

Abstract

In my diploma thesis I deal with the issue of environmental protection and official expression of selected churches on this issue. I chose the question of environmental protection because it is one of the burning problems of today, which also touches on each individual. Moreover, the prey approach of man to nature is often given into a relationship with Christianity. This is mainly due to anthropocentrism based on inappropriate interpretation of the biblical rumor and the associated detachment of man from creation. In addition, some environmental movements are followed by a certain way to contemplate and spiritual perception of nature, thus becoming a competition of traditional churches.

The churches must respond to these accusations and threats and I focus on their official reactions and statement at work. As a member of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church, I primarily focus on documents of this church. When I perceive The foundations of the social ethical orientation of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church as a key document relating to this issue. And after studying it, unfortunately, I have to say that this document is completely inappropriate and unusable for today.

This insufficiency will excel even more in its comparison with the documents of other churches. In my work, I evaluated the documents of the World Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Church and the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. And even though the documents of these institutions differ significantly from each other, all of them are much more modern, more comprehensible and concentable to the documentary of the Czechoslovak Hussite Church.

For this reason, in the final chapter, I present some recommendations and proposals that the new document should contain, when the main message is to be a challenge to change people's minds - Metanoia. At the same time, I point out that any statement should also include the obligation of the Church itself to change its actions and reducing the negative impacts of its environmental activities. Therefore, each statement should also be supplemented with certain specific activities.