

International Workers as Mobilizers

A how-to-guide to *mobilize* people on mission



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The C&MA is built on a community of pastors, church volunteers, and International Workers who desire to make Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered and *Mission-focused disciples*.

The vision is bigger than ways to connect with the home church to support our mission work. We are co-recruiting disciples near and far with the Holy Spirit, for the mission of the Church for the nations. The goal is to shape our ministry around what helps mobilize men and women towards the mission of God, not just for global promotion, but rather for ongoing disciple-making wherever someone may find themselves. Together, we are co-labourers in this ministry. Whether overseas, or on Home Assignment, there are many ways we can encourage the local church to be on mission, with us ministering right there alongside them.

This booklet will help get you started and the resources listed are just a few initial first steps. If you come up with other ideas, go for it! And while you're at it, share them with those around you.



How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- Keep a journal of the ways you have seen God work in your life and in the stories others have shared with you.
- Develop a regular communication plan that keeps you connected to people within the church.

Practical Application:

- Take time to ask those around you “what is God doing?”
- Ask churches “where is God at work among you?”
- Communicate “God stories” often.



Want more ideas or more information of how to develop a mission-focused life, visit cman.org/mobilizers

How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- Reflect on the ways you began to nurture God's call on your life.
- Develop a list of all the possible ways people can participate in your ministry.
- Find out how people can become active in mission locally in your region in Canada (New Ventures, church plants, community outreach, etc.)

Practical Application:

- Develop a "something you can do today" section in your newsletter e.g. Adopt an LRP, forgo coffee once a week to donate to GAF, read passages where God refers to the lost.
- Suggest ways people can get involved locally at the end of every presentation.
- Test out the ideas you are giving to those around you.
- Pray for fruit in every engagement you have with local churches.

Celebrate God at work in Canada and the world through corporate worship, creative events and strong communication lines with Five "S" partners.

The Holy Spirit is the real authenticator of the work of the Kingdom. We need the fragrance, sound, and sight of His handiwork – and when we have it people will pray, give and spend their lives serving Him.

Give Jesus Center Stage in Your Communications and Celebrate:

- God at work in your team's ministry.
- God at work in the church or partners you are communicating with.

International Workers mobilize the church when they:

Educate and inspire
Identify clear pathways
Celebrate God at work



Educate and inspire those around you with the vision of God's heart for the nations and the C&MA mission in the Five "S" regions.

You can educate and inspire with God's heart for the nations from Genesis to Revelation.

Acts 1:8 tells us, Jesus' mission of seeking and saving by His Spirit continues through us, His church. In Matthew 28:18-20, He gave us a mandate to go and make disciples of all nations. He prophesied about His Second Coming, saying "And this gospel will be preached to all nations, and then the end will come." (Matthew 24:14)

You can educate and inspire with our C&MA mission.

Our global calling is to develop reproducing indigenous communities of faith among least-reached people groups.

How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- Refresh your vocabulary on both your vision, and the vision of the C&MA.
- Take a Kairos course or read *Hijacked for His Glory* (Sunder Krishnan) *The God You May Not Know*, or *The God Made Known* (Ron Brown and Charlie Cook).

Practical Application:

- From time to time, dedicate one of your prayer letters to “why are we here” or “what we dream of seeing.”
- Continue to emphasize the answer to the “why” when communicating by phone or skype.
- While on Home Assignment, include a clear description of God’s vision and how you see Him working.

See Appendix “B” for examples of mission passages and themes that you can study on your own. These are core mission-focused disciple-making Biblical foundations. Visit cmanac.org/mobilizers



Identify clear pathways for disciples (including you!) to participate in the C&MA mission.

James K. A. Smith said, “Nobody thinks their way to spiritual growth.” Daily practices are more effective at teaching us. Take any vibrant mission movement in history – what do you notice? Their habits, their chosen patterns are their counter measures against the inertia of the prevailing culture.

Here are a few different habits that people can imitate and pass on to others. These ideas allow people to step into action where they are in their current context. Many people may think that just because they can’t go overseas they can’t make an impact. Here are some tangible things they (and you) can do right now!

- **Lead prayer networks:** personal and corporate.
- **Find local opportunities:** New Ventures, Envision.
- **Create giving portal resources:** Global Advance Fund (GAF), local church to church partnerships, Approved Specials.
- **Develop Partnerships:** Seamless Link Covenants are a great tool to highlight a shared vision with a church to reach a least-reached people group. They also help communicate clarity about what partnership really is, i.e. – prayer, funding, communication and possible short-term ministry assistance.
- **Identify Emerging Leaders:** As an IW, you may be spotting in your web of relationships, people that God is asking you to tap on the shoulder. There are Timothy’s, Priscillas, Aquilas, and Robert Jaffrays, people just like you but at different stages. We spot them and nurture them together.
- **Participate:** As a co-labourer in the local contexts around you.