

MISSION

EPC World Outreach serves the Church by empowering Spirit-filled witnesses to make disciples and plant reproducing churches among those with least access to the gospel.

VISION

For the Glory of God, seeing all peoples worshipping and following Jesus.

RATIONALE

For the earth will be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14

For God, so loved the world, that he gave his
only Son, that whoever believes in him should
not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Three billion people woke up today in spiritual darkness, blind to the glory and love of Jesus, cut off from worshipping the one true God. Only 3% of all Christian workers, and only 1% of missions dollars, are going to these unreached peoples.¹ The EPC's mission is "to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus," and World Outreach serves that mission by focusing on those with least access. Christ followers proclaiming the gospel together in authentic relationship give lost individuals and families the opportunity to encounter Jesus and eternal life. The planting of reproducing churches glorifies Christ for whole communities and cities for generations. We look with yearning hearts toward the day where we see representatives of every tongue, tribe and nation following Jesus and worshipping before God's throne.

VALUES



LOVE: to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourself.
Matt. 22:37-40



EVANGELISM: to communicate and receive the Good News of the Kingdom.
Matt. 28-18-20



PERSEVERANCE: to count the cost and be faithful to the end.
Luke 9:23



PRAYER: to depend on the Lord at every stage of the work. Reflects our humility & obedience and aligns our heart with his, abiding in him which precedes the fruit to come. *John 15:5*



PARTNERSHIP: to take on the role God has for us in relationship with others called to the same mission, whatever their nationality or church membership.
1 Cor. 3:6



ACCESS: to preach the gospel of Christ to those with least access to it.
Romans 15:20

¹ Johnson, Todd M. and Gina A. Zurlo. *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd edition, Brill 2019, pp.296-297

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR FULL-CYCLE CHURCH PLANTING

- **Prayer** – We join in God's mission of reconciling the world to himself first and foremost by prayer.
- **Least Access Peoples** – We prioritize those with least access to the gospel. This is our heart and our guide.
- **Partnership and Sending** – We cultivate active partnerships with national churches and other agencies, embracing the current reality of missions – “from everywhere to everywhere.” And we directly send EPC workers and teams to partner with others in making disciples among least-reached peoples.
- **Word and Deed** – We believe the Church, whether established or in its new beginnings, should be about the whole work of bringing the Kingdom of God to earth as it is in heaven. The gospel must be proclaimed by our words, but also demonstrated by our actions. Church planting is not separate from a corporate lifestyle of love, mercy, and justice for the flourishing of communities.
- **Church Engagement** – We want to see 100% engagement by our EPC Churches in the Great Commission for all nations. We long to discover new pathways for this engagement while maintaining our focus on the least reached.

PROCESS AND PROGRAM

FULL-CYCLE CHURCH PLANTING AMONG THE LEAST REACHED



For World Outreach, Full-Cycle Church Planting is the process model we use to illustrate the way our programs, sending opportunities, and partnerships tie together in the mission of planting reproducing churches among those with least access to the gospel. Some within the process model are engaged in direct church planting, while others are involved in the mobilizing, training up, and caring for those we send and partner with – each according to the unique giftings and callings God has given them. Regardless of the process, aligned with the EPC’s mission we endeavor toward this calling.

God gives the growth. For His glory.



PLANTING



WATERING



TOGETHER

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 1 Corinthians 3:6



Motion for Master Plan

Recommendation: The World Outreach Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt the proposed World Outreach Master Plan

Rationale: The proposed Master Plan would replace the plan adopted by the 36th General Assembly (2016). The proposal represents a wide range of prayerful input from the National Leadership Team, World Outreach staff, and World Outreach Workers and other key stake holders. Once adopted it will guide the work of World Outreach for the coming years and inform World Outreach's communication with presbyteries and churches. Approving this recommendation means that the Assembly is affirming the content of the document as the direction for the global ministries of the EPC through World Outreach.



WO Master Plan

Mission Statement

EPC World Outreach exists to send Evangelical Presbyterians to start reproducing churches among people with least access to the gospel.

Strategic Priorities

I. Muslims – *half of the least-reached people in the world.*

- From the earliest years of the EPC, responding to the tragedy that most Muslims have never met a Christian has been our particular emphasis.

II. Reproducing Churches – *the most powerful force in the world for community transformation.*

- WO assists national partners to develop leaders who will send their own pioneer church-planters to people with least access to the gospel (ITEN).
- And WO sends EPC pioneer church planters to adapt to the culture of a people without gospel access, live the gospel “out loud” among them, intentionally invite them to discover God in the Scriptures, and become followers of Jesus (Engage 2025 and Co-Op).

III. Going Ourselves – *where nationals can't go.*

Every church has the responsibility to reach out to its own neighbors, and where a national church exists, it is the very best agent for outreach. But in many cases we must go ourselves because:

- In many ethnic groups the number of Christians is nearly zero (there is not yet any national church to assist).
- National Christians from nearby ethnic groups sometimes face the greatest obstacles in witness.

The cost-savings of out-sourcing the Great Commission is attractive, but nothing more powerfully communicates Jesus’ worth than sending our own sons and daughters as missionaries.