

## **Global Great Commission Network**

### **Vision, Purpose, and Network Description, Ethos, and Service**

The Tokyo 2010 Global Mission Consultation was not intended to be an end in itself, but the beginning of a movement to see all peoples disciplined in our generation. The Global Great Commission Network - *Carrying Tokyo 2010 Forward* (GGCN) does just that. GGCN does not track membership or have membership requirements, but rather seeks to serve mission associations, agencies, churches, individuals, and other ministries globally who share the vision of every people group reached and in the process of being disciplined in this generation. The GGCN is led by a Global Steering Team with national and regional steering teams emerging around the world. Several key mission leaders also support the Global Great Commission Network as members of the Board of Reference.

The following are fundamental to who we are and why we exist.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

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

#### **GGCN VALUES STATEMENT**

- **The Global Church in all its God-honoring expressions**—We acknowledge that God is on mission, drawing all peoples unto Himself. 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 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, encouraging innovation, learning together, including the sharing of ideas, experiences, research and resources and most of all love. We understand we are a global Church and mission force. We value face-to-face interaction but also understand that if we are to connect, communicate, and collaborate in a significant way, we must leverage technology to do so.
- **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**—The Tokyo Declaration acknowledges that, *“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, national missions movement, or regional mission block can take it on alone or independently.”* It is imperative that we commit ourselves to intentionally forming strategic relationships, not only with those to whom we are similar, but with those who represent the diverse activities associated with mission. We exist to encourage these relationships and to foster them whenever possible.

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Global Great Commission Network exists for the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of Great Commission endeavors around the globe by:

- Serving associations, agencies, churches, individuals, networks and other ministries globally who share in our vision
- Providing a place for like-minded Great Commission endeavors to connect, communicate and collaborate
- Developing and freely providing tools and training, including online collaborative platforms that facilitate cooperative efforts
- Encouraging resources, ideas, tools and strategies to be shared widely, especially those resources that are digital, versatile, free and broadly available
- Stimulating worldwide mission efforts by encouraging broad collaboration, not to compete with, but to serve and support Great Commission endeavors

## NETWORK DESCRIPTION

- The GGCN is autonomous grouping or a system of interconnected people and mission agencies, associations, churches, networks and other ministries.
- We exist to broadly encourage collaboration and partnerships.
- 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 other networks and ministries.
- The guiding document of this network is the [Tokyo Declaration](#).
- The statement of faith of this network is the [Lausanne Covenant](#).

## NETWORK ETHOS

- We affirm that mission is the central theme of Scripture, through which God reveals Himself to be a God who communicates and works through us by action and word in a world estranged from Him.
- 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 realize that the present day mission task is so large and complex that no one church, agency, national missions movement, or regional mission block can do it alone or independently.
- We rely on the authority of the Word of God as the standard for life and ministry.
- We affirm that all people are lost apart from faith in Christ.
- We affirm that out of love, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ (Jn. 3:16), to reconcile the world to Himself, so that mankind's sin will not be counted against them.
- Jesus left His followers the missional priority of making disciples of every people (Mt. 28:18-20). By this mandate we acknowledge both the breadth of the unfinished task – all peoples – and the depth of the task – making disciples, as its focus.
- We acknowledge that we are engaged in spiritual warfare in which the presence and empowering of the Holy Spirit is essential (Acts 1:8).
- We are called to prayer as a lifestyle.
- We pledge to obey the Great Commission. We covenant together to use all that God has entrusted to us in this obedience. We will seek to know where people are unreached, overlooked, ignored, or forgotten. We will pray for the Holy Spirit to give strength and guidance as we join with others in changing that neglect, to love and make disciples in the way of the Cross.
- We endeavor to bring an end to competition where it exists, and reconcile where there is hurt, misunderstanding and mistrust.

- We recognize that no roles or functions in the body of Christ are more "spiritual" than others, but everything done in obedience to God is valid.
- We recognize that each part of the Body has its very own purpose, whether risking their very lives to show God's passion for the salvation of others, or supporting those who lead us forward, or caring for those who quietly support, or fervently pray that His will be done throughout the whole earth.
- We respect and value all mission-engaging individuals and groups, all races, male and female, as special vessels for God's glory. We believe every person has unique gifts, talents, and callings, each endowed with abilities that extend His Kingdom in multiple ways. Variety and diversity are positive factors in ministry.
- We practice a dependence on God for financial provision both individually and corporately, not excluding any opportunity to generate operational income for network development and operational expenses.

## NETWORK SERVICE

Access to GGCN resources and tools is free and is encouraged at the comfort level and need of each user, subject, in some cases, to care that security concerns are respected. At the same time, we want to partner with you in some specific ways, including:

- Pledging together to promote the values of the Tokyo Declaration and specifically to cooperate with one another, and all others of like faith, with the singular goal of "Making disciples of every people in our generation." You can take that step by [signing the Tokyo Declaration online](#).
- Actively participating in the **Connect** Network, Unreached Peoples initiatives, and other initiatives of the Global Great Commission Network.
- Signing up to receive Global Great Commission Network newsletters.
- **GETTING INVOLVED!!**
  - make contributions and suggestions for the GGCN web site and other program developments.
  - participate in the **Connect** network including discussion group leadership.
  - participate in the UPG Networking to pursue collaboration with others to reach a particular unreached peoples group.
  - Volunteer to contribute to GGCN network development and promotion, including working with the GGCN steering teams.

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