



Questionnaire on Disability Studies and Intercultural Theology

Dear Friends, Colleagues or interested parties,

The Network on Disability Studies and Intercultural Theology (NeDSITh) is interested in knowing how individuals, organizations or institutions involved with Christian development deal with disability and people with mobility or mental impairment. The audience for this study are parents of a child with a disability, people with disabilities themselves, and people that are caring for those with a physical or mental disability. One question asked here is how Christian development organizations or institutions are taking an Inclusive stance nowadays. The focus here is mainly on insider (emic) experience (e.g. parents with a child with special needs), but would also allow for those that are working with people with disability.

The goal of the study is to improve knowledge and expertise about the challenges, needs and opportunities of people who are physically or mentally challenged with and within Christian developmental agencies. The questions aim to reflect gaps in communication about disability and to get an idea where these people stand concerning participation within Christian development as well as how they are integrated and get the chance to participate. The concepts addressed are self-determination, inclusion, care, exclusion, discrimination or ableism also called disabilism. The hope is that the reflections will trigger helpful ways to bring the different worlds together for the sake of human diversity in creation and the Church. The findings will help to fill gaps about disability regarding the preparation, support and necessary administrative structures of Christian developmental agencies and workers.

We hope you enjoy the questionnaire. We will inform you about the findings if you tick the box at the end.

Please note that more than one answer is possible. Also, you may want to fill out more than one questionnaire if you work or worked in different contexts (e.g. first theological training and later with a Christian development organization)

I am

- a parent of a disabled child
- personally challenged

I am/my child is physically challenged in my/his/her

- mobility (e.g. mobility aid is necessary)
- visual impairment
- hearing
- combination
- I am/my child is not physically challenged

I am/my child is mentally challenged because of

- brain damage
- depression
- paranoia/schizophrenia
- I am/my child is not mentally challenged

I am/my child is challenged by a developmental disability

- Yes
- No

If you or your child are challenged by something that was not mentioned before, please write it down in the box below.

I am

- 16-21
- 22-35
- 36-55
- 55+
- retired

I/We live

- At home in our home country
- Abroad

I/ my child need

- 24h assistance
- Once or twice a day assistance
- No assistance

I am/ was involved

- in a Christian theological training institution (university, Bible school)
- in a Christian development organization/ institution
- Other

If you answered the question before with "other", please describe your own situation in the box below.

I work/ed in a team with less than

- 5 colleagues
- 20 colleagues
- 50 colleagues
- Other

If you answered the question before with "other", please describe your own situation in the box below.

I would value a trustworthy partner to discuss my needs

- Yes
- No

I want to talk about my needs/ the handicap in my organization

- Yes
- No

Personal theological thinking

- I am positive towards Scripture regarding the perception of the disabled.
- I am negative towards Scripture regarding the perception of the disabled.
- This question is not relevant to me.

On this page, you are asked to specify your level of agreement or disagreement on an agree-disagree scale for a series of statements.

We thank you for an honest rating. Your own rating is important for us, so there are no false or correct answers.

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
The members of my organization address me with regard to my disability/the disability of my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colleagues and employers express their doubts about my ability to take responsibility.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I feel that I have to work harder to become an equal member of the organization or to keep the job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I feel as though there is responsibility given that I cannot manage because of my disability/the time I have to be with my disabled child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My organization has a person/ department that I can relate to regarding my needs/because of my child's disability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In my organization, I am treated with respect regarding my disability/the disability of my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel sufficiently protected by my organization's social and labour policies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
in my opinion, the theological values of the organization reflect inclusive thinking (diversity is god given).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My supervisor once asked me if I would like to take more responsibility.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My organization cares about my special needs/the needs of my child and supports me (for example organizing assistance or working equipment (sign language interpreter etc.), flexibility in home working because of my child's disability etc.).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My colleagues and employers make me feel that I belong.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt like I was treated in a different way in the application process because of my disability/ the disability of my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I would like to receive information about the outcome of the study.

- Yes
 No

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If you would like to be informed about the outcome of the survey, please write down your e-mail adress, which gives us the opportunity to contact you.

Last Page

Thank you for contributing to this survey!

If you have any questions please send a note to: werner@forschungsinstitut.net.

Your answers have been saved. Now, you can close the browser window.

Sincerely,

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