

PCANZ Global Mission - Why, Where, and How

The PCANZ affirms that it is called to work with others to make Jesus Christ known through the five faces of mission:



- Through proclamation of the gospel
- Through the nurture and teaching of people in the Christian faith
- Through response to human need in loving service
- Through seeking to transform society
- Through care for creation

Global Mind: A Theology of Mission - Called, Sent, Empowered*

We believe that the Christian community is a people *called* by God to participate and share in God's mission in this world – to be a humble, prophetic and celebratory sign, embodiment and hope-filled foretaste of life in the coming reign of God. It is a people *sent* by God in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit to witness to, and to represent, the liberating, empowering, healing, and reconciling love of God wherever such is identified. It is a people *empowered* by God to embody in its own life the mystery of salvation.

**(With thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jason Goroncy. To read the full mission statement click [here](#))*

Global Mission - Our Vision:

To grow global followers of Jesus Christ

Global Hope – Our Outcome:

Transforming the church through the activity of mission both globally and locally

Global Action –Making a Difference Through These Four Streams:

1) Mission Partnerships

Relationships - Encouraging PCANZ congregations to be engaged in a global mission relationship.

Mission Experience and Service - Providing opportunities for PCANZ members to gain mission awareness through exposure visits, cross-cultural experiences, and serving overseas in a partner church's ministry.

Resourcing - Supporting our partner churches with finances and mission resources.

2) International Relations:

Strategic relationships - Developing high-level strategic relationships with partner churches in South-East Asia and the Pacific.

Networking - Extending our network of strategic relations with churches throughout these regions.

3) Social Justice:

Human trafficking, bonded labour and migrant issues - Educating members of the PCANZ about the injustices of human trafficking, bonded labour and migrant abuse, and equipping them to work to overcome them. Providing opportunities for members of our churches to gain awareness and experience of these issues through the ministries of our partner churches.

4) Youth:

Cross-cultural experiences – Encourage young adult members of the PCANZ to participate in a global mission experience through the Going Global programme and internship opportunities with partner churches.

Growing mission minded leaders - Equip and train young adults to become effective leaders in cross-cultural mission.

Mission Principles

1. Historical partnerships

The PCANZ has longstanding mission partnerships with The Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, and the Church of North India. These date back to the days of missionary activity over a hundred years ago. The historic relationship with these churches is deeply valued by all parties. Through these partnerships we respond to the call of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations and help to provide resources for Christian mission overseas. This also enriches the life of the PCANZ through our mutual sharing and growing together in the worldwide body of Christ. PCANZ remains committed to honouring these relationships and working with our partners as they continue to give expression to the gospel in their unique cultures and contexts.

2. Newer Partnerships

More recently PCANZ has developed equally valued relationships with churches in Asia (Myanmar, Taiwan, South Korea). We maintain regular contact with these partners, developing our relationships and remaining informed of their mission contexts and needs. We respond to invitations to share resources, expertise and personnel, and extend invitations to them to do the same where possible. We will willingly respond to invitations to share in new mission partnerships as time and resources allow, and in accordance with our mission strategy.

3. Geographic Location

NZ has an emerging identity as a nation within the Asia Pacific region, and this has a bearing on where we focus our time and resources in Global Mission. We identify closely with the churches and nations within this geographical region, and by targeting our resources in a defined area we can make maximum impact. This does not mean we will not engage in mission beyond this region, but that the Asia Pacific region will be our main focus area for existing and new mission partnerships.

4. Equipping membership

Global Mission invites congregations and individuals within PCANZ to engage in mission with our overseas partners. We provide appropriate training and resources to encourage and equip members of PCANZ to serve in mission in accordance with their gifts and skills. Our vision is that every PCANZ congregation will engage in some form of global mission.

5. Exposure visits and cross cultural faith-sharing

Exposure visits and cross-cultural faith sharing build understanding and awareness with our partners. They provide valuable learning opportunities for participants to grow both personally and spiritually, and contribute to training in theology and missiology. Global Mission will actively encourage mutual

participation in these experiences.

6. Multiculturalism

Mission overseas and with our partner churches is now inseparable from mission with migrants who have made New Zealand their home. Mission is both local and global. We seek to call people locally and globally to faith in Jesus Christ, to discipleship, witness, service, and the care of creation.