

Best Guess Typology of Current Approaches to Church
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The Culture of Church	Closed to dialogue	Open to dialogue	Dialogue to help emergence
Model of Church	Fortress	Wagon Train	Pilgrim
	Universal	World Church Multicultural	Mystery
	Church from Top down	People of God: Church from top down and from down up	People moving in the same direction
Structure and Authority	Hierarchal	Hierarchal with Authority Dissenters	Collaborative
Leadership Style	Directive, Dominant	Collegial but deferring to structures	Voices within communities
Leadership Aims	Uniformity, Orthodoxy	Creative, Orthodoxy mixed with Orthopraxis	Orthopraxis with heretical imperative
Sacraments and Rites	Theatrical, Protected, legalistic	Legalistic, creative, Active	Playful Liberation Unbounded
Evangelization	Primary concern for Souls with charitable work	Wholistic, but with a person souls bias	Co travelers, towards Shalom
World	Evil: church protects faithful	World is created by God; Good and and sinful	World is created by God; reciprocal inculturation where world can teach the church about truth
Relation to cultures	Eurocentric	Dialogue: culture to be evangelised	reciprocal inculturation where culture can teach the church about truth

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Priesthood	Cultic Superior to Laity	Preacher, Leader Co-operative	Rotational, Powerless, Curator
Eucharist	Holy Communion Mass	Holy communion creative but some ties to legal structures	Open
Gender	Patriarchal	Mutual	Mutual
Approach to Sets	Bounded	Open - Closed Sets	Centred undefined
Training	Seminary removed from world	Engaged but removed often Seminary with add ons	Apprenticing, emerging, Praxis