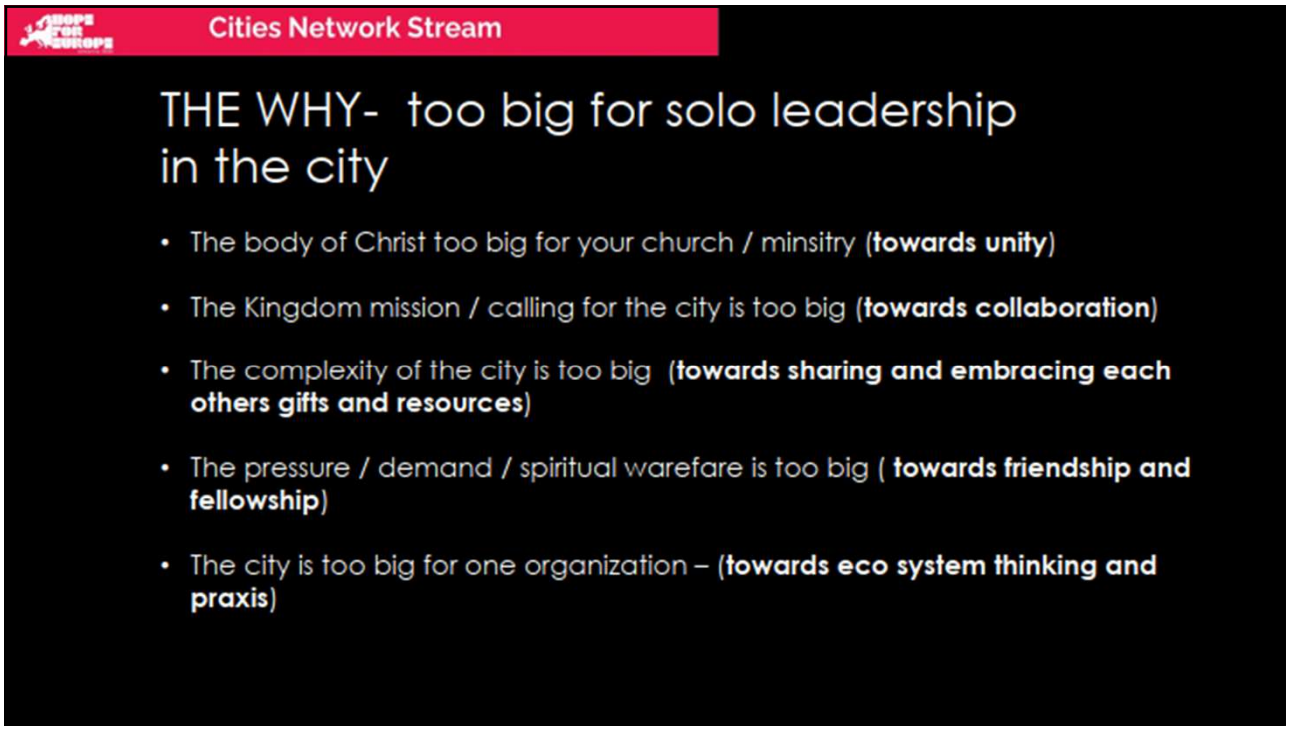
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City (KINGDOM) movements
• A movement of UNITY: the whole Church in the city
• A Movement of MISSION: the whole Kingdom Gospel for the city
• A movement of CONTEXT: serving/ reaching the whole City

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THE WHY- too big for solo leadership in the city
• The body of Christ too big for your church / minsitry (towards unity)
• The Kingdom mission / calling for the city is too big (towards collaboration)
• The complexity of the city is too big (towards sharing and embracing each others gifts and resources)
• The pressure / demand / spiritual warefare is too big (towards friendship and fellowship)
• The city is too big for one organization – (towards eco system thinking and praxis)

