

Resonate Global Mission Organizational Foundations

OUR MANDATE

Resonate Global Mission shall give leadership to the denomination in its task of bringing the gospel holistically to the people of North America and the world and drawing them into fellowship with Christ and his church. The mandate of the agency has three aspects. The agency shall:

- encourage and assist congregations and classes in their work of evangelism and discipleship.
- initiate, support, and guide new-church development and other evangelistic and discipling ministries.
- develop Christian leaders.

(Acts of Synod 2015, pp. 464)

OUR VISION - WHAT WE WANT TO SEE

Communities of disciples joining in God's mission as they faithfully proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus in their local neighborhoods and around the world.

OUR MISSION - WHAT WE WANT TO DO

Compelled by God's mission to save the lost and renew all things, we exist to engage more and more people in the Spirit's call to live out God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world.

OUR KEY STRATEGIES - HOW WE DO IT

Resonate joins with a diverse network of CRCNA congregations and other partners locally and globally. We work to mobilize individuals and communities to participate in God's mission and work for the spiritual and social transformation of the world. We believe that the Holy Spirit is igniting a global gospel movement and we can join in by investing in these three critical strategies:

Forming Leaders

Missional leaders are those who live out, influence, invite and equip others to join God's mission. We want to see an increasing number of Christians **formed** to engage and lead others on God's mission.

Sending Congregations

Jesus sends all his followers into the world as his witnesses. We want to see an increasing number of diverse, locally-rooted, and globally-connected congregations and ministries **sent** to faithfully proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus.

Connecting Networks

As more people join God on mission, we want to see people working together for spiritual and social transformation in their neighborhoods and around the world. We work to foster an increasing number of networks of leaders **connected** in relationships of mutual learning, trust, and influence.

OUR PRIORITIES:

Develop young adults and lay leaders for mission

We will open space for diverse groups of young adults and lay leaders, equipping, mentoring and discipling them so that together we may share the good news and live out the gospel in all areas of life.

Plant churches that participate in broader church planting movements

We will catalyze the planting of diverse churches locally and globally that seek spiritual and social transformation in their communities.

Equip and encourage congregations in gospel witness

We will challenge, encourage, and equip communities of disciples locally and globally to discern the Holy Spirit's work in their neighborhoods and boldly follow the Spirit into relationships that concretely demonstrate the love of Christ and grow the church.

Minister with diaspora communities

We will mobilize believers inside and outside communities of immigrants, migrants, refugees, and international students in a way that welcomes and embraces them, communicates God's love, and calls them to faith in Christ.

OUR POSTURES

Prayer

We saturate all we do in prayer because we are completely dependent on God.

Listening

We listen to the Holy Spirit, the Word and one another in order to discern God's will.

Serving

We serve others above ourselves, walking in the footsteps of Jesus who gave his life for us.

Learning

We are at our best when we work together and learn from each other.

Care and Accountability

We offer appreciation for each other, we own our mistakes, and we celebrate what God is doing in and through us.

Peacemaking

We model and nurture trust and respect across barriers that divide people.

OUR PILLARS

Biblical values that undergird our mission

God's mission as central to our being as the church (God's mission)

Joining the mission of God, the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to call everyone to know and follow Christ and to proclaim to all the assurance that in the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe. The Spirit calls all members to embrace God's mission in their neighborhoods and in the world: to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and free the prisoner.

We repent of leaving this work to a few, for this mission is central to our being.

On our part in God's mission, see Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:45-49, and John 17:18; on seeing our mission beyond our local community, Matthew 24:14 and Acts 13:1-3; on meeting the needs of people, Matthew 25:31-46 and Luke 4:18-19; and on the centrality of mission to our being, John 20:21.

(Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony, para. 41)

God's loving care for creation and people (whole world)

We celebrate the abundance and diversity of the gifts and resources God has given to all peoples and cultures. We continually point others toward and remind ourselves of God's faithful provision to both meet our own needs and to share with others. We embrace our calling as disciples of Jesus to live and learn together as faithful and generous stewards of God's best intentions for the world.

Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose.

See Genesis 3: 9:8-16; Psalm 104, especially verse 30; Matthew 5:45; and Acts 14:17. For the promises of a Savior, see Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 11:1-5; 42:1-7; 53; and Micah 5:2.

(Our World Belongs to God, para. 4)

The comprehensive scope of God's redemptive work in Christ (whole gospel)

We announce the gospel of Jesus as good news of redemption for the whole world. We proclaim and embrace the reconciling work of Christ for personal salvation, and we participate in God's reconciling and transforming of our world by working for God's reign of peace and justice. We recognize all aspects of life and community, as well as the darkness in our own personal lives, as needing redemption and transformation.

In a world estranged from God . . . we witness—with respect for followers of other ways— to the only one in whose name salvation is found: Jesus Christ. In Jesus, God reconciles the world to himself. God loves all creation; his compassion knows no bounds.

On the exclusive claims of Christ, see John 14:6 and Acts 4:12; on God's love and compassion for the world, see Matthew 9:36-38 and John 3:16

(Our World Belongs to God, para. 42)

The church as the worldwide body of Christ formed by the Spirit and the word (whole church)

We celebrate the unity in diversity of the worldwide body of Christ. We humbly

acknowledge that the church is empowered by the Spirit to not only announce but also live out the good news of Jesus. We commit ourselves and call others to a radical discipleship that follows Jesus in the way of the cross, putting others above ourselves and overcoming evil with good. We seek to model this by being a caring and diverse community ourselves. In our worldwide ministry, we honor the work the Spirit has done and is doing through other expressions of the church while contributing our distinctive Reformed flavor. We seek to partner with others whenever and wherever possible.

The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. . . . Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life—pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

On the gathering of all nations, see Revelation 7:9-17 . . . and on the breadth of the church's mission in the Spirit, Philippians 1:27-2:15.

(Our World Belongs to God, para. 30)