

# Models of integration into society

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“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14

Integration is a  
dynamic process:

One model may not be sufficient.

## **Integration is transformation (Bate; Roelofsma)**

- requires a drastic reshuffling of the society in every dimension of its existence.
- leads to a new culture and a new direction.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Strategy for integration

'Go Down Moses'

-The unilateral approach

- aggressive approach
- decree approach
- win-lose

## **1. Unilateral approach    Transformation factors**

- Expressiveness

**HIGH**

- Intercommunion

**LOW**

- Penetration

**MEDIOCRE**

- Adaptability

**LOW**

- Durability

**LOW**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Strategy

‘A good neighbour is better than a far friend’  
– The joint approach

- win-win
- collaborative
- group problem-solving

## 2. Joint approach

- Expressiveness
- Intercommunion
- Penetration
- Adaptability
- Durability

## Transformation factors

**LOW**

**HIGH**

**HIGH**

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**HIGH**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategy

‘Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves’  
– The political approach

- networking
- collaborative
- informal approach

### **3. Political approach**

- Expressiveness
- Intercommunion
- Penetration
- Adaptability
- Durability

### **Transformation factors**

**LOW**

**LOW**

**MEDIOCRE**

**HIGH**

**HIGH**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Strategy

- ‘Teach your people’
  - The training approach
- normative-reeducative
- indoctrinative

