



ON THE FAR SIDE OF REVENGE

Six Propositions for an
Integrated Approach to
Peacebuilding

1. IT'S ALWAYS POLITICAL

- Politics
 - Negotiating Relationships
- Power
 - Land, Control & Conflict
- Identity
 - Belonging, Boundaries & Barriers
- Reconciliation
 - Remembering & Forgiving

Doing Politics as People of Faith

- Public Voice

- Contributions, Questions & Resources

- Public Space

- Positions, Policies & Problems

- Private Space

- Identity, Need & Mutual Responsibility

2. BAD RELIGION TRUMPS GOOD

- Whose side is God on?
 - Religion, Identity and Place
- Distorted Belonging
 - Sectarianism, Segregation and Conflict



- "Sectarianism operates whenever religion is invoked to draw boundaries and to represent or reduce patterns of inequality and social conflict"

- (Prof John Brewer).

Being Church During the Troubles

- Pastor, Priest, Prophet, Peacemaker
- Ameliorate, Mediate, Facilitate
- Peace Makers, Vision Keepers, Bridge Builders



Christian Presence in Community Conflict

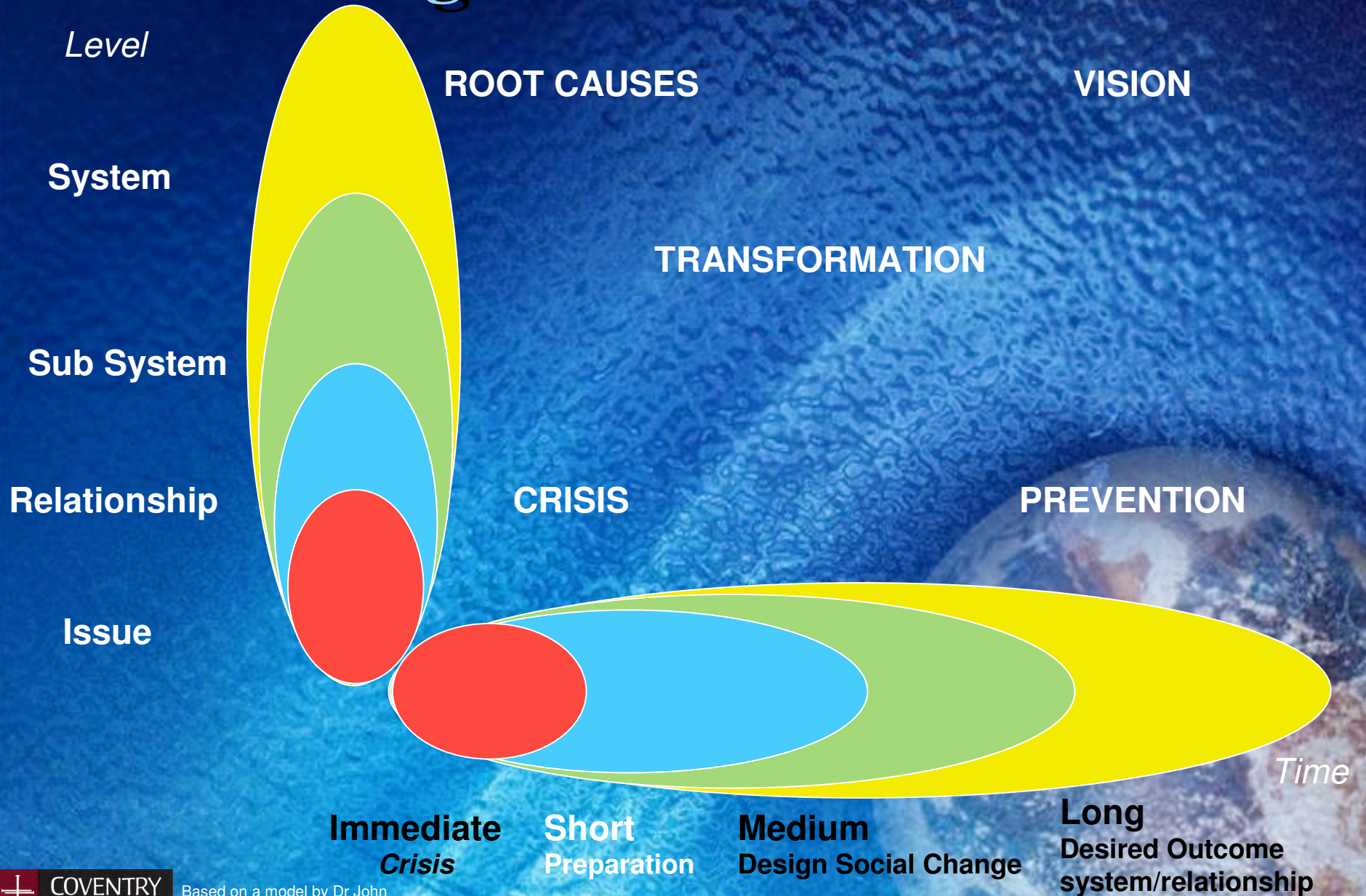
- Speaking
 - Giving voice
- Listening
 - Careful attention
- Living
 - Unexpected action
- Imagining
 - Creative witness



3. WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE



Moving from Crisis to Vision



4. History Matters

- Role of Religion
 - Importing the Reformation
 - Fixing the Blame
 - Fueling the Conflict
- The Story we Tell
 - Double Minority
 - Unruly Twins
 - Generational Memory

