

Migrant Mission and Muslims in Europe

Although Muslims have been living in some parts of Europe for centuries, they have become more visible in Western Europe in the past 30 years. With the current arrival of thousands of Muslim refugees, the number of Muslims will continue to grow. It is obvious that Islam has become part of Europe and will be for the foreseeable future. Many Christians have a hard time coming to grips with this new reality. In this session we will explore how churches and mission agencies can respond to the presence of Muslims in the cities, towns, and villages across Europe.

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I. Introduction

- Phases of Relations between Islam and Europe
- Muslim immigrants have become citizens in the West and revitalization of Islam in the East
- We can't speak of Islam in Europe, but only of Islams in Europe
- Key characteristics of Muslims in Europe
- Some statistics
- Statistics can be misleading

II. Europe's adjustment to the presence of Muslims is a bumpy road

A. Fear of Eurabia

B. Clashes of values

- Islam is considered a threat to secularism
- Islam is considered a threat to the freedom of speech
- Islam is considered a threat to our security

C. Rising Islamophobia

- Marginalization, Discrimination, and Exclusion
- Xenophobia and Resurgence of Nationalism

D, Gradual Europeanization of Muslim theology and practices

- New Umbrella groups
- The Emergence of Political and Civic Leaders and Associations
- Changes in mosques (functions, authority, and architecture)
- Changes in the role of religious leaders
- A Desire for Gender Equality
- Changed interpretation of shari'a
 - Islam's Status as a Minority Culture
 - Traditional law schools loose much of their meaning
- Individualization of Islamic practices

III. The response of the Church: bystander, follower or trendsetter?

- With a compassionate heart
- with an informed mind
- with an involved hand
- with a witnessing tongue

IV. Conclusion

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