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Liberation Theology and the Concept of Humanity in Inner-City Johannesburg

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This article makes a case for employing the concept of humanity as the core category in the struggle(s) for liberation. It does so through engaging with the praxis of the leader of the Central Methodist Mission (CMM) in inner-city Johannesburg. It does so through analysing his theological reflection. The concept of humanity offers a flexible framework for an on-going liberation ministry; it also allows the ministry to retain a liberationist edge while it addresses the complex manifestations of inhumanity. Moreover, the case of the CMM shows that the content and method of grassroots liberationist ministry overlap: as the content defines the content, it also has methodological implications for reading the signs of the times.



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