## 4. Teaching

- Expressiveness
- Intercommunion
- Penetration
- Adaptability
- Durability

## Transformation factors

**HIGH**

**LOW**

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**LOW**

form

content

process

meta-  
directions



directions

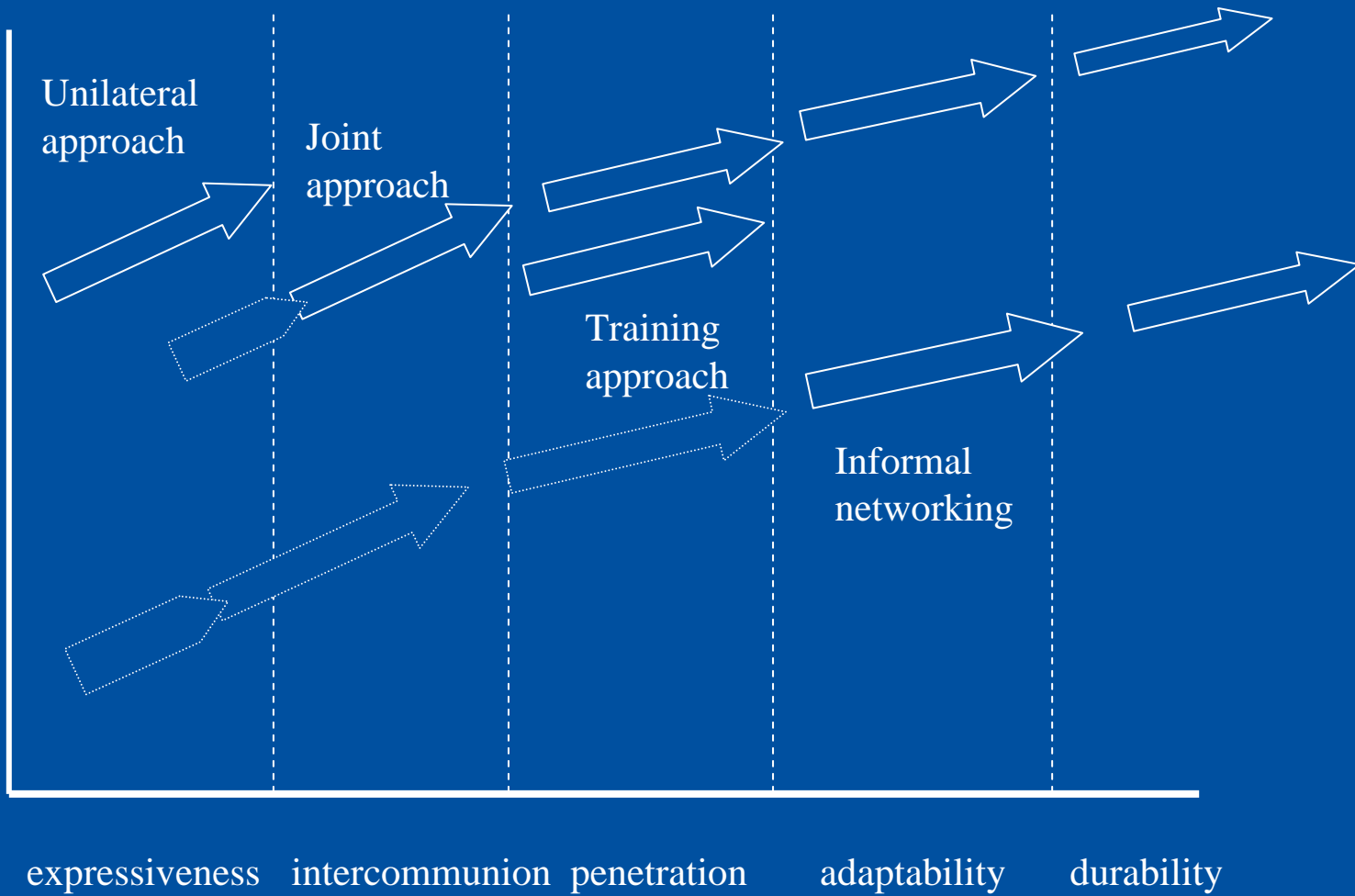


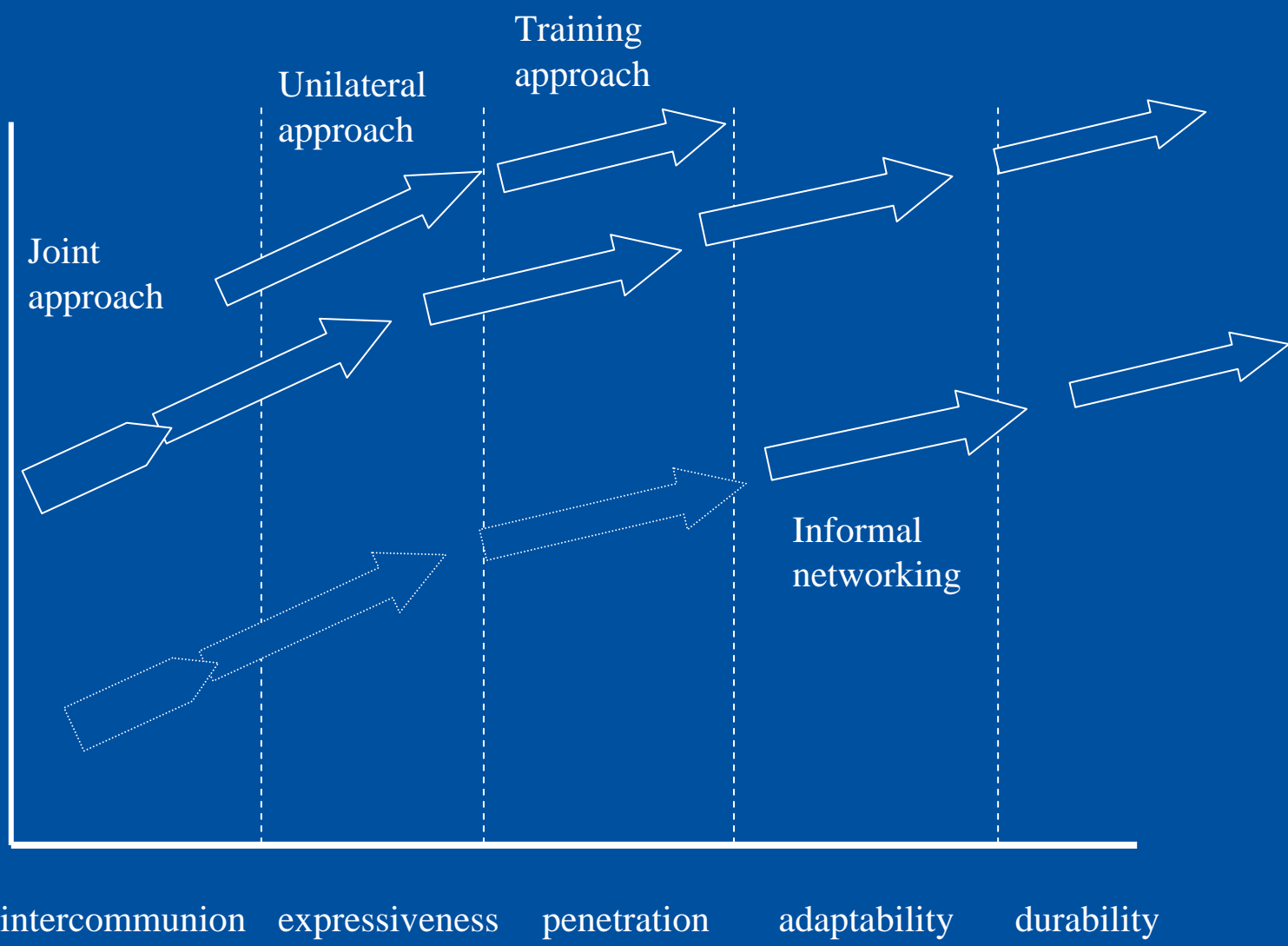
performance

training  
approach

aggressive  
approach

joint and informal  
approaches





intercommunion

expressiveness

penetration

adaptability

durability

## Recommendations: future research

- The impact of migrant churches on the integration process of their members into society
- The societal role of migrant churches and their contribution to society
- Better representation of migrant Christians in academic and government researches and in integration reports