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Mission-Net is church-orientated

“The church is Christ’s body on earth,” says Niek M Tramper, General Secretary of the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA). “It is the most remarkable community on earth to which old, young, rich, poor, black, white, yellow, educated or simple people... belong. And it is the only ‘society’ that doesn’t find its target in its own, because it seeks the glory of God and the welfare of the people outside itself.”

And yet the church in Europe is in bad shape. Church membership in Western Europe is in decline, and besides a handful of church-planting initiatives, the only growing church in Europe is the migrant church. Tramper believes that Christian migrants and refugees, young people who are called to form a radical counter-movement in propagating and living a missional lifestyle; and Europeans committed to seeking reconciliation across denominational, cultural, language and age barriers and who pray earnestly - be it in monasteries, local prayer groups, or among pastors and lay people in traditional and new churches - are key to the reawakening of the church in Europe.

Mission-Net is like a flower that is rooted into and grows out of the church’s history, teaching and fellowship, says Tramper. There is so much ‘dishonour’ in society, so much disgrace. Young people who reflect something of the honour of God in their lives, like Daniel and his friends did in the midst of superstitious Babylon, cannot be neglected!

By initiating a movement-of-honour, Mission-Net can be very relevant to the church in Europe today. People who have a heart to care, who have eyes to see the need around them and who have a great love for God. “Mission-Net seeks to serve the church by helping the community of saints realise its purpose: to glorify God, to serve one another and to preach and live the Gospel in the midst of society,” says Tramper, “Mission-Net is not a church in itself, but as a movement belongs to the church and is committed to it.” For more information: www.mission-net.org

When Niek M Tramper was invited to a Bible study group as a student, his life was turned upside down. After completing his studies in Biology, he went on to study Theology and later served with IFES in the



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Netherlands, working with the Protestant Church in Missions within Europe and Middle East for the next 10 years. As pastor of the Protestant Church of Vlaardingen (Netherlands), he was encouraged to see non-believers turn to Christ. Since September 2010, Tramer has served as General Secretary of EEA, another movement rooted in the church and (hopefully) bearing fruit for the wellbeing of the church and society in Europe. Tramer is married with 5 children and 3 grandchildren.

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