

Parish Guidelines for Cross-Cultural Missions

Goals

- Parish-wide involvement in “Samaria and the Ends of the earth”
- The involvement to be strategic and long-term
- The involvement to be evaluated and lessons to be appropriated in future work

Church structure

- A parish missions committee formed to focus response to the above goals
- A commitment to work with at least two agencies to assure cross-fertilizing

Education

- Two people to take “Perspectives” in year 1; three people and the rector in year 2
- Three missions speakers and events annually
- Missions books—3 must reads, 5 essential, 8 highly recommended
- Attendance by 10% of parish at a New Wineskins for Global Mission conference

Worship

- Prayers of the People for the parish’s mission and/or their people group
- Missions prayer group meeting at least bi-weekly
- Prayer reports disseminated to vestry, prayer groups, listservs, etc.

Sending

- Familiarity with sending agencies—their policies, placements, and priorities
- A short-term trip with careful goals, learning points, and reflection
- Prayer for sending an individual or family long-term

Partnership with Overseas Churches

- Collaboration with others - agencies, denominations, and/or personnel
- Supervision by overseas local leadership or by the networking group
- Involvement to be part of a strategic long-term focus set by overseas leadership
- Prayer for an individual or family to be sent

Ends of the Earth

- Research for a least-evangelized people group—its customs, spiritual history, etc
- Involvement under the supervision of the established network around that group
- Commitment for long-term change through church planting, health care, etc
- Prayer to send individual or family long-term