



GLOBAL MISSION COMMISSION (GMC) OVERVIEW

Current global mission is being redefined by moving away from solely giving aid and building structures and moving towards encouraging long-term relationships with global partners. These relationships and friendships are what will foster lasting change in the world.

BACKGROUND

The Global Mission Commission (GMC) was formed by act of the 2015 Diocesan Convention to inspire, educate, and support congregations and individuals within the Diocese to engage in the reconciling work of God in the world. A group of volunteers, including both clergy and lay leaders, from parishes around the diocese began developing plans to implement this directive.

OUR MISSION

To know Christ and to make Christ known in the world by nurturing mutual relationships of Christ-like love, peace, and friendship with all people in our global communities.

OUR SHORT-TERM GOALS

- Recognize and promote the work being done overseas by members of the diocese and highlight best practices.
- Serve, support and train congregations to become more outward focused and mission oriented.
- Train and support mission leaders by offering opportunities for short-term mission trips, pilgrimages and contextual learning.

OUR LONG-TERM GOALS

- Promote models of mission work that are sustainable, empowering, and justice-oriented within the diocesan congregations through advocacy, discernment and prayer
- Network with congregations engaged in similar work in the Anglican communion and by our Ecumenical partners such as Lutherans

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Educated the diocese through conferences and conversations:
 - May 2018 Conference – Mission: Partnership & Pilgrimage
 - June 2019 Conversation – Leadership
 - November 2019 Conversation – Water
 - August 2020 Webinar - Effects of COVID-19 throughout the Anglican Communion
 - April 2021 Zoom Conversations - Companion Relationship with Guatemala and Bishop Gutiérrez' vision for Global Mission in our diocese
- Offered financial support to other groups and parishes within the diocese:
 - December 2020 – donated to Princess Basma Center and Thistle Hill
 - April 2021 – launched a new grant program for parishes interested in starting or furthering a global mission project.
 - The first grant was given to Gloria Dei Church in May 2021 for a new program in India.

PARISHES ACTIVE IN GLOBAL MISSION

- Church of the Good Samaritan (Africa, South America) – www.good-samaritan.org/missions
- St. David's Church, Radnor (Africa, Caribbean, Central America) - stdavidchurch.org/outreach/international-ministries/
- St. Martin's Church, Radnor (Middle East) – www.standwithiraqichristians.org

- St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville (Central America) – saintpeterschurch.net/?s=mission
- St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh (Central America – stthomaswhitemarsh.org/?s=mission

MEMBERSHIP

Our committee is comprised of the following clergy and lay leaders:

Co-Chairpersons: **Phoebe Griswold**, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Germantown and **the Rev. Maurice Dyer**, St. David's Church, Radnor

Burt Blackburn, St. John's Episcopal Church Concord, Glen Mills; **Pam Faber**, St. Martin's Church, Radnor; **Joe Madison**, Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge; **The Rev. Koshy Mathews**, Gloria Dei Church, Philadelphia; **Joan Menocal**, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill; **The Rev. Albert Ogle**, St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill; **Gary Russell**, St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville; **Karen Sawyer**, St. Matthew's Church, Maple Glen; **The Rev. James Stambaugh**, Church of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne; **Jim Weiss**, St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh.