

Am I included in the worldwide ministry of Jesus Christ on Earth?

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Just before Jesus left the earth to be with the Father he left us instructions:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20****New International Version (NIV)**

Did Jesus really mean that? Was he talking to me?

Some of us are called to leave home and family and travel to a distant land to preach the word of God to unreached people in distant lands. But even those who stay home with our families have an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Jesus Christ on earth, through our connection to our local Presbyterian church and through its connection to Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and through PC(USA)'s partnerships with churches throughout the world.

What are Mission Coworkers:

Presbyterian Mission Agency is engaged in actively organizing, training and equipping long term and short term missionaries to many nations, under the supervision of World Mission, whose headquarters lies in Louisville KY, with area and regional directors in many nations. World Mission has 142 mission coworkers in 50 countries. Each coworker is working within a partner church in the country where he or she is assigned.

Critical global initiatives:

PC(USA) World Mission invites each of us to walk with World Mission “in God’s ministry of transformation by supporting the three critical global initiatives identified by Presbyterians at home and around the world:

- [Evangelism](#): Train Leaders for Community Transformation: Develop 2,000 leaders worldwide by 2017 for evangelistic sharing of the gospel in community-transforming ways.
- [Global Poverty](#): Educate a Child, Transform the World; Promote quality education for one million children by 2020.
- [Reconciliation](#): Speak Up! Stop Sexual Violence: Build peace and reconciliation in cultures of violence, including our own.”

Communities of mission practice: A community of mission practice is the common space between three or more groups including U.S. Presbyterians, Global Partners and World Mission. For example, Charles and Melissa Johnson, members of Northwood Presbyterian Church, have been called by PC(USA) World Mission to serve as Mission Coworkers in Zambia, to work with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (Zambia Synod) in the area of agriculture and community development. Northwood Presbyterian Church, Mission Presbytery and many churches with Mission Presbytery, have been engaged to support the Johnsons, both financially and spiritually. More of communities of Mission Practice, see:

http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/global/pdf/mxrspring12.pdf

What can each congregation do?

Sessions, committees, study groups and individuals who want to learn about international mission can learn, can “go and see” and can support World Mission in prayer and action:

- Read Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study; <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>
- Follow *Mission Crossroads*:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/mission-crossroads/>

- Participate in a Presbytery Mission Trip- contact tom.omeara@sbcglobal.net

Cuba

Guatemala

Malawi and Zambia

- Receive the World Mission Newsletter: <http://info.pcusa.org/h/i/45916534E739DE88>
- Follow newsletter of a mission coworker:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mission-connections/>

- Invite a mission coworker to visit your church
- Attend a mission conference: for example:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/new-wilmington-mission-conference/>

- Send youth to Presbyterian Triennium

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/triennium-participants-worship-friday-night-lights/>

Let your Mission Presbytery Mission Outreach and Justice Committee know what you are interested in. We are ready, willing and able to help. Email: Tom.omeara@sbcglobal.net