

Introduction to ECO Global Engagement

As ECO fulfills its mission of building flourishing churches, we will live into our Core Values. One of those Core Values is Missional Centrality, defined as “living out the whole of the Great Commission - including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice - in our communities and around the world.” For this reason, we have a priority on global engagement to support ECO congregations in their contribution to the Great Commission. Because ECO seeks to function differently than traditional denominations, our mission approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission globally.

Encourage & Equip

The ECO National Synod seeks to encourage and equip your congregation for global mission. The part-time *Director of Global Engagement* serves to support ECO Congregations in their contribution to the Great Commission by identifying resources, opportunities, partners, and connections. To do this effectively, she collaborates with *Presbytery Global Advocates* who share those opportunities and resources and provide mission leadership or networking in their region. Contact your presbytery leaders to get in touch with your Global Advocate.

ECO invites your congregation to consider these key areas for your global mission engagement:

1) Grow in your current mission engagement.

We encourage churches to continue in the mission ministry in which they are already involved. We don't want them to stop doing what they have been doing so that they can do what we want them to do! Rather, we seek to develop ways to encourage and resource congregations so that they can continue their engagement more faithfully and effectively.

2) Discern new opportunities to partner.

Some congregations are seeking new ways they can be involved in global mission. For these expressed needs, we are *drawing on the expertise of partner organizations* rather than setting up a structure that consumes resources and duplicates what others are doing. ECO is fortunate to have strong relationships with experienced and well respected mission agencies that share our core values and Presbyterian or Reformed Christian commitments. They are prepared to help ECO congregations discover global partners, make missionary connections, help send your own members out into the world through full time mission work or short term trips, and respond to the needs of the world in disaster response and long-term development.

The Outreach Foundation

The mission of The Outreach Foundation is to engage Presbyterians and global partners in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. They seek to be a resource to congregations to help them catch a vision for amazing things that God is doing around the world and to partner in it. Their priorities are to: build the capacity of global church partners; send and support missionaries; care for vulnerable children; expand support for mission; and transform lives through mission involvement. [Learn more at theoutreachfoundation.org](http://theoutreachfoundation.org).



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Frontier Fellowship

Frontier Fellowship, formally Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF), works with congregations to help establish indigenous



churches among unreached people groups and to find new places to be involved in frontier mission. Frontier Fellowship exists as a resource in helping churches create or enhance their vision for taking the gospel to all people groups in the world. They are driven by a two-fold vision – For Every People: An Indigenous Church and For Every Church: A Mission Vision. [Learn more at frontierfellowship.com](http://frontierfellowship.com).

The Antioch Partners

The Antioch Partners (TAP) is a missionary sending agency that partners with local Presbyterian churches in the U.S. to send out followers of Jesus to participate in God's mission in the world. Those serving through TAP have been called by God to long-term, cross-cultural ministry and are engaged in many aspects of Kingdom work, including: evangelism, social justice, discipleship, supporting church-planting movements, leadership development, and business as mission. [Learn more at theantiochpartners.org](http://theantiochpartners.org).



World Renew

The mission of World Renew is to join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. Compelled by God's deep passion for justice and mercy, their community development, disaster response & rehabilitation, and peace & justice. World Renew offers your congregation a way to provide financial support and volunteers to respond to emergency and disaster situations or engage in sustainable Christian community development around the world. [Learn more at worldrenew.net](http://worldrenew.net).



3) Addressing Your Key Global Mission Issues

ECO congregations have indicated a need for other resources to be more effective in global mission ministries. We know this because we asked them! Last spring, a global mission survey was conducted of ECO congregations. Resources addressing these issues are available on the website.

Three key global mission issues were uncovered:

- Conducting meaningful short term mission trips
- Evaluating missionary and project opportunities
- Engaging the congregation in global mission ministry

4) Sharing Best Practices & Resources in Mission

Congregations can actively help one another by sharing best practices & resources in global mission. There are so many mission organizations and resources available, we couldn't possibly evaluate them all. Resources that the Global Advocates have found useful in building and strengthening mission in their own congregations are posted on the website. We are currently discerning the best way to facilitate and grow this vital networking. If you would like to be connected, or have questions, suggestions or resources you would like to share, contact the Director of Global Engagement.

For more information

More detailed resources available online: <http://eco-pres.org/who-we-are/global-mission/>, Contact Jen Haddox, Director of Global Engagement, jen@eco-pres.org; (724) 278-3887

