

# Overview of Eucharistic Healing of Nations (EHN)<sup>1</sup>

## What, Why, Who, When & How?

### **What is EHN?**

EHN is a sacramental tool, employed by Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) in doing Missions in an Anglican way. It brings the imbedded generational issues and ills (Satanic, occult, pagan and other practices) of non-Christian families, tribes, tongues, peoples and Nations and their environments (lands, societal structures: institutions, governments, secret terrorist organizations, etc., etc.) to the foot of the Cross in Holy Eucharist for the Real Presence of the Risen Christ to cleanse, heal and prepare the Nation for the work of the Church which is full reconciliation of all the world with God through Christ. EHN is Spiritual Warfare on steroids!

### **Why do we do EHN?**

AFM celebrates EHN because EHN is driven by Prayer and Sacrament under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern the bondages under which Nations are held captive and the Blessings that God has for the Nation that puts its trust in God through Christ. Jesus earnestly desires to set all captives free, bring them into His Kingdom, and establish His line among them forever. AFM understands that it can only be successful in the eyes of God and the world by subjecting every thought, word, and deed to the leadership of Christ. The vast majority of unreached peoples living at the ends of the earth are among the most resistant Nations to the Gospel, the most impoverished, the most illiterate, the most repressed of the world's population in virtually every way – and the most inaccessible. The Word goes out and does not return empty.

### **Who does EHN?**

Making disciples of all peoples is the most important work Jesus has given the Church to accomplish. The world missions effort is currently in what is known as its Unreached Peoples Era, or Third Era, which began in 1934, and is characterized by “specialized” frontier missions organizations utilizing specialized strategies and procedures. The goal of frontier missions agencies is to achieve mass people movements via group decisions bringing whole communities to a new common life in Christ.

Presently, so far as is it is known, only AFM has implemented EHN as a strategic missions tool to prepare the ground for fruitful planting of the Word for abundant harvest. Many celebrations of EHN have occurred since 2005 within or adjacent to the Nation by AFM's Pastoral Care teams including AFM's Strategy Coordinators (SC) and team, and often other short-term team members and local staff. Other celebrations have occurred in homes and offices of AFM staff and cross-cultural workers in their home countries.

AFM's vision includes widespread implementation throughout the world, on every continent targeting every Unreached People Group (UPG) such that the Great Commission might be accomplished and not one more soul might perish for lack of the opportunity to receive all that God has made available for his salvation through Christ.

Additionally, EHN might well be implemented beyond the frontier mission field to help bring about cleansing and healing and church planting in all kinds of un-godly situations from

neighborhoods and cities, to institutions, to governmental units and agencies. Our God cares about the lives of ALL PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE AND UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

### **When is EHN done?**

Celebrating EHN is done at the leading of the Holy Spirit whenever and wherever disciples are lacking in numbers and substance – i.e., for all peoples, everywhere and under every phase of sanctification. EHN should be done only after sufficient prayer, reflection and preparation, including thanksgiving for that which has already been accomplished and when new issues arise.

AFM practice has been to use the research done for a UPG by its SC as the basis for the initial celebration to identify the more pressing bondages of the Nation and needs of those ministering to the Nation. Subsequent celebrations may occur, as the need is perceived. Healing is more often a journey than an event. It is always appropriate to give thanks for work accomplished.

### **How is EHN done?**

A Baptismal format has generally been selected as the context for EHN, even though no one is Baptized at the service. Missions is the work of the Church, the clergy and the laity, the body of Christ, together. The Nation (UPG) is helplessly caught in the bondage of sin and unable to ask for help. The SC has discerned a call by God to expend himself to plant the Gospel in the Nation and shepherd its development into a sustainable congregation, much like Godparents do for an infant. The SC and team stand in the gap, until members of the Nation are able to confirm their decisions to become mature believers and disciples of Christ, and act as the Presenters in the liturgy. The congregation, known as the People in the liturgy, acts as witnesses and is encouraged to support the missionary effort of the Church to whatever extent God has called them. Some may be called to a greater level of support than others. The Presenters and People renounce the world the flesh and the devil on behalf of the Nation and affirm their intentions to follow Christ as Savior and Lord.

It should also be noted that in every case paper summaries of issues from bondages to blessings, in both the peoples and their lands, have been found to be very useful in directing and concentrating prayer during the EHN celebration. Materials may include lists of atrocities, diagrams, surveys, treaties, declarations of war or peace, and other material helpful to describe the situation at hand.

It has been the practice of the author to anoint the materials with the consecrated wine while the Altar party is gathered in prayer after the consecration. The anointed materials are burned afterwards.

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<sup>1</sup> The Eucharistic Healing of Nations is developed in Chapter VI (by that title) and Chapter VII, Evaluation, Conclusions and Recommendations, offers corroborating and other material relating to EHN are included in B. W. Wait, III, "Developing A World Missions Focus" (Doctor of Ministry diss., School of Theology, University of the South, 2006). All of the discussion in this paper originated in that document which may be reviewed and downloaded at the address below.

This Overview and the EHN liturgy included in the document above which has been fleshed out by including BCP text that was only referenced in the document, are available for review and download at: <https://anglicanfrontiers.com/eucharistic-healing-of-nations/>