



Global Ministries Long Range Plan January 2013

Vision:

That all of God's people and creation share in God's abundant life

Mission:

To receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ by joining with global and local partners to work for justice, reconciliation, and peace

Core Values:

Presence – manifesting God's love by loving in intentional, committed relationships – *prasannam* (Tamil)

Mutuality – walking in hope with others in God's mission – *acompañamiento* (Spanish)

Community – building interdependence and unity among all God's children – *ubuntu* (Zulu)

Justice – living out God's radical love by confronting powers that deny the fullness of life and the integrity of creation – *gong yi* (Chinese)

Peace – embodying reconciling relationships with God, humanity, and creation – *shalom/salaam* (Hebrew/Arabic)

Strategic Directions:

Nurturing community – to accompany overseas partners, UCC/DOC regions, conferences, and congregations in witnessing to God's abundant grace through the proclamation of the Gospel and exchanges of people, gifts, and talents

Working for peace with justice – to affirm God's just and peaceable realm by living God's global mission church, facilitating the mobilization of God's people as advocates for current issues

Sharing the story – to acknowledge mission comes alive through personal stories and work with local and global partners to grow in global understanding by engaging more deeply in mission relationships and sharing those experiences

Developing resources – to recognize God's abundance and growing opportunities for collaboration and generosity by strengthening existing and exploring new funding mechanisms and sources for God's mission

The **objectives** of the Long Range Plan are determined by the Global Ministries staff based on the strategic directions.