

Mission Committees as Mobilizers

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



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The Christian and Missionary Alliance (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 of mission-focused disciple-making is bigger than a home church supporting our mission work. If our ancestors in mission history could shout out a warning to us about our day and time, they might say overall, “your vision is too small!” We need a larger view. In fact, mobilizing men and women for God’s mission is “**co-recruiting them with the Holy Spirit, for the mission of the church for the nations.**”

What mobilizes Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and *Mission-focused* people?

Fortunately, the key ingredient is one God has been generous to give, to all who ask – Jesus Christ, in all His fullness, filling His people with His Holy Spirit. While this booklet is a tool-kit for forming mission-focused individuals and churches, none of it will come to anything without Jesus and the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit, at the center of it all. He leads, He vindicates, He wins hearts and minds, and He is both the object and the source of the mission we join.

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 us and those around you.

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.

- Share stories of God at work in your own local church, in the region around you, and in places where there is little or no access to the Gospel.

How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- Attend mission-focused events at churches that have been doing them well, and borrow ideas!
- Develop your own intercessory prayer team for your ministry.
- Find your favourite sources for Christ-centred stories of God at work.

Practical Application:

- Take time with those in your church to ask, “what is God doing around us?”
- Set apart more than one mission-focused Sunday a year, create environments where listening and discerning God’s presence can happen.
- Invite life-transforming testimonies into your meetings and training sessions. People see the importance of mission when they learn of ways the Spirit of God is doing new things.



Prayer Meeting for China Missions – circa 1915

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

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- Collect prayer tools from local networks, district offices, or the National Ministry Center, Alliance Prayer team, or other local church leaders where prayer is thriving.
- Develop partnerships with New Ventures and International Workers.

Practical Application:

- Have next steps ready after every missions' presentation. For example, adopt a Least-Reached People Group (LRPG), forgo coffee once a week to donate to GAF, or read all passages where God refers to the lost.
- Spend time with your fellow leaders and identify and develop emerging leaders.
- Develop a team to research the demographics of your neighbourhood.



Learn more about LRPG's at cmacan.org/LRPG

Mission committees 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.

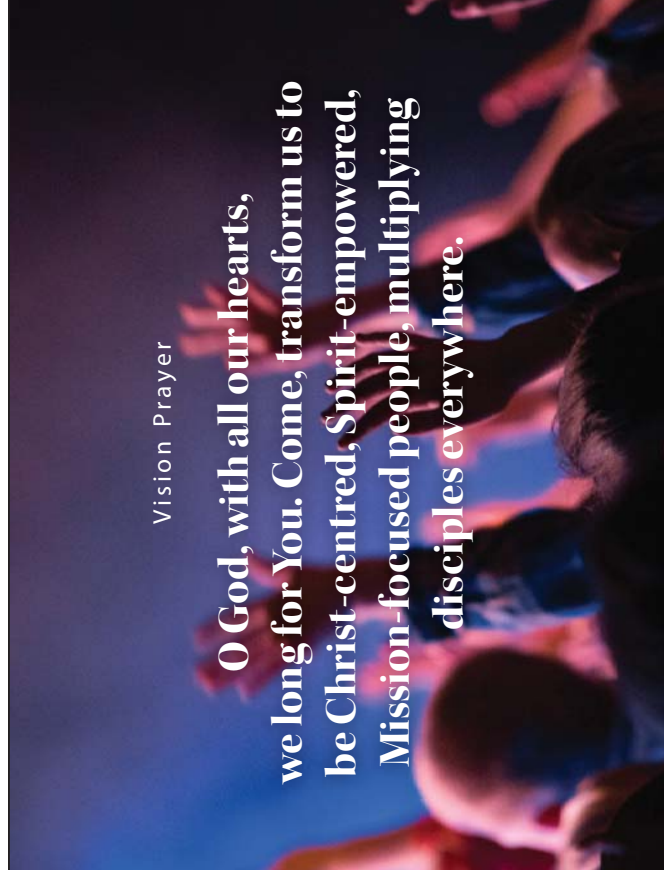
Our calling is to develop reproducing indigenous communities of faith among least-reached people groups. Although we all come from different churches, cultures and communities in Canada, we want to be a mobilized mosaic, growing in our own spiritual health and empowering the next generation.

How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- 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).
- Become articulate in the description of your own ministry considering God's missionary heart.
- Call for speakers who can complement big picture redemptive teaching in your context.

Practical Application:

- Frequently reference the “why” about missions (the reason we are a part of this ministry).
- Share with ministry leaders in your church how they are a key part in making mission-focused disciples.
- Select sentences from our national vision prayer or strategy that can become common practice in local church life.



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

Identifying clear pathways is simply giving clear options for people to begin nurturing their life on mission. The Holy Spirit will prompt them, but as stewards of God's sheep and as leaders we need to define excellent, Biblical and time-tested ways to nurture a Mission-focused life, and make space for new expressions of these as well.

There are so many ways one can grow as a mission-focused disciple right in their own church, region or country. What's important is discipleship action steps, not geography!

- **Find local opportunities:** in your church and neighbourhood to reach out, or show hospitality (international students for example, or Syrian refugee assistance or support). Discover the opportunities highlighted by Envision Canada. There are some regional events in Canada which are both discipleship and mission-focused weeks such as SOAR-Montreal.
- **Create giving portals:** giving periodic reminders of details for funding project helps individuals that the Spirit is moving towards giving. Give clear next steps regarding ways to give to the Global Advance Fund (GAF), New Ventures, and church-to-church partnerships happening locally.
- **Identify emerging leaders:** Find the people that God is asking you to tap on the shoulder. There are Timothys, Priscillas, Aquilas, and Robert Jaffrays, people just like our international workers, but at different stages. Spot them and nurture them together.
- **Partner:** With New Ventures to help start new outreach ministries in your local context. Seamless Link Covenants are ways to educate the congregation about both the vision of our Global Ministries teams, as well as the four fundamental elements of good missions' partnerships that help, by God's grace, to accomplish the vision for his glory.
- **Participate:** As a co-labourer in the local contexts around you.