

Promises of Place

Reflections from the

Emerging Church

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In his fieldwork with the Emerging Church movement, Dr. Bielo was struck by the hope and redemptive power these individuals and communities invested in intentional relocation and settlement in specific places and neighbourhoods. In this talk, he asks: what are the promises of place for those embracing missional values? By exploring the promises and potential limitations at stake in cultivating a sense of place, this work aims to create a productive exchange between theologians and social scientists.

Friday, March 1st, 7:30 pm

Great Hall, Conrad Grebel University College

Note: Dr. Bielo will also speak on “**How to Read a Map of Eden: Dialogical Evangelicalism**” on Thursday, February 28, 2:30-4 pm, EV3 – 4408, Environment 3 Building, UW.

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