

## **Multi-site Churches: Relocating Christianity from Space to Cyberspace**

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Over the past three decades, scholars have sought to investigate religious groups and their activities on the Internet to see to what aspects of traditional religious practice can truly be translated online and to what extent is religion transformed as it is adapted to new digital technologies. The study of religion and the Internet has come to be described as “Digital Religion” research, in which considers how religious practice, discourse and engagement has become embedded in online and offline context and the interconnections between them. This research is framed within the Digital Religion studies and focuses its attention on Life Point Church (LPC) a non-denominational Christian multi-site church. Being multi-site means having a central church which seeks to replicate at the same time in other campuses (with the same name and same denomination) its own worship experience through the use of communication technologies. LPC was founded hundred years ago in Smyrna (Tennessee) and in 2000 became multi-site. Now it has five campuses, three in Us, one in Bangkok and one in Brussels, the latter one will be analyzed in the paper. Indeed LPC Brussels is a special case to observe how communication technologies, in particular Internet, are adopted by both pastors and members to recreate the same sacramental environment among five churches culturally and socially dislocated and how a single transnational Christian community is formed using social networks and other digital platforms. Moreover the research highlights that the geographical and socio-cultural delocalization blended with new technological languages is getting an effect of creolization and individualization of traditional Christian liturgies. This finding connects this research to the wider debate about how technology is changing self-perception, including personal religious behaviors, practice and meaning making, in the context of post-secular and post-modern era.