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## **SUMMARY/ABSTRACT**

St Helena Island in the South Atlantic Ocean has been changing for over a decade. The way the people on the Island respond to the change affects the way in which the Gospel is communicated, and this has missiological implications. This raises the question; what influence does change have on the way the Gospel is communicated? If people are resistant to social change, will they be open to change required by the Gospel? How will good intercultural skills help? To fully address the Island's response to change, one needs to look at the interplay of change, culture and communication. It also important to consider how these three elements can be monitored and managed by both the Saints and the clergy alike. This will become the basis for my proposal of focusing the intercultural communication of the Gospel on the ever-changing world of the youth.

## **KEY TERMS**

Culture; Intercultural; Gospel; Change; Communication; Contextualization; Clergy; St Helena Island; Inculturation; Post-modernism.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

Saints = the people who live on the isolated Island of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean

Islanders = the people who live on the British Island of St Helena

*RMS* = Royal Mail Ship, St Helena

Expats. =Expatriates

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