Title: Adventist missiological responses to continuity and change in Jakarta

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Abstract:

The rapid urbanization has presented new challenges to Adventist mission in Jakarta. Mission strategies are fast losing their relevance and effectiveness. Coupled with the antiquated mission thinking is the pro-rural perception that relegates urban mission to secondary importance.

The purpose of this study is to examine Jakarta as a city and Jakartans as a people. The findings of the study will form the basis of six missiological and theological responses pertaining to urban mission in Jakarta.

The study probes into the sociological makeup of Jakarta as an economic, political, cultural and population center. The growth and development of the city have made it a mosaic of Indonesia with its various ethnic groups, religious affiliations, and social classes.

The study then analyzes the anthropological constitution of Jakartans. It examines worldview and worldview change as they apply to the urbanites in Jakarta. Various perspectives on worldview serve as a basis for understanding Jakartan’s in three areas: animism, Islam and nationalism.

Six missiological and theological responses to the challenges of urban mission in Jakarta are looked at: Jakarta as a mission center, a multi-individual approach to
conversion, a homogenous unit approach to win various ethnic and social groups, a wholistic approach to the understanding of the gospel message, a contextual approach to proclaim the message, and social approach to fulfill the basic needs of urbanites in Jakarta.