

## Towards a Global Mobilization Network (GMN)

Through a series of discussions with leaders from multiple countries over the past several months, a consensus has arisen that there is a need for a new, neutral global network focused on mission mobilization. As a result, we are taking steps towards forming the Global Mobilization Network (GMN).

As we witness the emergence of a truly global Church we, like many other mobilizers, recognize the importance of global-level communication and cooperation. To quote the late Dr. Ralph Winter, *"The need for global-level planning, coordination and strategy is much, much more relevant today than it has ever been in human history."*

Our hope is that this "communication and cooperation" will result in mobilizing a global mission force finally capable of finishing the task.

Many have shared keen insights concerning this new network and it has resulted in a growing understanding of what we hope this network might aspire to be:

- We believe it should exist to affirm the call of all types of mission mobilizers and encourage greater cooperation among mobilizers from around the world.
- We believe it should exist as a platform to foster relationship building, ongoing communication, including the sharing of ideas and resources.
- We believe it should exist to provide the continuing development of a theology and praxis of mission mobilization as well as to promote best practices distilled through the input of mobilizers from around the world.

As this new network takes shape we believe we must be: 1) **sensitive and responsive** to the leading of the Holy Spirit; 2) **inclusive**—inviting input from mobilizers around the world; and 3) **intentional** to create a network that serves the needs of those participating in the network while carrying forward the shared vision to see the whole Church mobilized to finish the task.

It is our prayer, that, by God's grace, we will realize the power of synergy that unity and cohesion produces. And we commit ourselves to work together in collaboration for a cause greater than us all.

**Synergy** is a Greek word that means "working together". This means the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. We believe *we* are better, more powerful, more skilled, and better equipped when *we* come together. We must be able to harness our diversity for it to become our greatest strength. It is when we come together, when we bring our various perspectives, focus, abilities, callings, etc. It is then we begin to see the greater "we" that

is the body of Christ. We must believe we are better, more powerful, more skilled, better equipped when we come together. This is the power of Synergy.

**Collaboration** is a purposeful relationship in which all parties strategically choose to cooperate in order to accomplish a shared outcome. We commit ourselves to labor together because that desired outcome necessitates far more than our individual efforts. We do so because we believe it is what Christ envisions for His body. Finally we do so because we believe that when we lovingly and respectfully value the contribution of one another it is Christ honoring.

**Cohesion**, the act of forming a united whole, makes synergy and collaboration possible. Shared values, shared vision and a well-defined mission statement will serve as the glue that both attracts us to mutual relationship and holds us functionally together. We believe that it is Christ and our commitment to His cause that compels us to cohere. We propose this new network not to produce this cohesion but rather as a result of it.

Finally, we envision the Global Mobilization Network (GMN) as a consortium of global ministries focused on mobilizing the worldwide Church to finish the Task. We are all bound together by a common faith and a shared vision for seeing Christ made known among all nations.

We envision a network where relationships, alliances, working partnerships with one another are valued. Together we have better ideas, because ideas become better when we work together.

Never in the history of man has it been more imperative that we recognize the different but important parts of the body of Christ and humbly submit our best ideas to be improved by others.

*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."*