



Pastoral Accompaniment for Persons with an Intellectual Disability

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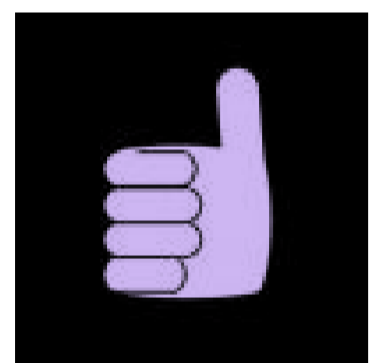
We define *pastoral accompaniment* as an empowering companionship between a pastor and a conversation partner, whereby the pastor, inspired by the Christian tradition, community and spirituality, supports the conversation partner in his or her own quest for meaning and/or faith in life (Liégeois, 2006).



Research Question

How can we design a model for pastoral accompaniment that meets the following requirements?

- theoretically grounded and practically applicable
- aimed at persons with an intellectual disability, regardless of their spiritual beliefs
- used by companions in general and Christian pastors in particular



Relevance

- Desire to experience meaning in life
need for adequate pastoral accompaniment
- Increasing quality of life
need for a framework based on the needs and expectations of persons with an intellectual disability
- Tool for companions
need to improve integrated care



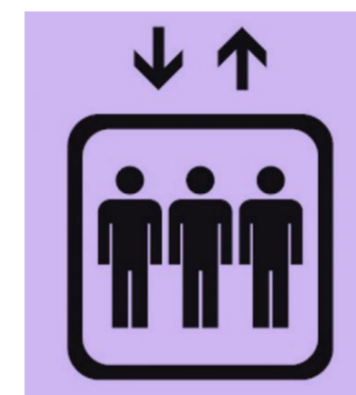
Status Quaestionis

- Pastoral-theological approach
Gaventa, 2003; Hauerwas, 1988; Menken-Bekius, 2007
- Spiritual-diagnostic approach
Bouwer, 1998; Fitchett, 2002
- Hermeneutic-narrative approach
Ganzevoort e.a., 2007; Meininger, 2003
- Care ethics approach
Baart, 2001; Pembroke, 2002; van Heyst, 2009
- Inclusive approach
Carter, 2007; Clapton, 1997; Gaventa, 2001
- Arch-community approach
Vanier, 1995; Young, 1997
- Liturgical approach
Eiesland e.a., 1998; Liégeois, 2000
- Catechetical approach
Devestel, 1981; Van Wallegem e.a., 1989



Material Research Object

- Empirical Research
 - participant observation: internship in 6 institutions for persons with an intellectual disability
 - 12 open interviews with pastorants and 6 structured interviews with pastors
- Literature Study
 - detect and integrate concepts in literature
 - to develop a flexible framework with a strong theoretical foundation



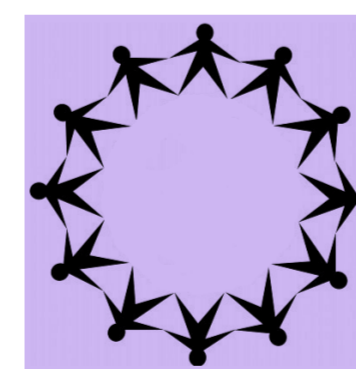
Methodology

- Practical theology
 - Empirical research
 - Literature study
 - Construction of a framework for pastoral accompaniment
 - Consultation of experts
Delphi research
Expert seminar



Structure

- Part 1: Empirical Research
10/2011-01/2012 Observation and interviews - analysis
02/2012-05/2012 Redaction part 1 and article
- Part 2: Literature Study
06/2012-09/2012 Reading and processing literature
10/2012-01/2013 Redaction part 2 and article
- Part 3: Construction of a framework for pastoral accompaniment
02/2013-07/2013 Foundation of pastoral accompaniment
08/2013-12/2013 Redaction
01/2014-04/2014 Consultation of experts
05/2014-10/2014 Final redaction and defence of dissertation



Links

Psychology, Educational Sciences, Philosophy, Sociology, etc.



The Last Supper
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