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# What is NATO's Mandate?



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## NATO's purpose

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NATO's essential and enduring purpose is to safeguard the freedom and security of all its members by political and military means. Collective defence is at the heart of the Alliance and creates a spirit of solidarity and cohesion among its members.



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# Can NATO fulfill their mandate?



- **NATO exists but can they really fulfill their mandate?**
- **Are they training and effectively equipping their members forces so they can fulfill their purpose?**



# Can they fulfill their mandate?



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## Germany's military is shockingly ill-equipped

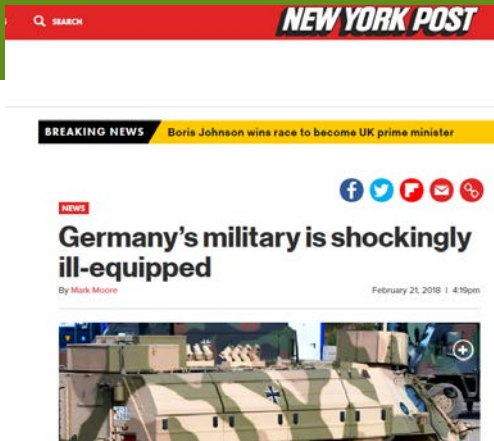
By **Mark Moore**

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# Can they fulfill their mandate?



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Germany introducing mandatory measles vaccination for kids

Merkel sits during ceremony amid bouts of shaking

Merkel spotted shaking for third time in less than a month

Deutsche Bank slashing 18K jobs by 2022

They only fight dirt.

Germany's armed forces are so ill-equipped with military equipment that a tank unit resorted to using a broomstick as a gun barrel during a NATO training exercise, *The Times of London* reported on Tuesday.

The sweeping revelation that the troops used a broomstick painted black to stand in as a rifle during a 2014 training operation in Norway came out in a leaked internal army report, the newspaper said.

An ombudsman for the armed forces said Germany's military readiness has degenerated since a restructuring in 2011 leaving the country's war-fighting equipment in poor shape.

Its navy only had nine frigates available – not the 15 that had been planned – and they are rarely in service because of frequent maintenance for overuse, said Hans-Peter Bartels.



# Can they fulfill their mandate?



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## The Bulgarian army is facing collapse due to lack of equipment and funding

May 23, 2018 By Editors — [Leave a Comment](#)



Defence minister Krassimir Karakachanov  
[Dnevnik]

The Bulgarian army may stop meeting its NATO commitments on airspace protection this year for lack of funding and equipment. This is recognized in the annual defense report which will be discussed by Parliament. Krassen Nikolov has the story.

*Krassen Nikolov is a journalist specialised in judiciary affairs. He works for Mediapool and is a regular contributor for BulgarianPresidency.eu for the six months of the Bulgarian*



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## Aircraft shortages and a lack of trained instructors adds years to military pilot training



# Even more serious- The church's mandate?



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# Even more serious- The church's mandate?



**Exalt** Christ, **Equip** Disciples, **Engage** Our Community

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY

9:30 Worship & Communion Service | 10:15 Coffee | 10:45 Worship & Teaching Service

KIDS PROGRAMMING AVAILABLE!



# Even more serious- The church's mandate?



**7. ...be EQUIPPING DISCIPLES** , understanding that our task is not simply to "win converts," but to help people grow in faith, love and obedience to Christ, and be involved in helping others become disciples of Christ. A disciple is one who is becoming like Christ and making disciples should be the goal of every ministry to others; including our preaching, teaching, shepherding, fellowshiping, and serving. Discipling of others can take place in large gatherings, smaller groups, and in one-to-one relationships. We have chosen to primarily accomplish the task of equipping and discipling our community through our small groups. We will always be guided by Christ's final commission to his disciples: to make disciples of all the nations. Until that task is complete, our job is not done. Under the caring leadership of a plurality of elders, we will be a congregation that practises the priesthood of all believers where all members are engaged in building up the body of Christ, as well as ministering according to their spiritual gift(s) and God-given passion. (Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:3-8)



# Even more serious- The church's mandate?



- The mandate is absolutely clear
- The church exists
- The local church – WBC exists
- Are we on target? Are we fulfilling the mandate?
- Are you doing your part?



# FREE TO BE 'Disciples Who Make Disciples'

*Ephesians 4:7-16*





# The Context of Ephesians 4:7-16



1. All believers are In Christ saved only by grace through faith Chapters 1-3
2. Believers should live worthy Chapter 4:1 – not earning or keeping!
  - ✓ Live worthy by preserving unity
  - ✓ Live worthy by maturing in diversity- gifts!
3. The purpose of God's gifts – equip believers
4. The ultimate goal – Christlikeness



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*Ephesians 4:7-16*  
*Pew Bible pg. 828*



# Outline



- 1. God's Gifts**
- 2. God's Goal**
- 3. Our Measure**



# 1. God's Gifts



## 1. Relationship

- ✓ One body (church = body of Christ)
- ✓ One Spirit
- ✓ One Lord
- ✓ One Faith One baptism
- ✓ One God & Father
- ✓ We are saints (holy ones)





# 1. God's Gifts



## 1. Relationship

## 2. Spiritual gifts for everyone (v7-10)

- ✓ Christ descended & was victorious
- ✓ Christ ascended gave freedom and gifts
- ✓ See Romans 12, 1 Cor. 12, 1 Peter 4



# 1. God's Gifts



1. Relationship
2. Spiritual gifts for everyone (v7-10)
3. Christ gave gifted people (v 11-16)
  - ✓ Roles, callings – with necessary gifts
  - ✓ Have specific tasks



# 1. God's Gifts



Is your gift....

