

Official Workers 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.



A. B. Simpson and the Gospel Carriage

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, the sound, the 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.

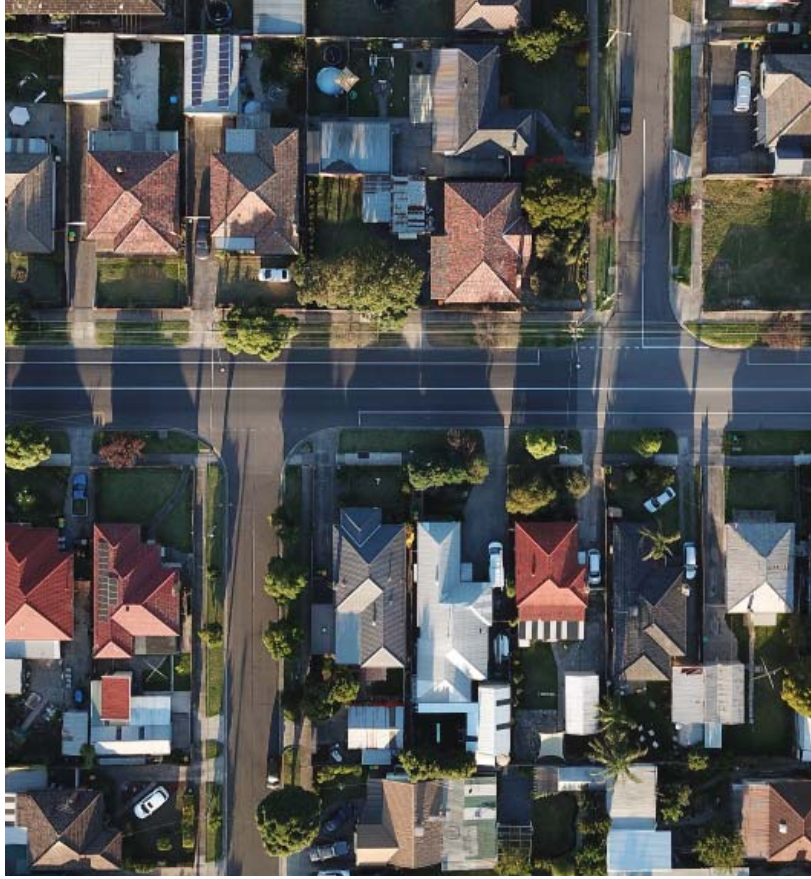
Want more ideas or more information of how to develop a mission-focused life, visit cmacan.org/mobilizers

How to Develop Your Mobilizing Ministry:

- 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:

- Spend time with your fellow leaders and identify and develop emerging leaders.
- Develop a team to research the demographics of your neighbourhood.
- Have a “here’s something you can do today” section in your announcements, or follow up when a mission’ presentation is given.



Official 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 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 fluent in the strategy for reaching people in your own neighbourhood and region.
- Champion initiatives in your district/region.

Practical Application:

- Dedicate regular teaching times to core truths about mission.
- Equip those in your circle of influence to know and integrate God's heart for the nations into all ministries.
- Define terms like "least-reached people groups (LRPG)" periodically for people to help them become familiar.

See Appendix "D" for some ideas for teaching and preaching on God's mission in the world. Visit cmacan.org/mobilizers



The God Made Known

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 to make space for new expressions of these as well.

- **Lead prayer networks:** Give suggestions on different ways to pray and provide prayer aids (prayer meetings, prayer guide, prayer walk, prayer blog, closed Facebook, WhatsApp groups).
- **Find local opportunities:** In your church and neighborhood to reach out, or show hospitality (International Students, or Syrian refugee assistance or support) Envision, SOAR (SLD).
- **Create giving portals:** Clear next step resources regarding ways to give (Global Advance Fund (GAF), local church to church partnerships, work specials).
- **Identify emerging leaders:** You may be spotting in your web of relationships people that God is asking you to tap on the shoulder. There are Timothys, Priscillas, and Aquilas, people just like you but at different stages. Spot them and nurture them together.
- **Partner:** With a New Venture in the context around you. Seamless Link Covenants are a great tool to highlight a shared vision with an International Worker to reach a least-reached people group. They also help communicate clarity about what partnership really is, i.e. prayer, refreshing, funding, communication and possible short-term ministry assistance.
- **Join:** Justice and Compassion on mission in Canada and around the world. There are multiple steps individuals and churches can take to advance the gospel of Jesus in action as well as word, like hosting International Students, welcoming refugees, partnering with relief and development along with local churches in areas experiencing catastrophe, and Defend Dignity.
- **Participate:** As co-labourers in the local contexts around you.