



The central aim of the Missio Alliance blog is to serve as a collaborative platform for substantive online conversation around issues of theology, ecclesiology, leadership, and culture that will increasingly be seen as a leading resource for the (re)shaping of the theological imagination and practice of church leaders as they seek to participate more fully and faithfully in God's mission in North America and beyond.

Guiding distinctives for our writing...

1. **We seek to create a *diverse* space** – one where voices and perspectives that, while emerging from a place of historic Christian orthodoxy (our affirmation of the [Cape Town Commitment](#) is a baseline for this), tend to be marginalized within broader evangelical discourse – those of women and ethnic minorities.
2. **We seek to create a *hospitable* space** – one that invites robust discussion rather than shuts it down.
3. **We seek to create an *integrated* space** – one where substantive theological reflection *emerges from* and is *oriented toward* ministry practice.
4. **We seek to create a *resourceful* space** – one where church leaders draw from and engage in because they find it to be meaningful and transformative both personally and ministerially.
5. **We seek to create a *hopeful* space** – one where the historic, present, and future work and love of God in and through God's people is preeminent.

In light of this central aim and distinctives, articles should [generally] follow this basic outline...

1. Statement of Problem/Issue

What is the point of the article and why is it important for the NA church as she considers the present and future realities of mission in our context?

2. Theological Development

What is the vision/perspective you wish to put forward and how is it related to God's character and activity?



3. Ecclesial Touchpoints

How is this vision/perspective related to the life, rhythms, ministry practice, and missional witness of church leaders and congregations? What questions does it raise for you personally?

4. Additional Resources

Who/what would you point people to as additional resources for further engagement with any of the three aspects of your article?

This outline need not be rigidly followed, nor is it intended to actually appear in the text of our articles. It simply serves as a guide for shaping the kind of content we hope to put forth in light of the particular resource platform we desire to cultivate.