

## ***Holism and Transformation: Embracing hope and unpredictable realities in the kingdom of God.***

### **Abstract:**

For those working with victims of trafficking, ministry and life at the margins is often unmanageable. Both caregivers and those who have been exploited deal with feelings of anger, uncertainty, sense of loss as well as hope for a better future. Organizations and the people who lead them have to accept limits; there is no escape from living with mystery, uncertainty, precariousness where we are cast upon God and looking for the coming of the kingdom – as opposed to being sure that we ‘have it’ or are ‘in’ it. In this context, holistic ministry takes on a deeper meaning.

Holism lives close to reality, works in the freedom of the Spirit, holds to responsible relationships between persons where word, faith and life are closely, intimately and messily intertwined. What does collaboration look like in the Kingdom of God? Why is it so difficult to achieve and what might enable us to see more intentional collaboration in our ministries?