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Religious Heritage on the move

From awareness towards a National Agenda

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Secularization



consequences

Province Noord-Brabant (south, mainly Catholic)

Dioscese Den Bosch 258 churches - 153 listed monuments 72 will close for sure (24 listed)

Protestant churches 167 churches - 84 listed monuments 10-20 will close next years

Diocese Breda

	2002	2012
Parishes:	134	64
Churchgoers:	30.400	15.521

Province Friesland (north, mainly Protestant)

551 churches in religious use whereof 227 listed monuments

25% churches less than 100 members

Serious financial problems: 85 communities in less than 5 years 219 communities in less than 10 years

74-117 churches abandoned over 10 years





Religious Heritage





2008 successes

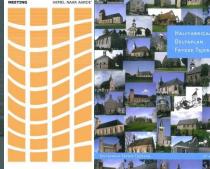


and effects

- -Policy documents
- -Books and guidelines (movable and immovable)
- -Communication and expert meetings
- -New instruments, inventories
- -New financial possibilities
- -Awareness grown



Handreiking religieus erfgoed voor burgerlijke en kerkelijke gemeenten





Sons and

2013



new reality

-Financial crisis

- -Decrease State grants and private funding
- -More abandoned heritage and real estate available
- -Moveable heritage and church interiors at risk
- -Political interest has weakened



National Agenda



- Meetings national key players and stakeholders
- Development of a National Agenda Religious Heritage
- Urgents themes: valuation and selection, financing, process improvement, communication etc.
- Themes elaborated in actions
- Action appointed to a key player

