



## Be a Global Mission Region

Your region can help change the world and be inspired through global mission! Are you up for the challenge? God wants to use you to share and receive the Good News of Jesus to and from the “the ends of the earth,” Global Ministries would like to accompany you on the journey of being a **Global Mission Region**. These ideas for action will help your region create an action plan for the coming year. At your next meeting, choose some ideas for action that interest your group!

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### *Disciples Ideas for Action*

#### **A GLOBAL MISSION REGION...**

**1. PRAYS regularly for partners, missionaries and the world:** *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*  
*Romans 12:12*

- \_\_\_ a. Create a global mission page on the region’s website with prayer information and regular updates on the missionaries, international partners and global mission projects of the region, as well as a link to [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org).
- \_\_\_ b. Use the region’s all-church e-mail distribution list to send out periodic Global Ministries updates, along with a reminder to download the monthly global mission bulletin inserts from the Global Ministries website.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative prayer idea:

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**2. EDUCATES its members about global issues from preschool age to adult:** *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.* *Romans 12:2*

- \_\_\_ a. Use a column in the region’s newspaper for regular news and reflections from the region’s missionary(ies) or international partners, or mission stories from the Global Ministries website and print materials.

- \_\_\_\_\_ s to participate in your regional assembly, area/district gatherings or other regional events by having a global mission theme, keynote speaker, worship leader, display, and workshop topics.
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**3. SEEKS JUSTICE for the “least of these” in the international community:** *What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

- \_\_\_ a. Establish or revitalize a regional global mission committee/team empowered to coordinate involvement in global mission through Global Ministries in the region, and encourage local congregations to enter into the *Be a Global Mission Church* process.
- \_\_\_ b. Choose a global advocacy issue for the entire region and develop a plan to educate and mobilize your congregations around this issue for the year.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative advocacy idea:

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**4. RECEIVES the gifts of the global church:** *At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality. 2 Corinthians 8:14*

- \_\_\_ a. Develop a process for regular communication with the region’s missionary(ies) and have a designated person or group responsible for coordinating the missionary relationship and eventual visits in the region.
- \_\_\_ b. Establish or renew a long-term relationship with one of Global Ministries international church partners or organizations.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative receiving idea:

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**5. GIVES to the work of global mission:** *Just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7*

- \_\_\_ a. Make giving to global mission a priority through the Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) formula (or some other formula) and with the promotion of the Special Day Offerings and Week of Compassion.
- \_\_\_ b. Consider using “over and above giving” in the region to help fund a missionary appointment or a special project through Global Ministries.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative giving idea:

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**6. SENDS its members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus:** *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns! Isaiah 52:7*

- \_\_\_ a. Send a group from the region on a People-to-People Pilgrimage - the Global Ministries group mission trip program. Consider visiting your region’s missionary and the international church partner with whom he or she serves.
- \_\_\_ b. Send at least one person from your region to be a volunteer missionary or Global Mission Intern who can serve with an international partner or missionary through Global Ministries.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative sending idea:

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**y of God's mission with others:** *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*

- \_\_\_ a. Organize a meeting with the appropriate UCC Conference staff or committee to share what your region is doing in global mission and talk about how you might start or continue to work together
- \_\_\_ b. Develop a strategy for a Ministries and Mission Interpreters (MMI) network in the region and organize a joint region/conference and MMI training for the purpose of equipping the regional mission committee members, as well as the pastors and mission chairs of local congregations throughout the region.
- \_\_\_ c. Alternative growing idea:

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## *Disciples Commitment*

Global Ministries staff commits to walking with your region as it seeks to be a Global Mission Region within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Bob Shebeck, Executive of Mission Interpretation and Constituency Relationships, will be your primary contact person as you have questions and seek to discern how God would have you engage in global mission with Global Ministries, and encourage each of the congregations in your region to be a Global Mission Church.

Each staff contact will be responsive to your inquiries and help your region take the necessary steps to engage in a particular program area. The work of Global Ministries' five area offices will facilitate connections with international partner churches and organizations.

Upon completion of this commitment form, Global Ministries will recognize your region with a Certificate of Recognition during an in-person presentation at your regional board meeting or regional assembly (if possible). Your region will also be listed as a Global Mission Region on the Global Ministries website. We pledge our on-going support in your global mission efforts.

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David Vargas  
President, DOM and  
Co-executive, Global Ministries

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Date

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Bob Shebeck  
Executive, Mission Interpretation  
and Constituency Relationships

\_\_\_\_\_ Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) commits to being and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth, and also to receiving that same Good News from Global Ministries' missionaries and international partners around the world in a reciprocal relationship.

We have prayerfully discerned how God would have us be involved in Christ's global mission in covenantal partnership with Global Ministries and have chosen \_\_\_ ideas for action to implement over the next three years. We also commit to encouraging the congregations in our region to enter into a process of becoming a Global Mission Church.

We have empowered the appropriate people in our region to lead us in these ideas for action, and to ensure the necessary on-going contact and follow-up for each idea. We will maintain open communication with Global Ministries' staff as we seek to live out our commitment to being a Global Mission Region.

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Regional Minister

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Regional Moderator

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