

GLOSSARY

Business-as-mission - "Profitable and sustainable businesses; Intentional about kingdom of God purpose and impact on people and nations; Focused on holistic transformation and the multiple bottom lines of economic, social, environmental, and spiritual outcomes; Concerned about the world's poorest and least evangelized peoples." (The Lausanne Movement).

Centering-the-margins - Joining in God's work at the margins of the dominant community so that the margins become a new center of mission activity and a source of learning for all.

Cohort - A set of participants committed to sharing experiences and reflecting on them together over a period of time (usually months, a year, or longer).

Community-led - Decisions and actions are the result of dialogue and shared decision-making by those who are doing the work.

Community of Practice - Groups of people who share a concern or passion for joining in God's mission. As mission practitioners whose work is grounded in prayer, they interact regularly to build trusting relationships, and to learn alongside and help one another become better at joining in God's mission.

Contextual - Mission that is contextual begins with reflection on the local cultural context. Both mission theology and practice are worked out and determined within the local context rather than applying theology and practice that was developed elsewhere.

Diaspora - Any population that is new to the region due to immigration, migration, refugee status or international students studying on a visa. Can be Christian or from another major religion or no religion at all.

Ethnic minority congregation - Populations of Christians formed into a congregation not from the majority church population

Experiment - A short-term project designed to test some ideas or pursue specific questions and learn.

Glocal - A combination of global and local perspectives and experiences that are now present in most neighborhoods.

Go Local - The Go Local initiative invites participants on a shared learning journey in which they discover and join God in their neighborhoods through the practices of listening, discerning, experimenting, adopting, and Action-Reflection-Theological (ART) work. Usually cohorts of guiding teams form a cluster of congregations meet every 3-4 months for a learning gathering. In addition, each guiding team has a coach whom they connect with monthly as do the pastors in their own learning cohort.

Gospel Witness - It is difficult to define Gospel Witness in a concise manner but it is pictured in the image of the people of God manifesting 'the Kingdom of God come near' by being the presence of Jesus (in character, word and deed) and thereby making the connection between the Living God and the world who needs to know the God who loves them (Gina Dick). The British theologian Lesslie Newbigin helps shed further light on the concept of Gospel Witness when he describes the Church as "a sign, instrument, and foretaste of God's Kingdom on earth" such that lives and communities are transformed by the Holy Spirit. In the global context, holistic Gospel Witness has often been understood as integral mission (misión integral).

Integral/Holistic Mission - Mission that has to do with all arenas of life. "Integral mission or holistic transformation is the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel. It is not simply that evangelism and social involvement are to be done alongside each other. Rather, in integral mission our proclamation has social consequences as we call people to love and repentance in all areas of life. And our social involvement has evangelistic consequences as we bear witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ." (Micah Network).

Lay Leader - A non-ordained leader and/or someone without an official Church or denominational position.

Missional - The act of living a life of integral mission. Thus a missional leader is one who leads themselves and others in a whole life embodiment of integral mission.

Integral transformation - The change visible in all dimensions of the life of a community - personal, intrapersonal, interpersonal, social, political, economic and ecological - as expressions of the in-breaking of God's Spirit and the reconciling salvation of Jesus Christ.

Young Adult - A group in the age range of 19-30 (identified in North America as younger Millennials and Generation Z).