

Values for Global Mission

Core Values for Northwestern Ohio Synod Division Board for Global Mission and Its Committees

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- **Making Christ Known - yet being receptive to meeting Christ in Others**
We are ambassadors for Christ, commissioned to proclaim the Good News, even though we have much to learn ourselves. We make Christ known in humility with the expectation that we too will meet Christ in this encounter.
- **Being culturally sensitive - yet free to challenge and to be challenged in wisdom and love**
We are called to grow in our understanding of each other's traditions, assumptions and mores. We recognize that in every culture there are attitudes and behaviors that are harmful and ungodly. Therefore, in the light of the Gospel we are called to speak and hear the truth in love.
- **Meeting people's needs - yet doing no harm**
As Christians we want to help in any way we can, however we realize that not everything we could do is necessarily helpful. We strive to avoid those projects which would be harmful to the community, church, or the environment. We encourage mutually identified projects that are sustainable, that do not promote dependency, and that strengthen church and community. We discourage gifts to individuals.
- **Working in partnership with accountability - yet valuing initiative**
Partnering is more than doing things for others, but involves doing things with others. Furthermore it necessitates being responsible to each other, and exercising our gifts and vision within the agreed structures (e.g. Companion Synod Covenant; Synod Constitution, Global Mission Board Structure).
- **Learning, teaching and doing Global Mission - yet knowing that the fruitfulness of our efforts depends upon God alone**
We believe we are called to develop lay leadership, to help people discern their gifts for mission, to identify the needs of the global community, and to involve people of all ages in the call to mission. We do this fully realizing that we rely upon the Holy Spirit working in, through and among us to make this happen.