

## **MISSION STATEMENT OF THE MISSION, OUTREACH & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

Responding to the call of Jesus the Christ,  
we strengthen, support and develop opportunities to engage in God's mission:  
by living the gospel of love,  
by reaching out to others in our local and worldwide communities,  
and by advocating for justice and compassion in a divided and hurting world.

### **PRIMARY LENS OR FOCUS OF THE MISSION , OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

The primary focus of this committee  
is on the wider work and mission of the church beyond our own church communities.

### **PRINCIPLES OF THE MISSION, OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

The global context is increasingly interdependent, and old distinctions between  
domestic and global mission are less and less relevant;

We believe that all churches are called to engage in God's wider mission in the world,  
and that healthy churches are churches that care about the needs of others beyond  
their own church community;

While affirming that charity has a place in the mission of the church, we seek to move  
beyond charity to deeper participation in mission that brings forth justice and leaves  
both ourselves and our partners changed;

We seek to educate and move our Conference from a missiology of “doing for others”  
through “doing with others” to “in partnership, working to remove the barriers to life  
that prohibit others from doing for themselves”;

We affirm that we can do more together than we can ever do alone, and so seek to  
work constructively and in harmony with all levels of the church;

The focus of the committee's work will be primarily Conference-wide, while also  
providing advice, support, and training at the Presbytery and Congregational levels with  
people who are giving leadership;

We will work only with initiatives or projects that are not in competition with or in  
opposition to the principles and practices of the Mission and Service Fund of the United  
Church of Canada, or our church's theology of mission; (See UCC position on Global  
Partnership-General Council 1988; also Criteria and Questions for Engaging in Mission  
in The United Church of Canada, Bay of Quinte Conference - 2006, a link on the MOA  
home page)

We will only recommend the allocation of Conference or Presbytery time and resources to support other non-governmental organizations when they recognize ecumenical or global partners or provide a focus which is consistent with the mission goals of the UCC (for example, Christian Peacemaker Teams)

This committee seeks to link people in networks of education, action and advocacy for peace and justice with one another in the wider mission of the church;

The committee is open to the participation of all Conference members who are interested in contributing to its work, and, while maintaining a formal committee, also uses ad hoc Action Groups to accomplish specific pieces of work as they arise.