



ECO Global Engagement

As ECO fulfills its mission of building flourishing churches, we live into our Core Values, one of which is **Missional Centrality**: “living out the whole of the Great Commission – including evangelism, spiritual formation, compassion, and redemptive justice – in our communities and **around the world.**” We are part of a Global Body of Christ (Eph.4:4), called as witnesses of the gospel “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

How does ECO facilitate the sending of God’s people into the world?

ECO’s Approach to Global Engagement

ECO’s priority in global engagement is to support ECO congregations in their participation in the Great Commission. Our approach emphasizes the role of the local church in mission, rather than being focused at the denominational level. The **Director of Global Engagement** facilitates connections with partner organizations, resources mission leaders, and develops collaborative communities that will catalyze the engagement of ECO congregations in global mission. To maintain a lean national staff structure, we are emphasizing **collaboration** within ECO, and drawing from the expertise of **partner organizations**.

Collaboration: ECO churches already have great resources of leadership and expertise in global mission!

Presbytery Global Advocates serve as a regional resource for collaboration and equipping of mission leaders.

The Mission Resource Team works with the Director of Global Engagement to identify and develop mission resources.

Communities of Mission Engagement are being formed to connect leaders from congregations engaged in similar global regions or common missional practices for the sharing of ideas, resources, and joint initiatives.

Partner Organizations: ECO is very fortunate to have strong relationships with experienced and well-respected mission agencies who share our core values. These organizations are eager to help ECO congregations develop global partnerships, make missionary connections, send your own members out into the world through full time mission work or short-term trips, and respond to the needs of the world in disaster response and long-term development.

The Antioch Partners, www.theantiochpartners.org

The Antioch Partners (TAP) is a sending agency that partners with local Presbyterian churches to send followers of Jesus to participate in God’s mission in the world as long-term, cross-cultural missionaries.

Frontier Fellowship, www.frontierfellowship.com

Frontier Fellowship connects the Western church with the world's least-reached people and places, cultivating long-term, collaborative relationships with indigenous partners who are working for the physical and spiritual flourishing of their communities.

The Outreach Foundation, www.theoutreachfoundation.org

The Outreach Foundation connects U.S. congregations with global partners in dynamic relationships that build the church’s capacity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Taking groups out into the world to develop and deepen these relationships is a key Outreach strategy.

World Renew, www.worldrenew.net

World Renew’s mission is to join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew directs funding and volunteers to respond to disaster situations and engage in sustainable Christian community development.

ECO invites your congregation to consider these key areas for your global mission engagement:

1) Deepen your current mission engagement

We encourage churches to continue in the mission ministry in which they are already involved. ECO seeks to develop resources to encourage congregations so that they can grow or expand their global engagement. In a past survey, ECO congregations indicated a need for sharing resources and best practices to be more effective in global mission. Check the ECO website for resources, and look for more, such as our Global Engagement curriculum, coming soon: <http://eco-pres.org/who-we-are/global-mission/>.

2) Collaborate with other ECO churches in mission

Congregations can actively help one another by sharing best practices and resources in global mission. Contact the Global Advocate for your Presbytery to get connected. Participate in the Connecting Mission Leaders event, www.connectingmissionleaders.com.

We are currently exploring the best way to facilitate and grow this type of collaboration. If you would like to be connected, or have questions, suggestions or resources you would like to share, contact the Director of Global Engagement.

3) Discern New Initiatives in Global Mission

With the support of partner organizations, ECO is pursuing several new initiatives for our congregations to engage in global mission. If you'd like to get involved or learn more, contact the Director of Global Engagement.

Engage the Middle East with Frontier Fellowship

Partner in Egypt with The Outreach Foundation

Explore Business as Mission (BAM) with The Antioch Partners

Volunteer for North American disaster response with World Renew

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