

Summary

Author's aim is to clarify the content and meaning of the term *koinónia* for contemporary pastoral practice. After defining the term and its basic characteristics, he scrutinises it by the means of capturing the relationship between *koinónia* and Kingdom of God. He further observes the importance of *koinónia* for ecumenism.

In order to find out the concrete implications of *koinónia* for contemporary practice of churches, he identifies its forms in youth pastoral work which is being realized in the Ecumenical Community of Brothers from Taizé. He is then able to extract pastoral inspirations from this practice for today's churches, especially their youth work.

Author is using sources from linguistics, ecumenical theology, exegetics, bible studies and social philosophy. In the part considering the Taizé community, he draws from literature about Taizé, former studies, personal experience and questionnaire inquiry realized among the visitors of Taizé community from Czech and Slovak Republic.

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