➤ Unopened?



# 1. God's Gifts



Is your gift.....

- Unopened?
- Unused or repurposed?





# 1. God's Gifts



**Is your gift.....**

- **Unopened?**
- **Unused?**

**For WBC to fulfill our mission & achieve our Vision – requires all of us doing our part**



## 2. God's Goal



### 1. To Equip God's people V12

- NIV – prepare
- AV perfect
- NASB, ESV – equip

The idea is to make something sufficient, to furnish completely, to make fully qualified



## 2. God's Goal



### 1. To Equip God's people

- So they can serve
- So they can build up Christ's body

The trainers are to train God's people so that God's people can do these things!

No such thing as the pastors (elders) do it all!



## 2. God's Goal



1. To Equip God's people
2. To bring about Christlikeness v 13
  - ✓ Unity of faith & knowledge of Christ
  - ✓ Spiritual Maturity
  - ✓ Fullness of Christ ( we live what we are!)



## 2. God's Goal



1. To Equip God's people
2. To bring about Christlikeness v 13
3. Fully healthy and connected to Christ v 14-16





## 2. God's Goal



**Speaks to:**  
**Motives**  
**Purpose**  
**Value**



### 3. Our Measure



- How do the leaders at WBC know we are on track?
- How do I know I am on track?
- **V 14 As a result.....**



# 3. Our Measure



1. **Negatively expressed ..... v 14**
  - ✓ **No longer tossed about like children**
  - ✓ **Theologically sound**
  - ✓ **Secure in faith**
  - ✓ **Secure in your understanding of your gifts and identity**



### 3. Our Measure



1. **Negatively expressed ..... v 14**
2. **Positively expressed ..... v 15**
  - ✓ **We are growing up in to Christ**
  - ✓ **In truth and love**



### 3. Our Measure



1. **Negatively expressed ..... v 14**
2. **Positively expressed ..... v 15**
3. **Positively explained v16**
  - ✓ **Every believer is doing their part as they are connected to Christ**





# Bottom Line



- 1. We are to be givers**
- 2. We are to be receivers**



# Bottom Line



## 1. We are to be givers

### A. We must be feeding and serving others

- ✓ Jesus the Bread of Life gave us himself and works through us to 'feed' others

### B. Where are you serving?

- ✓ Plugged In !



# Bottom Line



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**NEW TO WBC?**



# Bottom Line



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## ENGAGE | GROWING THROUGH SERVING

SERVING IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE WALK OF FAITH. CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FIND OUT ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GET INVOLVED!

[GET INVOLVED](#)

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# Bottom Line



1) Text (226) 210-4321, text the word "plugmein" and then follow the instructions.

2) Email [pluggedin@wbconline.ca](mailto:pluggedin@wbconline.ca)

3) Come in person to the Info Centre on Sunday mornings!



**There is something for absolutely everyone!**





# Bottom Line



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- 2. We are to be receivers**
  - ✓ **We must be receiving feeding and growing with others**



# Bottom Line



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**NEW TO WBC?**



# Bottom Line



## EQUIP | LEARNING & GROWING IN FOLLOWING JESUS

THERE ARE THREE MAIN WAYS TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS AND BE A PART OF THE WBC FAITH COMMUNITY.

**1) Video Courses** | What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? We offer video courses in a small group setting a couple of times a year. Click on the following links to learn more

[Christianity Explored](#) | An 8 week series on the basics of the faith

[Alpha](#) | A 10 week series on the basics of the faith

**2) LIFE Series Courses (101-401)** | What does it mean to be a part of WBC and growing in your walk of faith? Our LIFE Series is a four part series held Sunday mornings throughout the year. These courses are designed help people grow in faith and also to become active members of WBC.

**Learning the Basics (101)** | What it means to be a follower of Jesus, what we believe at WBC, how to be involved, etc...

**Investing in Eternity (201)** | The essentials for disciple of Christ, reading the bible, prayer, giving, service

**Focusing on Ministry (301)** | The basics of spiritual gifts. Using your gifts and abilities for the Kingdom. How to be involved at WBC.

**Engaging the World (401)** | What is the "Good News"? How can I be involved in sharing my faith in a natural way? How to connect meaningfully with the community we live in.

**3) Growing In Community** | Get connected and grow by being in a [Connections Group](#) (small groups that meet regularly)



# Bottom Line



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NEED CARE?

**I NEED HELP**

**BOOK A PASTORAL SESSION WITH WAYNE HOCKLEY**



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- I urge you this morning
- Do not leave here without:
  1. Being crystal clear on your relationship to Christ
  2. Being crystal clear on your service for Christ
  3. At minimum determining what your next step should be and telling someone here about it



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