

Missions Education & Engagement Team

Educating and Motivating Churches for Global Outreach

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I. Who We Are

One of Christian Reformed World Missions' key strategies is to mobilize CRC congregations for greater missions involvement. To accomplish this goal World Missions developed the Missions Education and Engagement Team (MEET). Our primary aim is to educate and motivate churches for global outreach. We do this through a variety of services and resources.

Our vision at World Missions is to walk alongside local congregations to enhance their vision for global outreach. We want to see local congregations actively engaged in global ministry. Through tailored resources, training, and consultation services, we strive to assist local church leaders in stimulating a deeper vision for and involvement in missions. We work with these leaders to help them discover, enhance, and grow their church's participation in the Great Commission.

MEET is intentionally distinct from the development or fundraising function of World Missions. Our aim is not to request funds from churches, as important as that work is, but to educate churches about missions, provide missions resources to churches, and motivate churches to actively pursue their vision for reaching God's world with the message of the kingdom. This can happen through CRWM, other CRC agencies, or in a variety of other ways.

II. What We Offer

World Missions offers a variety of services and resources in such areas as:

- Missions Education
- Coaching and Consulting Services
- Missions Resources
- Other Services

A. MISSIONS EDUCATION	TIME	AUDIENCE
1. <u>Conferences</u> World Missions and CRWRC sponsor conferences to equip churches for global outreach. These are called GO Missions Conferences (CRWM) and Faith in Action Conferences (CRWRC). Included is a keynote address, two sets of 4-6 different workshops led by various presenters, and time for fellowship, networking, and discussion. For more information and dates of upcoming conferences visit our website – Click on Resources then Missions Education & Coaching .	6-7 hours	General, adults
2. <u>Workshops</u> MEET representatives are available to conduct a variety of workshops in churches. These can be conducted with individual church or classis	1-3 hours	Church and missions leadership,

<p>groups or used in various conferences or “Day of Encouragement” events.</p> <p>Some of these include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Are Missionaries Still Needed? Tough Questions from the Changing Face of Missions Short Term Missions – Long Term Impact? Short Term Missions – Bringing the Learning Home How to Operate an Effective Missions Committee or Global Outreach Team Developing a Strategic Plan for Global Outreach Mission Emphasis Event How-Tos Partnership: Connecting North American churches to Majority World Churches and Communities Global Partnerships – Are you ready? <p>Descriptions of the workshops can be found on our website - Click on Resources then Missions Education & Coaching.</p>		adults
<p>3. <u>Pastors’ Breakfasts & Luncheons</u></p> <p>World Missions treats pastors and outreach directors to breakfast or lunch while engaging church leadership about the changing world of missions and how these trends are impacting local congregations. The format is interactive with time for discussion and networking with fellow pastors and outreach directors. A fun, interactive Global Challenge quiz can be included.</p>	2 hours	Pastors, youth pastors, outreach directors
<p>4. <u>Sunday Schools</u></p> <p>We are available to teach any age Sunday School class. Lessons include hands-on props, videos, missions education, and interactive activities depending on the age and time frame.</p>	15 minutes-1 hour	Any age Sunday School class
<p>5. <u>Christian Schools</u></p> <p>We can lead Bible or social studies classes and participate in chapels. Lessons include hands-on props, videos, missions education, and interactive activities depending on the age and time frame.</p>	15 minutes-1 hour	K-College

B. COACHING AND CONSULTING SERVICES	TIME	AUDIENCE
<p>1. <u>Consulting Services</u></p> <p>A MEET representative will meet with church leaders to help them work through issues related to global outreach. Workshops, seminars, training sessions, and resources can be designed to meet the specific needs of a church.</p>	Varies	Church and missions leadership
<p>2. <u>Mentoring Program for Summer Missions</u></p> <p>MEET representatives coach mentors who walk alongside a young adult from their congregation who is going on the CRWM Summer Mission Program. The on-line collection of articles, resources, and ideas are available to others seeking to serve as mentors.</p> <p>For more information about Mentoring for SMP visit our website – Click on Get Involved then A Summer then Who.</p>		Missions mentors in local churches

<p>3. Church Missions Coaching (16:15 3-D Process) Through a series of workshops, we help churches discover, design, and deploy a strategic plan for their global outreach ministries based on their own unique gifts, passions, and resources that allows them to have an even greater impact on the world for Christ.</p>		Church and missions leadership
<p>a. <u>Introductory Workshop</u> One of our coaches will visit a church and meet with a missions team or committee to present an overview of church missions coaching and answer any questions people might have about the coaching process.</p>	45 minutes-1 hour	
<p>b. <u>Discovery Workshop</u> The Discovery Workshop helps a church assess who they are as a church – their gifts, passions, vocations, resources, vision, values, strengths, and weaknesses. Then, they explore where God is leading them in global outreach. This workshop gives the church a chance to determine whether they are ready to commit to the longer-term process of coaching without any obligation to continue.</p>	3 hours	
<p>c. <u>3-D Process</u> The 3-D process refers to the steps involved in the overall coaching program following the Discovery Workshop. The process unfolds through a series of workshops over a six to nine month period. The three Ds stand for Discover, Design, and Deploy.</p>	3 hours each workshop; 5-8 workshops	
For more information about Church Missions Coaching click on Resources then Missions Education & Coaching or go to http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm_church_coaching.cfm .		

