

Universal Church – A Model of a global Community? – A reflection

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Universal Church as an aftermath, a station and ideal/model in a process of self-definition and -understanding

- Universal Church as locus and hinge of God's Salvation plan for the entire world and humankind
- Universal Church - locally unbound and locally confined
- Universal Church as Community
 - ❖ Community of people of God i.e. all human beings
 - ❖ Community of solidarity
 - ❖ A learning community
 - ❖ A value-community

Universal Church - Endeavour towards actualisation

- 2nd Vatican Council: Turning away from and turning towards
- From European Church to the Church of, for, and in and with the World
- Tension between centralism and plurality
- Endeavour towards a balance between universality and particularity
- Effort towards differentiating between uniqueness and absoluteness
- Realization of the equality of children of God before God
- The challenge and efforts towards maintaining the course in world that finds itself in constant process of change
- Struggle towards developing an adequate and suitable for of relationship and communication