

Philosophy of Ministry
Board of Global Outreach
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Jesus Christ is the source of understanding of the meaning and purpose of life, and He is our model for discipleship, evangelism and servant ministry. Jesus confirmed the worth of all people in the eyes of God and that He desires for all to come to a saving knowledge of the truth of the Gospel.

God's purpose is to bring all people into the light of His love and salvation. To that end, we go into the world, joining with others, respectful of the dignity and worth of all persons before God:

- To make disciples in all nations, to encourage believers into fellowship in a gathered community, and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all creation (Matt 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47), and
- To be witnesses of Jesus Christ and the whole gospel, sent into the world as He was sent into the world in order to continue His ministry of humble service (Acts 2:8, John 17:18, John 20:21, Mark 10:45, Luke 22:27, Phil. 2:5-8). Compassion for the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed, and the call to live at peace with all people are distinctive fruits of Christian character as modeled by Jesus.

People called according to God's purpose offer their unique gifts, agreeing with God to be sent to extend God's love beyond NWYM churches, bringing:

- His voice to speak salvation and the whole Gospel
- His heart for the lost and those in need
- His hands and feet to carry the Good News and offer humble compassionate service, and witness to peace and justice in His name.

Therefore, our ministry extends to individuals for redemption, discipleship, compassion, peacemaking and social justice, in the manner of Friends.

This Board's vision of ministry keeps Christ first in everything we do. We communicate with local NWYM churches, and partner with EFM and the global Christian church about God's work and purpose in the world. We partner with NWYM fellowships to:

- Pray for discernment, continuing to grow in wisdom and knowledge of God's purposes and our role in facilitating the sending of workers.
- Encourage, equip, and send people of all ages in NWYM churches to be and make followers of Jesus Christ through the whole Gospel integrating:
 - Courageous evangelism characterized by conviction, not coercion
 - Compassionate service
 - Peacemaking and reconciliation
 - Social justice and mercy
 - Stewardship of the earth and commitment to simplicity
 - Whenever possible, raise up and equip groups of indigenous Friends believers to form churches of caring believers which, in turn, have cross-cultural outreach, or, where church planting is not feasible, encourage believers into fellowship with other Christians.
- Support, guide, and provide administrative services to workers, before, during and after service.