

## Thoughts on Mission from p.217 of Douglas Fling our the Banner.

### 4. American Supremacy. 1946-63

1954: "Under God" added to pledge of allegiance. "In God we Trust" made motto.  
"Our government makes no sense unless it is founded on a deep religious faith - and I don't care what it is." Eisenhower

**1948:** WCC first assembly. One World Mission concept. Study of missiology.  
Hoekendijk ahead of his time. Mission often like a recall to Christendom and sense of urgency nothing but a nervous feeling of loss and insecurity. Nostalgic mission.  
Churchification? It should rather have an eschatological basis. Mission should be what Israel expected Messiah to do - establish Shalom. "Mercy and truth have met one another. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (erotic power of metaphor) Truth shall spring out of the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven." Psalm 85.  
Kingdom mission of Missio Dei.

However, if whole church is called upon to proclaim mission, what is there distinctive in the rôle of the missionary?

In 1961 WCC merged with International Missionary Council, showing Unity of the Church and the Mission of the Church both belong to the essence of the Church.  
World setting the agenda.