

VI. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST IN THE ECUMENICAL HORIZON

A. A handful of present-day problems

By definition we mean the problems confronting the church today in proportions not previously realized. The ideas are not new but the settings are modern and with the technological advance the spread and propagation of same is very large. The challenges are being issued in more up-to-date fashion and that makes us call the matter present-day.

1. The Economic Sociologic Issues

Included would be the matters of world hunger, justice, population, natural resources, ecology, etc.

If you wonder why any of these should be something in the life of the church, the answer is simply that the church has often replied to these conditions in the face of its ministry and mission activity. It has addressed them both offensively and defensively and has always had some involvement. The question is..how much, how forceful, how applied

2. The Political Problem

Must the church state relationship be reviewed in the light of current political immorality and flaunting of divine truth? If so, to what extent must it go?

3. The Missions Question

An issue surfaces with regard to promoting the great commission while not becoming proselytizers or denying the individual cultural freedom of many different societies.