

National Presbyterian Church Core Mission Values and Principles

- Mission flows out of discipleship. Or it can be an entry point of service and action (after serving, a person seeks to know more about Jesus, who others are serving).
- As we follow Jesus into mission, our ministry begins with our congregation, extends to our city, and reaches out around the world.
- Three core principles characterize our work in missions: 1) proclamation, 2) presence, and 3) partnership. Proclamation and presence are the ministries of word and deed, evangelism and compassion, telling the story and showing the story through our lives. Partnership reflects our commitment to work in community with others who share our values.

Proclamation. We are committed to the declaration of the good news of Jesus Christ. Proclamation is the ministry of words, telling the story, announcing the coming of the kingdom of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Proclamation is evangelism.

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.’” Mark 16.15

Presence. We are committed to showing the love of Christ in action. Presence is the ministry of works, of deeds, of compassion and social justice. Presence is showing what we believe, living witness, incarnating the grace and love of Jesus Christ. As Jesus healed the sick and called for justice for the oppressed, so we serve people in their need.

“But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” James 1.22

Partnership. As we engage peoples and communities beyond our own, we recognize that God is already at work before us. We partner with those who call on Jesus as Lord and Savior and affirm the Bible as our guide in faith and practice. We value and seek to build up vibrant witnessing communities everywhere. We encourage and support local, indigenous churches and leaders. We work together with organizations that have experience and expertise beyond our own to facilitate our service and help increase our impact.

“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17.18, 20-21

- Mission relationships are held by members of the congregation (not staff). Members provide vision and leadership for these relationships.
- Staff 1) provides administrative, organizational and communication support; 2) helps members to discern God’s leading for future mission activities; and 3) may lead new initiatives with the goal of fostering ongoing leadership from members.

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Goals for Missions
Our *Church as a Mission* to the World

- To encourage every member to explore his/her own call for missions, in cooperation with others in the church. We will help people understand that mission begins where we are—with our friends, family, neighborhood, and workplace.
- To encourage members to pray for the Lord's guidance in how they individually, together with the NPC community, are involved in missions, as well as for the Lord's work locally and globally.
- To encourage members to involve others in their call. We will equip members to share their passion for missions with family and friends.
- To foster mission teams and work groups led by NPC members, in cooperation and with support of the Outreach Committee/Staff.
- To employ the unique gifts and talents of our congregation in missions.
- Locally, we will reach out in partnership with other churches, especially minority communities.
- Globally, we will partner with indigenous churches and leading international organizations to work for meaningful and lasting change.