Work of a generation

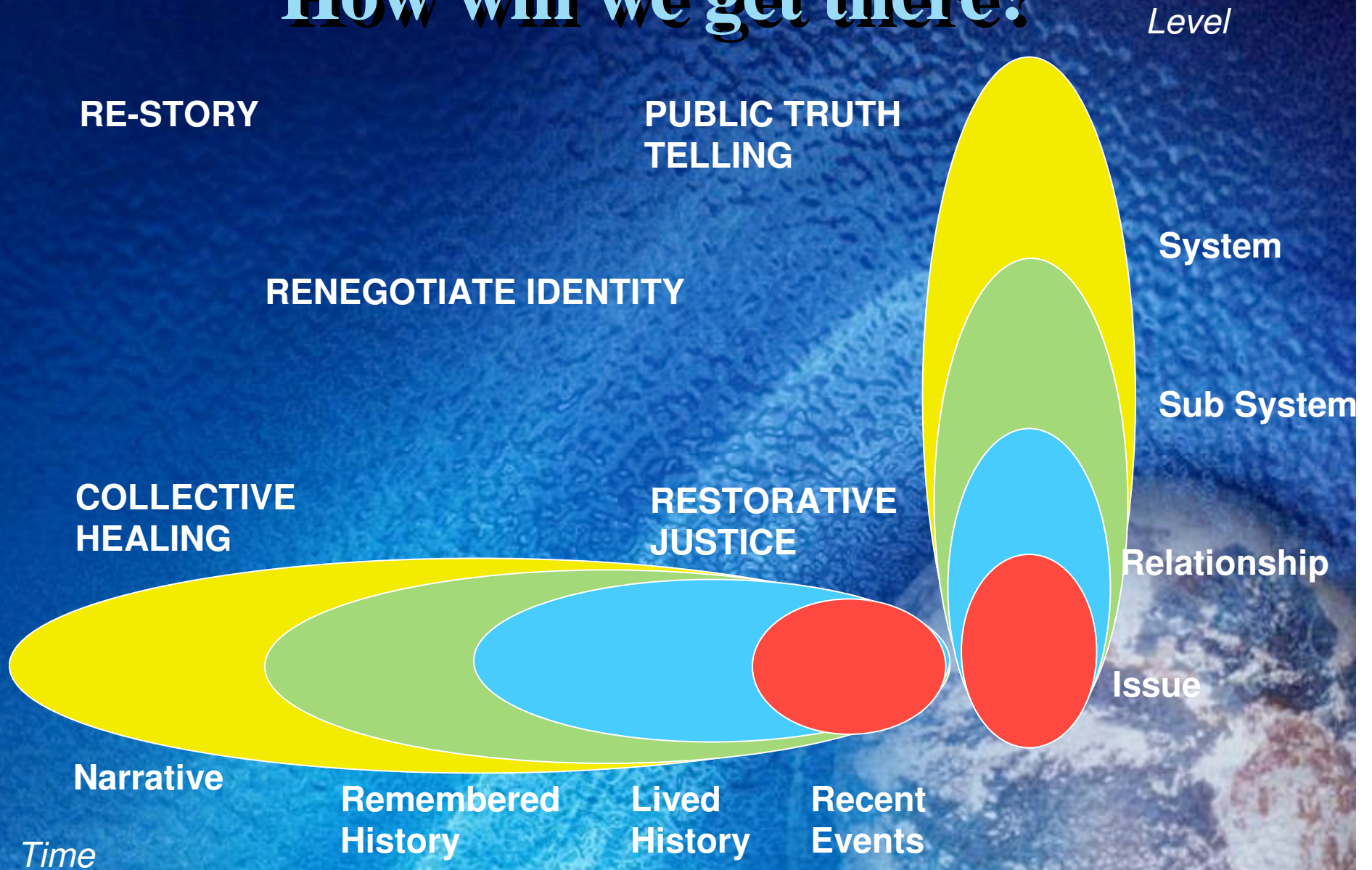
- Fighting Fires
 - 1970's
- Working for Justice
 - 1980's
- Making Peace
 - 1990's
- Building Peace
 - 2000's

Tending the Wounds in Times of Peace

- Hard Telling
- Honest Remembering



How will we get there?



5. PEACE OFFENDS

- Just Peace
- Peace as the Work of Justice
- Discerning Justice in Conflict
 - criminals or freedom fighters / defenders?
- The ‘injustice’ of Making Peace
 - releasing prisoners & ‘terrorists’ in government
- Reframing Justice
 - Rights, Equality and a Shared Future

Talking to Terrorists as Christian Mission

- Popes & Primates -
Sagarts & Spies
- Preachers &
Pastors - Premiers
& Primates



6. RECONCILIATION IS ELUSIVE

- Bad Reconciliation
 - Resolving the Conflict
 - Ignoring the Difference
 - Forgetting the Past
- Reconciliation as Quest
 - Critical
 - Elusive
 - Contingent

The Journey of Place

- Reconciliation as Place
 - Psalm 85
 - Past
 - Future
 - Present
- Reconciliation as Pilgrimage
 - From Hurt to Healing
 - Lament for the Hurt
 - Acknowledging the Wounds
 - From Exclusion to Embrace
 - In the Stable; At the Temple; Outside the Camp

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