

# Assessing Your Congregation's Global Mission Involvement

*In the spaces provided to the left, enter either a plus or minus sign to indicate the level of involvement of your congregation. Leave blank if not applicable.*

- \_\_\_ 1. Does your congregation have a mission (outreach/benevolence) committee or task force?

## I. Local Activity

- \_\_\_ 2. Does your congregation support or participate in local mission efforts to serve and empower people in your community or region?
- \_\_\_ 3. Has your congregation tried to determine who are the recent immigrants or refugees in your community, or in a neighboring community?
- \_\_\_ 4. Does your congregation have outreach programs to different racial/ethnic groups in your community?

## II. Financial Assistance

- \_\_\_ 5. Does your congregation receive a regular offering for global mission at least twice a year?
- \_\_\_ 6. Does your congregation support a PC(USA) mission co-worker, mission volunteer or Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)?
- \_\_\_ 7. Does your congregation support mission personnel working with other organizations or agencies?
- \_\_\_ 8. Does your congregation provide financial support for a project or program overseas through the PC(USA) Extra Commitment Opportunity (ECO) program?
- \_\_\_ 9. Does your congregation support projects overseas directly or through other funding channels?
- \_\_\_ 10. Does your congregation participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering?
- \_\_\_ 11. Does your congregation support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance?
- \_\_\_ 12. Does your congregation contribute to faith-based organizations working around the world, such as Heifer International, Church World Service, Habitat for Humanity, etc.?
- \_\_\_ 13. Does more than ten percent of your congregation's total income go to support mission?

## III. Worship

- \_\_\_ 14. Has your congregation conducted a special global mission Sunday in the past year?
- \_\_\_ 15. Are there special services or regular prayers for global mission, for partner churches around the world, and for mission personnel?
- \_\_\_ 16. Does your congregation use the *Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*?
- \_\_\_ 17. Does your congregation have banners or other displays that reflect global mission?
- \_\_\_ 18. Are global mission concerns lifted up in sermons more than four times a year?
- \_\_\_ 19. Is a focus on mission (minute for mission, etc.) a regular part of the worship service?
- \_\_\_ 20. Are information about and prayer requests for global mission regularly included in the bulletin or the newsletter?

## IV. Christian Education

- \_\_\_ 21. Has your congregation offered a special presentation on global mission in the last six months?

- \_\_\_22. Has your congregation held a mission festival or global mission event in the last year?
- \_\_\_23. Is global mission education included in regular church school classes?
- \_\_\_24. Does your church school use the *Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*?
- \_\_\_25. Has a group from your congregation, or have individuals from your congregation, attended a mission conference in the past year?
- \_\_\_26. Has your congregation hosted a visit from a PC(USA) mission co-worker within the last year?
- \_\_\_27. Has your congregation hosted an International Peacemaker?
- \_\_\_28. Has your congregation hosted an international visitor within the last year?
- \_\_\_29. Does your congregation's library or resource table contain books and materials on global mission?
- \_\_\_30. Are there regular articles on global mission in your church's newsletter?
- \_\_\_31. Is there information about global mission and how to become involved on your congregation's web page?

## V. Deeper Involvement

- \_\_\_32. Do members of your congregation receive the PC(USA) Worldwide e-newsletter, *Highlights* magazine, or *Mission Mosaic* magazine?
- \_\_\_33. Have any members of your congregation participated in a short-term mission trip or travel study seminar?
- \_\_\_34. Has your congregation been involved in any way in your presbytery's mission partnership?
- \_\_\_35. Does your congregation maintain an ongoing relationship with regular communication with a ministry in another country?
- \_\_\_36. Has your congregation identified particular mission concerns as a focus for your global mission involvement?
- \_\_\_37. Has your committee or the congregation developed a set of criteria for evaluating requests for mission funding and involvement?
- \_\_\_38. Has your congregation networked with other congregations and/or other groups involved in mission in the same geographical location, such as through the PC(USA) mission networks?
- \_\_\_39. Has your congregation organized a short-term mission trip?
- \_\_\_40. Has a member of your congregation served as a PC(USA) mission co-worker, mission volunteer or Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)?
- \_\_\_41. Is the idea of mission service encouraged in your congregation, either from the pulpit or by the distribution of information?

A glance at the column at the left should give you and your committee a reasonably good idea of the strengths and weaknesses of your congregation's global mission involvement. Which of the five categories has the most pluses? Which has the most minuses? Are there other areas not addresses by this assessment sheet which need consideration?

A careful study of this assessment sheet should indicate the areas upon which to concentrate your planning needs. Consider what resources are available within your congregation, within the presbytery or from the World Mission program of the PC(USA) to assist in your planning. This assessment sheet can also be used for purposes of evaluation.