

Guidelines for Mission Networks

PCUSA World Mission related “Mission Networks” are bringing together Presbyterians from around the United States who share a common international mission focus. Each Mission Network centers around a specific country, people group, or program area of ministry.

Organized by PCUSA World Mission (WM), Mission Networks are composed of Presbyterians who represent international mission partnerships established through their synods, presbyteries, congregations, and other PCUSA entities.

WM Mission Networks facilitate building and maintaining healthy partnerships, and provide a place for representatives of various PCUSA partnerships to share information and coordinate their efforts.

The following guidelines for the organization, membership, and purpose of WM related Mission Networks have been adopted by the General Assembly Council:

Guidelines for WM-Related “Mission Networks”

Definition:

A Mission Network shall be a collegial partnership between various PC(USA) entities, governing bodies, entities, and associations working together around a specific region, people group, or programmatic area of international mission.

Constituency

WM related Mission Networks are formed for the primary purpose of enhancing communication and coordination among PC (USA) partnerships endorsed by synods, presbyteries, or sessions of local congregations having a common partnership connection with an international partner church or organization related to WM.

Leadership for WM related Mission Networks

will be selected from representatives of such partnerships. The Mission Network will determine its own convener and other leadership in an appropriate Presbyterian and democratic manner.

Representatives of other PC (USA) entities, or individuals (such as mission personnel), as well as representatives of non PC (USA) groups and organizations, are welcome to participate in a Mission Network, but in an advisory/non leadership capacity.

Staff and Services:

WM will provide coordinating staff support, as far as practicable. Staff of PC (USA) Validated Mission Support Groups (Outreach Foundation, Medical Benevolence Foundation, and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship) will be invited to serve as “adjunct WM staff” in support of the networks.

Mission Networks are asked to prioritize the participation of the appropriate PC (USA) WM area and/or programmatic staff in the scheduling of all Network meetings. Travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by Network participants following initial organizing meetings of each Mission Network.

Purpose:

Mission Networks will work to gather all the PC (USA) participants in mission in a specific region or programmatic interest in order that:

- Information, experience and wisdom can be shared;
- Contact with international partners can be maximized and economized;
- Common strategies can be discussed;
- Coordination of efforts can be invited;
- Mission work by all may have the opportunity to coordinate with more inclusive Area, Program, and GAC/GA level goals;
- Communication may be direct and potential

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- differences or difficulties be minimized;
- Common work may be held accountable to the collegium;
- Seek/invite new participants;
- Provide spiritual support for all partners engaged in the work of mission.

Mission Networks shall not take actions on behalf of, or represent their actions, decisions, or communications to other groups, entities, or international church partners as being PC (USA) WM actions, policies, or communications. Mission Networks are, nonetheless, an important voice in the formation of strategic goals and programs of implementation.

Mission Networks are, therefore, invited to make proposals through the area offices of WM to General Assembly Council.

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