

INTRODUCING CONNECT

We are truly a Global Church with a Global mission. The changes that occur in our world require the establishment of new structures to address these realities. We are a global Church, and a global mission force. As we ponder the immensity and diversity of the global Church we quickly recognize our need for virtual space to connect. Although we value face-to-face interaction, we acknowledge that if we are to connect, communicate, and collaborate in a significant way we must leverage technology to do so. It is therefore essential we have the means to facilitate ongoing Connections, Communication and Collaboration around our shared mission activity.

CONNECT

Connect is first and foremost a virtual space to connect. We want to see people interacting with as many ministries, resources, etc. as possible. We are constantly learning about new networks, new initiatives and discovering new resources. There has to be some way of introducing all of this in a more succinct fashion. Connect is a place that introduces individuals to the variety of components that make up the Mission world and provides a platform to interact and hopefully collaborate with one another. The idea is that through Connect I find the resources, the information, the research, and the tools to assist me in fulfilling my vision as I interact with others that are doing their part.

COMMUNICATE

Through **Connect** we are able to encourage communication on a number of levels, share ideas, and champion a cause. **Connect** is ideal for facilitating ongoing communication and eventual collaboration that we desire to see follow the many important gatherings that occur within the mission community throughout the year. Already networks and associations are beginning to use **Connect** to facilitate discussion and share ideas by setting up Private or even Hidden Groups to facilitate their ongoing communication.

COLLABORATE

Our ultimate goal is that as people connect and communicate it will lead to increased collaboration between ministries, agencies, networks and individuals. We believe this collaboration is key to our finishing the task. Through **Connect** you are able to champion a cause, raise awareness, share needs, create projects, plan outreaches, events, etc. **Connect** allows for a much greater level of interaction in communication.

Connect is:

- A safe, neutral platform committed to facilitating ongoing conversations between individuals, agencies with group discussions and information sharing
- An educational environment for sharing and learning
- A shared calendar highlighting various events happening throughout the year and around the world
- A place to discover and be discovered: including information, contacts and resources.



GLOBAL GREAT COMMISSION NETWORK



Why another network?

History

In 2010 a momentous gathering occurred in Tokyo, Japan. Close to 1000 delegates representing 73 countries gathered to discuss progress in world missions. It was this Tokyo 2010 consultation and the subsequent Tokyo Declaration that gave rise to the establishment of the Global Great Commission Network (GGCN). The objective was to establish a means of taking Tokyo 2010 forward, seeing the consultation more than a one-time event and the declaration more than mere aspirations.

Why another global network

The GGCN is a means to encourage connectedness, communication, and collaboration around the one great purpose—the discipling of people from every ethne. The GGCN exists to champion the redemptive cause of Christ and the means by which His church participates—making disciples.

The Tokyo Declaration states, "God has entrusted this generation with more opportunities and resources to complete the task than any previous one. We have more mission-minded churches, more sending structures and bases, more missionaries, more material resources, more funding, more and better technology, more information and data, a deeper understanding of the task, and a clearer focus of our responsibility than previous generations." God requires this generation to match these realities with a willingness to humbly collaborate, even sacrificially, as together we rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide and bless our efforts as we participate with God in His redemptive mission.

Our vision is to see every
people group reached and in
the process of being discipled
in our generation.

What we do:

The GGCN is autonomous grouping of interconnected people and mission agencies, associations, churches, networks and other ministries.

We exist to broadly encourage connections, communication and collaboration as well as the sharing of resources, ideas and tools.

We stimulate worldwide mission efforts that promote the making of disciples of every people in this generation.

We recognize that finishing the task will demand effective cooperative efforts of the entire global body of believers.

It is not our intent to compete with, but to serve and support Great Commission endeavors.

Contact us:

Our Values:

The Global Church in all its God-honoring expressions — The GGCN exists to champion the redemptive cause of Christ and the means by which His followers participate - making disciples among all peoples of the world.

Collaboration and Synergy — We believe in the necessity of global collaboration in the body of Christ and the power of synergy this creates for the completion of the Great Commission.

Relationships — We believe it is relationships that make any partnership possible. This requires mutual respect, ongoing communication, learning together, including the sharing of ideas, experiences, research and resources and most of all love.

Local Expressions in a Global Movement — GGCN is a part of a Global mission movement. However our desire is to see connection, communication, and collaboration occurring on a local, grassroots level.

Ethnic diversity, championing equality in Great Commission endeavors — "Missions is no longer the predominant domain of Western Christianity." We rejoice that today's mission force is global in composition, bearing a diversity of thought, practice and resources that enriches and energizes Christ's global Cause as never before." We believe every voice is equally important.

Unity in Diversity — We acknowledge our diversity and value the differences in the Church. We conclude that, "The present day mission task is so large and complex that no one church, agency can take it on alone or independently." We exist to encourage these relationships and to foster them whenever possible.