# THE RELATIONAL TRINITY

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> *When we affirm with Scripture that "God is love" (1 Jn 4:18 NIV), this points not simply to the feelings of God but also to the eternal life of God lived in a set of ongoing and active relationships of love that constitute God's being in and for Godself. These are the active relationships of God's eternal trinitarian fellowship in which Father, Sone and Holy Spirit participate in the giving, receiving and sharing of love that includes both difference and unity...*
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> *The relational and social character of the triune God as an eternal community characterized by the giving, receiving and sharing of love is further developed by the concept of mission. The Christian tradition has maintained that God has a mission in the world and therefore speaks of the mission of God. However, in addition to the affirmation that God has a mission, let us also assert that God's very character as the one who loves from all eternity is missional. Love characterizes the mission of God from all eternity and there forge God loves the world lavishly in Jesus Christ.*

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