



The Mission Commission

***“Catalyzing, Connecting and Strengthening Global Mission Movements and Networks;
Providing Strategic Global Mission Resources”***

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Dear Global Colleagues Convened at SA06,

On behalf of the leadership team of the WEA Mission Commission, we welcome you to this seminal consultation where we grapple with a set of critical and strategic mission issues. While the personal invitation to convene comes from the MC, ultimately we have sensed that it is the Trinitarian Missional Community that has invited you to pray, listen, serve, grow and create during these days.

We share core commitments: to God’s empowering Spirit at work in the world; to the presence of the Father amongst us; to the servant leadership of the Son. We are profoundly concerned with those who have not yet heard or understood the transforming Good News—so much more than a reductionist set of formulae or easy “conversion”. We are committed to robust discipleship and the need to establish worshipping communities of Jesus—that is, churches—amongst every people group, in every community in every place. We are committed to a full understanding of the Great Commissions and Great Commandments of our Lord.

The 300 participants (for we include our younger friends from South Africa who serve us with such skill and grace) come from over 50 nations. We are women and men, younger and older, from the Global South and Global North; we represent a vast variety of mission structures. Some have long decades of mission experience, others very little. All are important; all have something to say and something to learn as we defer to each other without losing our essential identity.

We will worship, learn, work, pray together. We trust that our process and product outcomes are clear, and that each working team will have been able to craft a five year vision that will carry it into the near future. We want to leave changed, by God and by our missional community, and we want to be global change agents for the glory of God and his Christ, in the power of his Spirit,

So again, be welcomed in the name of the MC leadership and in name of the Great Three in One.

In the Lamb,

Bill