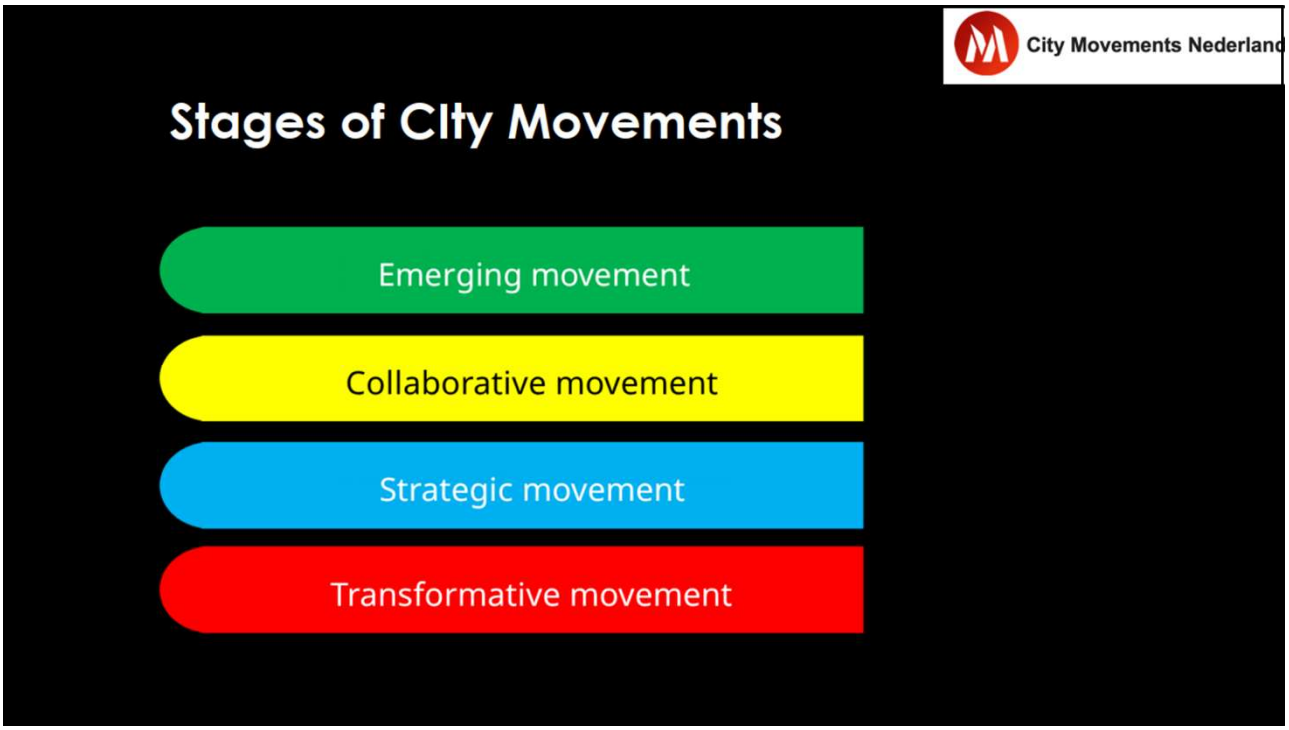
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HOW: What can we better do together in a city movement
• Building and maintaining relationships with leaders in the city
• Researching and analyzing the city - knowing, discerningı ı compassion and ministry
• Building prayer movement—intercession for the city—
• Sharing stories of God's Kingdom in the city.
• Learning communities, where leaders from different churches and backgrounds study together and reflect on topics relevant to urban leaders.
• Conferences, summits, consultations, and training events / programs.

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HOW: What can we better do together in a city movement
• Representing the entire church in dealings with city officials and other stakeholders
• Bringing people together for fellowship, celebration, and the sharing of information
• Coaching and care for emotional and mental health.
• Initiating / collaborating / supporting mission projects and mission centers: bringing faith, love and hope to the spiritual lostness, the pain, the brokenness of the city.

