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Kirche als Freiheitsraum. Die Kirchenvision Karl Rahners vor dem Hintergrund der postkommunistischen slowakischen Gesellschaft

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Abstract (English)

Submitted work is dealing with the church as a place of freedom in which liberating experiences of local churches in former communist countries in Europe are included and evaluated. Relevance of these experiences is being explored and bearing witness with help of Karl Rahner – as a theological guide. Rahner's theology helps to review the liberating experiences within the church and with the church when the experiences with freedom in the church - which are politically conditioned – are distinguished from those experiences with freedom, which emerge from the essence of the church itself. On the other hand, these liberating experiences within the church from the time of its persecution are instrumental to offer Rahner's visions of the church which has been verified by praxis. Presentation of free moments in Rahner's ecclesiology and their comparison with the experiences from reflection and church's praxis on a background of the post communist Slovakian society are at core of this thesis. The thesis is divided into four parts (1. Mutual estrangement 2. Concept of the church at Karl Rahner against background of his main theological themes 3. Critical freedom and Rahner's visions of the church 4. Confrontation with K. Rahner based on experiences from praxis). At the conclusion I add a context of discovering the church as liberating reality with current effort of the fundamental theology for a new humanity and I present the church as a place of freedom and an institution where it is possible to experience the salvation of humanity.