<p>C. MISSIONS RESOURCES</p>	<p>MORE INFO</p>
<p>1. Educational Resources Videos, <i>Plugged-in to Missions</i> DVD missions education curriculum, <i>The Go Guide</i>, and others.</p> <p>For more information about Educational Resources visit our website – Click on Resources then General Resources or Missions Education & Coaching.</p>	Resource brochures including printed materials, books, and videos are available for downloading from our website. Click on Resources and select a brochure from the column on the right.
<p>2. Church Resources Numerous resources are available for churches including <i>Global Update</i> CDs and Reports, Pentecost resources (posters, offering DVD, worship ideas, bulletins & inserts) , flags, printed resources, fundraising kits, <i>Missions Toolkit</i>, and much more.</p> <p>For more information about Church Resources visit our website – Click on Resources then General Resources.</p>	To borrow flags: In Michigan contact World Missions at 1-616-224-5894. Elsewhere in the U.S., contact your Regional Missions Mobilizer. In Canada contact Liz at 1-800-730-3490.
<p>3. Children’s Resources We have a variety of resources available for children such as activity books, bulletin covers, children’s activity bulletins, a poster contest, and videos.</p>	

For more information about Children’s Resources visit our website – Click on Resources then Children .	
<p>4. <u>Missions Committee Resources</u> Find resources such as Mission Leadership Team Responsibilities, Mission Emphasis Resources, Keys for Missions Committee Operation, How to Help Your Pastor in Missions, Mission Scriptures, and others.</p> <p>For more information about Mission Committees Resources visit our website – Click on Resources then Missions Committees & Outreach Teams.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Prayer Resources</u> You can sign up to receive a weekly email prayer update about our missionaries and international concerns called ePray. Other prayer resources include <i>Help Your Congregation Pray for Missions</i>, <i>Prayer Quotes</i>, <i>Praying for Missions and Missionaries</i>.</p> <p>For more information about Prayer Resources visit our website – Click on Resources then Prayer Resources</p>	<p>To sign up for ePray visit www.crw.org/membership.</p> <p>On the CRCNA website you can view weekly and monthly prayer concerns. Visit www.crcna.org. Click on Get Involved then Prayer Support.</p>
<p>6. <u>Website</u> A variety of resources can be found on our website at www.crw.org. Look under Resources and Get Involved. A number of World Missions resources are available through Faith Alive Christian Resources.</p>	<p>To order resources from Faith Alive Christian Resources: Call: 1-877-272-6201 Email: sales@faithaliveresources.org Order online at: www.faithalivesresources.org</p>

D. OTHER SERVICES	TIME	AUDIENCE
<p>1. <u>Preaching</u> Ordained staff is available to preach at mission emphasis events, global outreach Sundays, and for “supply” preaching.</p>		General
<p>2. <u>Worship Services – Missions Celebration Services</u> We are available to participate in, design, or lead worship service with mission emphasis themes. This can include the sermon, children’s message, and video missions updates.</p>		General
<p>3. <u>Classis Meetings Presentations</u> Staff, missionaries and Regional Missions Mobilizers are available to give an update on the ministry of CRWM and how the churches in that classis are making a Kingdom difference.</p>	5 minutes – 1 hour	Classis delegates
<p>4. <u>Regional Missions Mobilizers</u> Fourteen Mobilizers represent World Missions in every region of the U.S. and Canada. They work with Missions Advocates in each church to keep churches informed about and motivated for missions.</p>		General

III. How to Contact Us

A. MEET Staff

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B. Website – More information and pictures are available on our website. Click on Contact Us then CRWM Staff - http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm_where.cfm .

C. Regional Missions Mobilizers – Click on Contact Us then CRWM Regional Missions Mobilizers - http://www.crcna.org/pages/crwm_reg_mob_listing.cfm .

IV. Costs

A. Ministry Shares

Christian Reformed congregations provide approximately 39% of World Missions income through the ministry share system. Because of the generosity of God's people through the use of the ministry share system, World Missions is able to provide many services and resources to CRC congregations at no additional cost.

For a limited number of services and resources, however, there are fees that help cover the costs of the services and resources that are not covered by ministry shares. Charging a modest amount for these allows us to make services and resources available to a greater number of congregations throughout North America.

B. Education and Consulting Services

No additional cost.

C. Coaching

No cost for the Introductory Workshop. Subsequent workshops are charged at \$50/hour or \$150 for each 3-hour workshop. This includes the costs of all travel, lodging, and materials.

D. Conferences

GO Conferences cost \$20/person for the full day, \$15/person for a half day. This includes registration, workshop materials, and lunch.

E. Resources

The majority of World Missions' resources is free and includes shipping. A limited number require payment. These are indicated in our resource brochures and website.