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Stages of CIty Movements
Emerging movement
Collaborative movement
Strategic movement
Transformative movement

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Relationship building in the City					
Joint Prayer for the City					
Collaboration in the City					
Citywide network organization					
Strategic Goals and Plan for the City					
Holistic Impact in the City					

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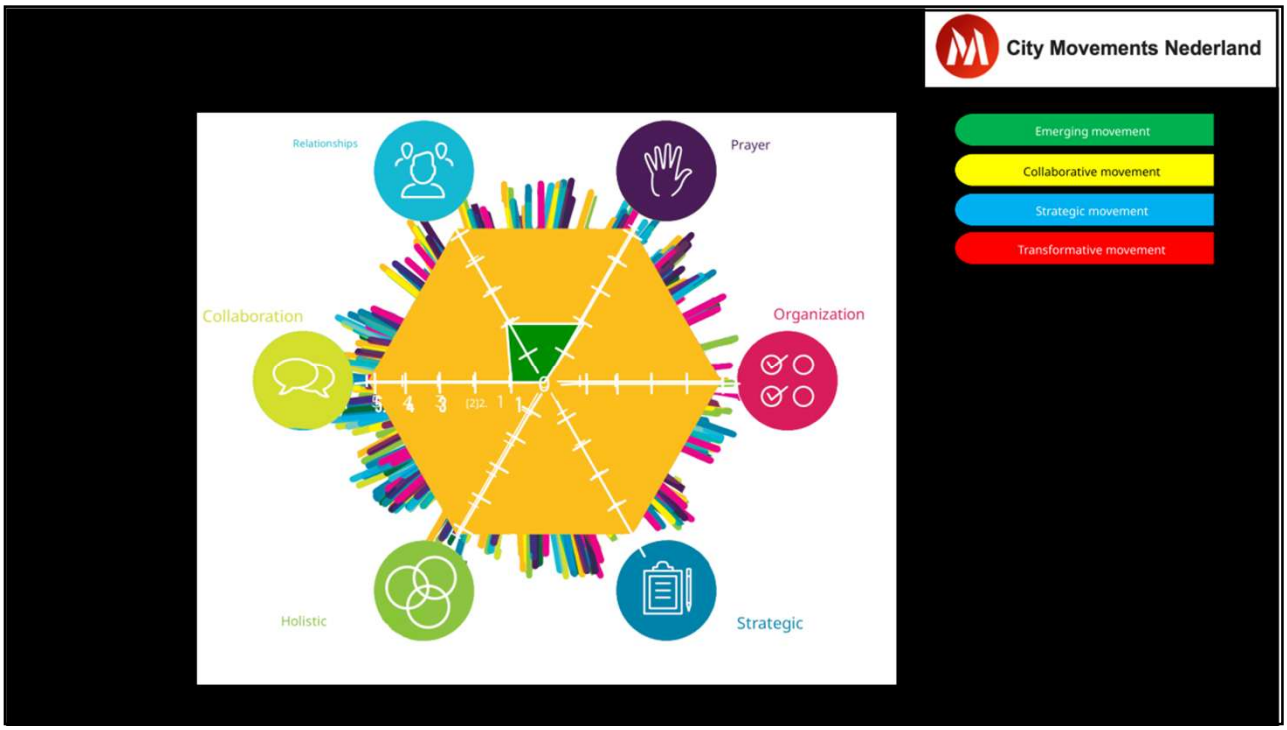
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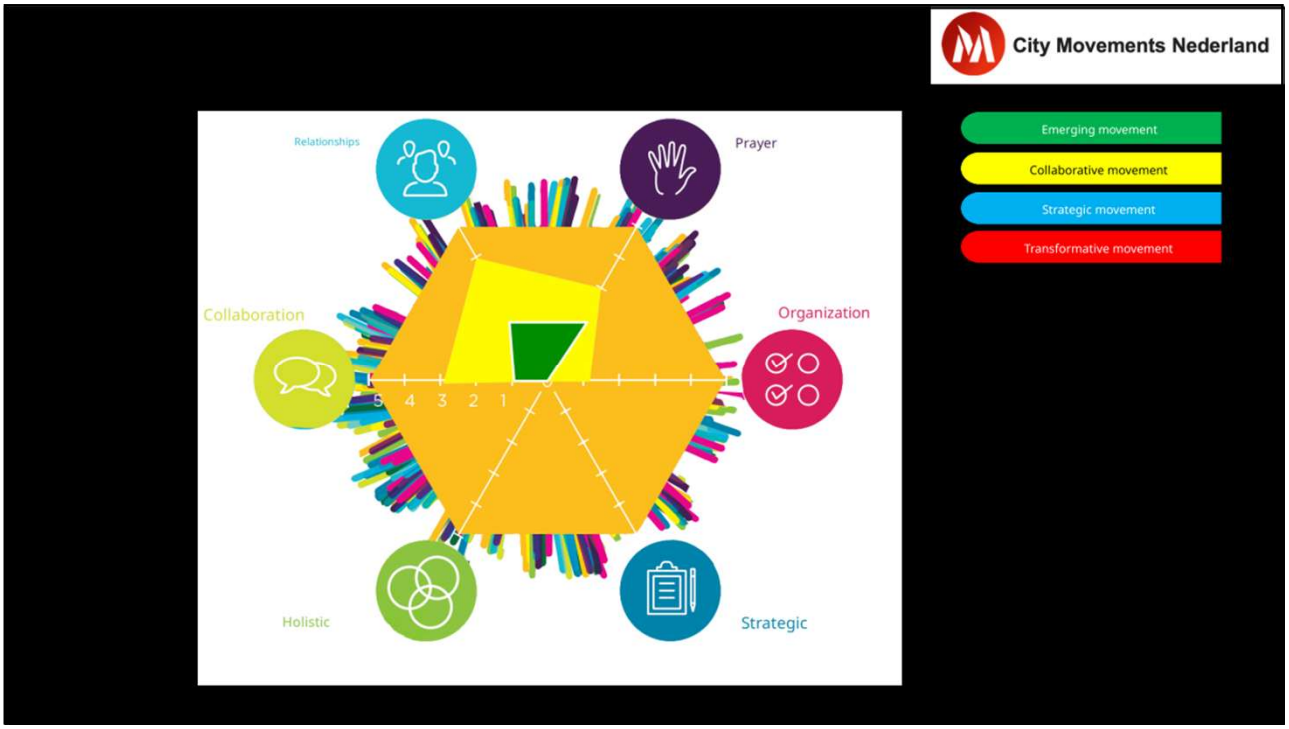
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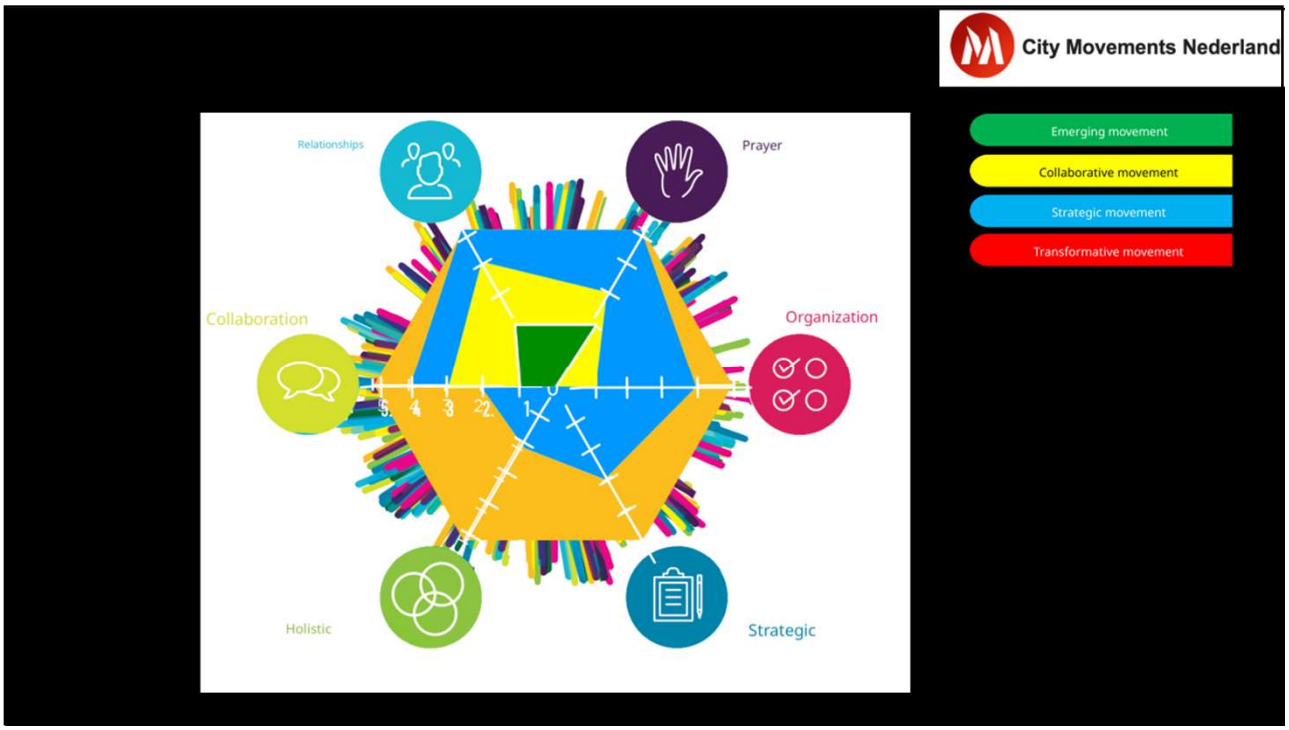
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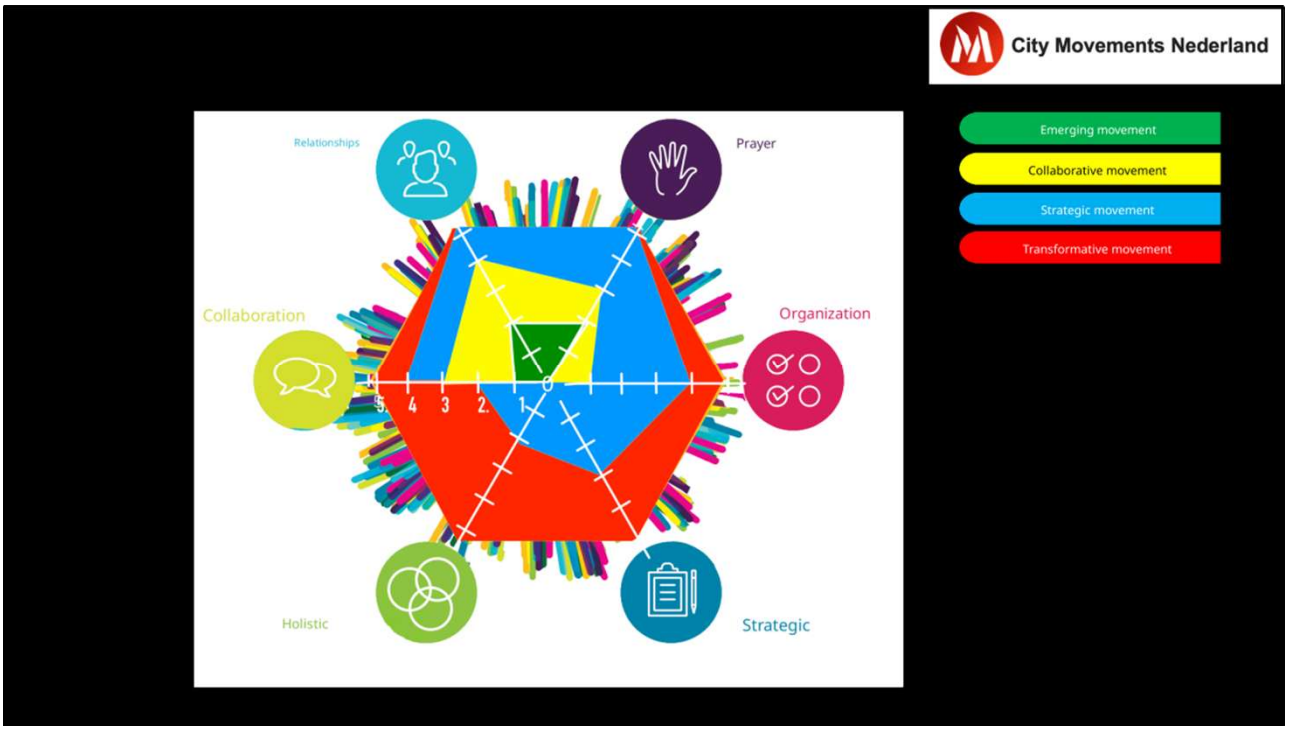
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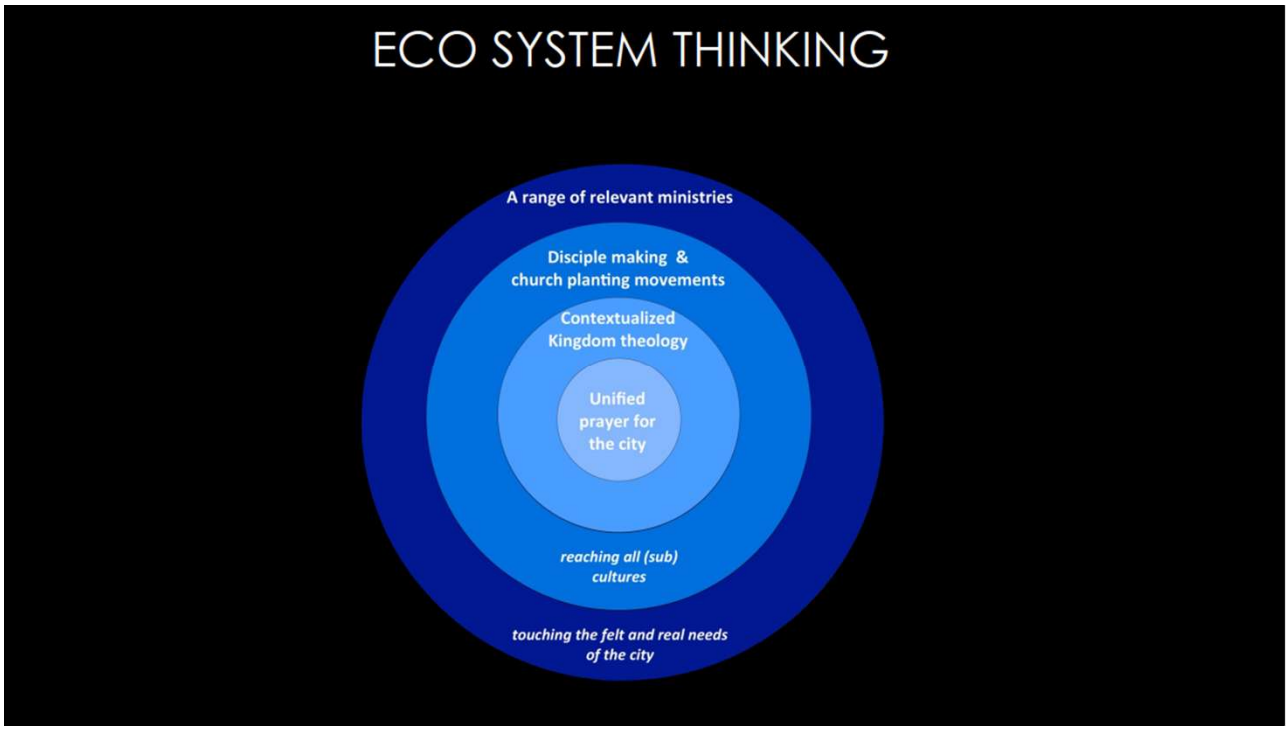
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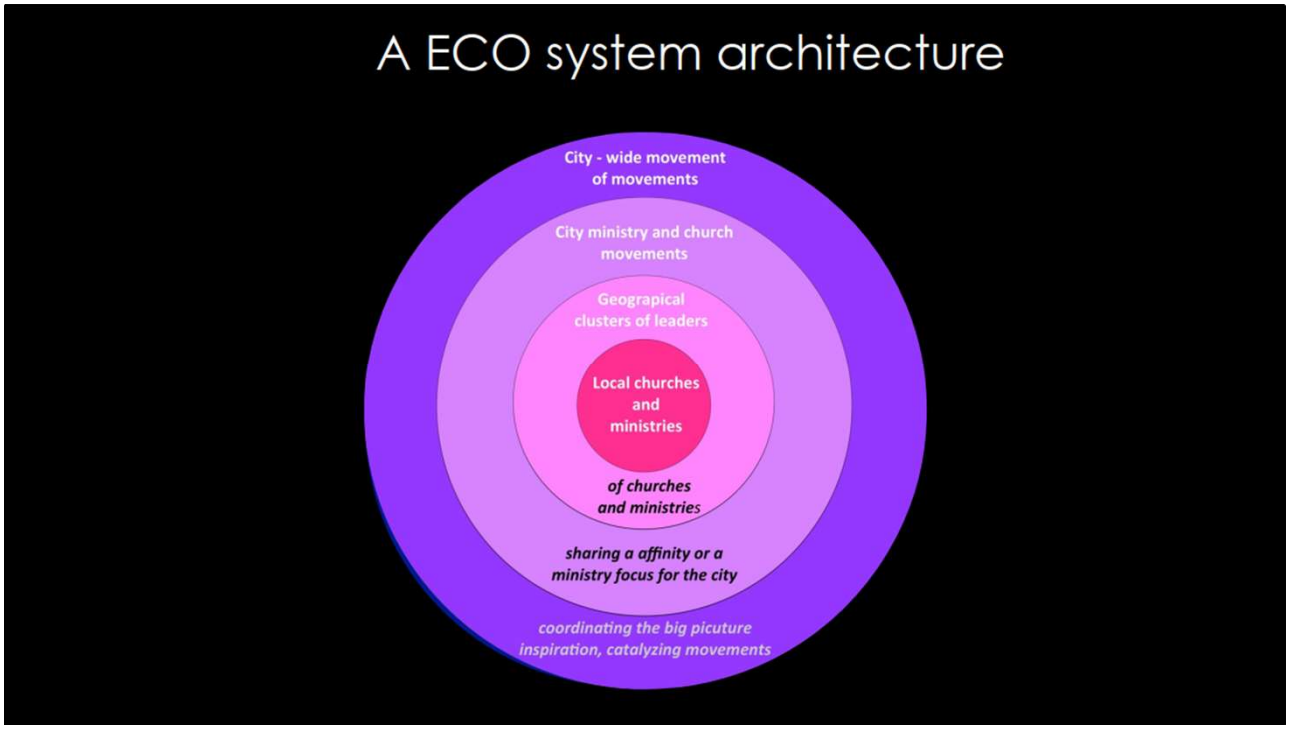
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ECO SYSTEM THINKING
A range of relevant ministries
Disciple making &
church planting movements
Contextualized
Kingdom theology
Unified
prayer for
the city
reaching all (sub)
cultures
touching the felt and real needs
of the city

