

Some Definitions of Missions

1. Missions is "Crossing barriers to provide access to the gospel." Lake Avenue Congregational Church
2. "Missions is the worldwide enterprise of making disciples of the nations that falls outside the normal outreach responsibilities of the local church." *Church Missions Policy Handbook*, ACMC, 3rd edition
3. "Any cross-cultural endeavor outside of your local congregation to obey the Great Commission by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, making disciples and gathering those disciples into local churches." Generic EFCA
4. "The sending out of specially equipped disciple-makers who cross barriers of distance, culture and language in order to establish and strengthen the church in places beyond the normal sphere of influence of our members." Generic ACMC
5. "The sending out and supporting of equipped disciple-makers who cross barriers of distance, culture and language in order to establish and strengthen the church in places beyond the normal sphere of influence of our members, both within and outside the USA." Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX
6. Ministry which fulfills the Great Commission by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ cross-culturally through evangelism, discipleship, Bible translation, church planting and church leadership development, giving priority to the least reached. This includes meeting physical and educational needs when this serves the growth of the gospel. Adapted from College Church, Wheaton, IL
7. "Missions are any endeavor aimed toward the goal of reaching beyond the needs of the local congregation for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission - by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples and relating to the whole need of mankind, both spiritual and physical." The Chapel, Akron OH
8. "To present the Lordship of Christ to the world through His power by means of any ministry extending beyond the congregation and the church facilities. This will cover a wide range of missionary activity, including evangelization, discipling, planting churches and aiding in their growth and development (both overseas and in the United States)." Southills Christian Church, San Jose CA
9. "Any endeavor outside the local congregation to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ, making disciples and relating to the whole need of mankind--spiritual and physical." East Lansing Trinity Church, East Lansing, MI
10. "All endeavors in response to Christ's Great Commission which takes place outside the local church program of our church are considered missions..." from Brandywine Baptist Church, Philadelphia PA