



Global Outreach Team (GO Team)

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The GO Team is engaged in the life-long discipling process by spurring on our congregation to develop as Global Christians in their Great Commission calling.

We do this through engagement and involvement in the following areas:

- Leading our congregation to discover that as Christians, God has called each one to missions*, and challenge our members to reflect and act on their response (ie. praying, giving, going, receiving, hosting, encouraging, etc).
- Educating the congregation in cross-cultural missions* and creating an environment of ownership for the international missions* ministries Faith CRC supports firsthand.
- Providing opportunities to learn about cross-cultural missions*, the unfinished task, and God's global body.
- Building a strong, nurturing relationship with our missionaries (ie. prayer, care, finances, two-way communication, ministry projects).
- Encouraging personal involvement in healthy short-term missions* opportunities, and providing resources and support as needed.
- Committing to support the international missions* efforts of the Deacons and come alongside where appropriate
- Continuing to learn about missions* issues, information, opportunities, and needs as team members.

*In this context "**missions**" refers to:

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and advancing the Kingdom of God in word and deed across cultural, linguistic and geographic boundaries for the transformation of lives and communities.

Membership: 5 – 8 flexible team players with a growing spiritual life, a passion for God, respect for the Global church, and a burden to see God's Kingdom expand. The team includes a liaison from the Diaconate. Given spiritual gifting, skill set, experience, and / or interest, additional members from the congregation may be asked to assist the GO Team with various programs or projects.

Term: The team will reconfirm each member's participation yearly. The chair will serve for a two year term. Meetings are normally once a month with additional meetings as required.

Alignment: The purpose and goals of the GO Team is aligned to the Faith CRC ministry priorities and action statements in the following ways:

“We seek to grow as apprentices of Christ, devoted to discipleship, stewardship and spiritual growth.”

- As disciples, we desire to spread the Good News with grateful, willing hearts in obedience to God.
- As we grow our priorities shift more and more to His priorities of having “every tongue, tribe and nation” worship before His throne.

“We meet to offer up our prayers and praise to God and receive His renewing strength through the gift of His Spirit.”

- Our worship will be strengthened as we align more and more to what God is calling us to do.
- Being aware of what is happening in the lives of our missionaries and ministries, we are able to raise prayer in a timely fashion and advance the Kingdom in a more effective manner.
- Being informed of prayer needs and praises of situations around the world, we pray into situations that cause the global church and our Lord both joy and pain.

“Together we establish relationships that reflect Christ Himself, building connections with those in our church and neighbourhoods (community).”

- Seeing the world as our neighbourhood, we gain a richer understanding of Christ and His Body through relationships with fellow Christians of other countries and cultures.
- We provide a means / method for intentional care and support to the missionaries our congregation is committed to.

“We each take part in recognizing our talents and gifts, using them with eagerness and people and situations which will be blessed by the generosity shown.”

- Through the sending of short-term mission teams, members of our church build relationships on a deeper level with one another, the Lord, and other brothers & sisters in Christ.
- Our membership is notified of and encouraged to participate in overseas ministry opportunities, and also offered the support and resources needed to serve well and successfully reintegrate.
- Advocating for our missionaries, launching missions initiatives, and supporting missionary projects draws on a diverse set of talents, and stretches us to put those gifts into service.

“Using the passion given to us, we will actively engage our community, seeking to meet real needs. Our goal is to demonstrate God’s love in all situations.”

- Working in support of the deacons, the team helps in assessing missions causes requesting support. Being aware of missionary / field needs, the team also brings related and needed projects to their attention.
- Spurring on missions involvement, the team helps to orient, debrief, support and encourage those involved in short-term international ministry opportunities.
- Seeing the world as our community, the team seeks to educate the congregation about the wider challenges and needs related to missions.