

Charis Commitment to Common Mission



PLANTING CHURCHES

We believe that the Church, expressed through disciples, leaders, local churches, agencies, and institutions, is responsible to equip and send out workers to establish new churches among all ethnicities, everywhere.

Therefore, we call upon ...

1. **Local churches** to equip their members to do good works, testify of their faith, make disciples, train leaders, give generously, and pray faithfully for the establishment of new churches.
2. **Leaders** to learn from one another, to teach disciples to understand cultural differences, to cooperate in missional projects, to organize prayer networks, and to release workers to plant new churches.
3. **Mission committees and agencies** to facilitate the sending of leaders and teams to plant new churches among peoples of similar and different cultures, locally, regionally, and globally.
4. **Theological and missiological institutions** to train in the attitudes, principles, and practices essential to teamwork, equip according to giftedness, impart to pastors a missional mindset toward all ethnicities, and prepare church planters for the complementary roles of building relationships, proclaiming the Good News, and training new disciples.



TRAINING LEADERS

We believe that trained, godly leaders are indispensable to the health and multiplication of the Church and are responsible to influence others to grow in character, knowledge, and skills according to their spiritual gifts.

Therefore, we call upon ...

1. **Local churches** to assume the primary responsibility to train new leaders and to protect existing leaders from isolation, temptation, and burnout through promoting accountability, delegation, and teamwork.
2. **Leaders** to impact multiple generations of leaders through a lifelong process in which they live as examples and proactively pass along their values, convictions, and experience.

3. **Theological and missiological institutions** to develop culturally sensitive strategies and methods to train leaders, creating a comprehensive set of tools to a) proclaim the Gospel (from non-belief to salvation), b) teach the fundamentals (from salvation to baptism), c) enlist in ministry service (from baptism to service), d) train leaders according to gifting (from service to leadership), e) empower leaders to train others according to gifting (from leadership to mentoring), and f) encourage a life of wisdom (family & work ethics, etc.)



DOING GOOD

We believe that all Christians are responsible to represent Jesus in the world through the proclamation of the Good News and the practice of good works, two fundamental components of our mission that must be held in tandem.

Therefore, we call upon ...

1. **Local churches** to affirm the inseparable link between proclaiming the Good News and practicing ethical relationships and charitable works. Such teaching encourages believers to be truly present in the world, helps erase the false dichotomy between 'secular' and 'sacred,' and promotes ministry to the poor, imprisoned, sick, powerless, voiceless, homeless, and stateless.
2. **Leaders** to teach, model, and promote holistic lifestyles that effectively balance the priority of making disciples with the responsibilities of stewarding creation and loving our neighbor as ourselves.
3. **Mission committees and agencies** to support innovative strategies to make disciples among the nations through workers who employ their vocational callings and abilities to bless local communities.
4. **All believers** to engage in creative initiatives aimed at advancing the gospel in the public square, including business, education, compassion, justice, healthcare, business as mission, arts, literature, and culture.