



HEALING OUR COMMON LIFE AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCHES

In a hopeful conversation Alan and Tim describe their impression of a widespread desire in western culture for a healing of our common life. Our communities are not thriving but there is a generative movement which is quite new. Alan and Tim name two great challenges for this good concern. The issues cannot be dealt with in a top down way. Nation states are too conflicted and remote from everyday realities to effect change. Also, disconnected from everyday realities, they have had a tendency to operate in silos. The new commons, those several aspects of our common life concerned with education, health, governance and the environment, are deeply interdependent. The churches are welcome, Tim and Alan propose, to act as connective tissue, for integration within a particular locality. The churches bring their more holistic hope, if they can grasp that God is actively pursuing the healing of our communities and desiring our participation.

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