



Global discipleship for a changing world

Webinar: Celebrating 25 Years of Global Mission Collaboration. — Summary

Held online on 4th June 2025

Key Speakers:

- **Mark Oxbrow** – Founding leader of Faith2Share
- **Femi B Adeleye** – International mission leader and theologian

Overview

This special webinar marked 25 years of Faith2Share — not just as an association, but as a movement and global family of mission leaders. The meeting reflected on the network's history, development, and the evolving nature of Christian witness in the world today. Here are some highlights captured for those not able to attend.

Key Highlights

- **Faith2Share's Origins**
Mark Oxbrow traced the network's beginnings to 1999, during the Church Mission Society's bicentenary. The name Faith to Share was chosen to capture the dual emphasis on sharing faith relationally and engaging in evangelism. What started as a conversation among mission leaders has grown into a dynamic, global family walking together in Christian witness.
- **Mission Then and Now**
In its early years, Faith2Share focused on four central themes: mission at the margins, mission in multi-faith contexts, urban mission, and mission in secular societies. Over time, it transitioned from a predominantly Global North network to a more inclusive and representative fellowship of leaders from around the world, especially the Global South.
- **Leadership and Discipleship**
A major theme was the shift in leadership dynamics — with the decline of traditional Western mission agencies and the rise of mission leadership in the Global South. Discipleship was identified as a critical area needing renewed focus, particularly holistic discipleship that shapes everyday life, not just church activities.
- **Language and Conceptual Shifts**
Language matters in mission. Mark Oxbrow suggested using the term multi-vectored movements to better express the dynamic, Spirit-led nature of global mission, in contrast to more static or academic terms like polycentric. Similarly, witness was proposed as a more faithful and biblical term than mission, emphasizing presence, integrity, and relational evangelism.

- **Urban and Diaspora Challenges**

Urban mission was identified as a major challenge for many agencies, particularly in megacities marked by materialism and secularism. African diaspora churches in Europe and elsewhere were also discussed — with a call to engage local communities more intentionally, rather than remaining culturally siloed.

- **Trends in Global Christianity**

Femi B Adeleye outlined nine current trends in mission, including the significant shift of Christianity's centre of gravity to the Global South. He stressed the need for mission approaches that integrate word and deed — combining evangelism with justice, mercy, and social transformation.

- **Faith2Share's Unique Contribution**

Contributors affirmed that Faith2Share has created a rare space where mission leaders can meet as equals, not as donors and recipients. The network's commitment to relational connection, mutual learning, and contextual discipleship was celebrated as its most enduring legacy.

- **Looking Forward**

The future of Faith2Share lies in deepening partnerships, responding creatively to new challenges, and staying rooted in prayer and Scripture. Participants affirmed the need for adaptive leadership and locally-rooted discipleship models that reflect the realities of their communities.

Closing Prayer and Reflection

The webinar closed with prayer and gratitude, celebrating past achievements and looking with hope to the future. Participants affirmed Faith2Share's unique role in the global mission landscape — as a relational network, a family, and a witness to God's work in the world.