

MWC MISSION COMMISSION

Program Plan, 2012-2015

1. In consultation with the MWC webmaster, institute a web-based communications center for the Mission Commission as a section of the MWC website. This will include appropriate data-bases and links for witness (GMF) and service (GASN) networks, articles and bibliographies, data-bases and announcements for regional/continental networks, and other postings as designed. James Krabill, along with a yet-to-be-determined designee from the GASN, will anchor this project.
2. Initiate the draft of an Anabaptist theology of mission which will serve the MWC global family. The first phase of this project, the identification of a set of 7-15 core convictions which are fundamental to Anabaptist missions, is scheduled for completion by November 2013, at the time of the next meeting of the Mission Commission. A four-member team from the Mission Commission, including both witness and service leaders, has been identified to lead the commission in this project.
3. Collaborate in the development of programs for the two networks scheduled to be held in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., in 2015. Our goal is maximum integration of witness and service initiatives and theological understandings along with appropriate, clear focus on the specific ministries of witness and service which are present in our churches and agencies.
4. Create complementary funding plans for the two networks. As part of this, we will also consider whether we can offer some reduction of annual grants from the MWC general fund to the Mission Commission. Simultaneously, we will seek to guard the full ownership of the Mission Commission by MWC as a whole and maintain healthy links with each of the other MWC commissions.
5. Identify, research, and share with members one new missional arena annually for the next three years. We have selected GMF/GASN partners in Ethiopia (2012-2013), Indonesia (2013-2014), and Bolivia/Mexico (2014-2015) to lead us in this project. The purposes of the project is for education, prayer, and potential partnership engagements from beyond the regions as well as within them.
6. Identify possible workshop topics for the Harrisburg 2015 General Assembly.
7. Continue encouraging and resourcing, as appropriate, regional and continental mission gatherings.
8. In relation to # 2 above, encourage and participate in the publication of a core volume on Anabaptist missiology for the MWC global bookshelf.

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