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A ECO system architecture
City - wide movement
of movements
City ministry and church
movements
Geograpical
clusters of leaders
Local churches
and
ministries
of churches
and ministries
sharing a affinity or a
ministry focus for the city
coordinating the big picuture
inspiration, catalyzing movements

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Questions

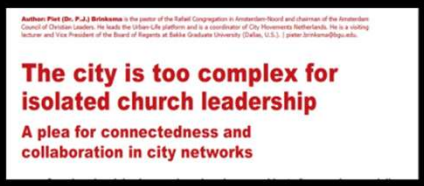
1. What do you recognize in your city that is too big for solo?
2. What is God doing in terms of building a movement of colaboration / what are some obstacles?
3. What could be a next step in city wide Kingdom movement?

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Resources

- Article



- Dissertation – becoming God's ecclesia in Amsterdam – mobilizing the body of Christ for more Kingdom Impact in Amsterdam (PDF)
- Faith Impact Audit Amsterdam South East 2025 (PDF)
- Questions

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Joining the urban conversation

https://www.europeanea.org/networks/cities/

www.citychanger.org/learning-communities/

www.gathermovement.org

www.gemeinsam-fuer-unsere-staedte.de

Examples:

Amsterdam Council of Christian Leaders: www.ACCC.Amsterdam

Together for Berlin: www.GFBerlin.de

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