HC ADVENTIST MISSION

HC 05 Philosophy and Mission

The General Conference office of Adventist Mission oversees Global Mission and Mission Awareness. It is not a department, but works with all departments. As the mission communication and church-planting wing of the world Church's mission programme, it is part of Secretariat at the General Conference and assists all Church entities in their efforts to raise awareness of mission needs and to take the everlasting gospel to every people group and to each individual in the world.

HC 10 Purposes

1. Global Mission—To oversee and strengthen the Global Mission initiative by focusing attention on areas and people groups where there are no, or few, Seventh-day Adventists, and starting new groups of believers among them.

2. Mission Awareness—To promote and share mission information through official Church and other communication channels to raise awareness of mission needs and increase the financial and personnel support for the Church’s world-wide mission outreach.

HC 15 Global Mission

The Global Mission function of Adventist Mission aims to reach the unreached with hope.

HC 15 05 Principal Objectives—1. To challenge church members with need to reach all people groups with the Seventh-day Adventist message.

2. To find every means possible to plant new groups of believers and establish a strong Seventh-day Adventist presence in all people groups where presently there is none.

3. To help the Church grow where it has limited presence.

HC 15 10 Planting New Groups—The Seventh-day Adventist Church began as church-planting movement and it will continue to grow as it focuses on establishing new groups of believers in new areas. “Place after place is to be visited; church after church is to be raised,” writes Ellen G White. “Those who take their stand for the truth are to be organised into churches. . .”—Evangelism p 353. Adventist Mission fosters and promotes this in a variety of ways, including church-planting conferences. These conferences cast the vision and provide resources for planting new groups of believers and for ministries that support this process.

HC 15 15 Global Mission Pioneers—Divisions are responsible for the oversight of the recruitment of the Global Mission pioneers to start new groups of believers in new areas. Divisions are responsible for training pioneers, with guidance from the General Conference Adventist Mission.
HC 15 20 Study Centres—Global Mission study centres for major world religions were established to expand church growth in specific people groups, religions, and philosophies. The centres develop a variety of models, methods, approaches, and tools to help the world Church, leaders and lay persons alike.

Their functions are:
1. To offer divisions a variety of concepts and models for reaching the unreached people groups in their territories.
2. To conduct research in cross-cultural theological issues that have the potential of significantly affecting the Church’s approach to mission.
3. To recommend issues arising from their research that need further study by the Church.
4. To develop research papers that will guide the Church in its pursuit of global evangelism.
5. To support the methods chosen by divisions through training and development of resources and materials that support these methods.

The Global Mission study centres are encouraged to find ways to “translate” the good news in a way that makes sense to people from different cultural and religious backgrounds. This process must never compromise or water down Bible truth, but must communicate that truth clearly with all of its implications to people of different context. As Ellen G White says, “[The apostle Paul] varied his manner of labor, shaping his message to the circumstances under which he was placed.” She adds, “…[The] labourer for God is to study carefully the best methods…” and “…are not to be one-idea men, stereotyped in their manner of working, unable to see that their advocacy of truth must vary with the class of people among whom they work and the circumstances they have to meet.”—Gospel Workers, pp 118, 119.

HC 15 30 Global Partnerships—Adventist Mission is responsible for the Global Partnership tentmaker programme. It works closely with General Conference Secretariat and its affiliated entity the Institute of World Mission in recruiting, supervising, training, placing, and supporting tentmakers around the world.

HC 15 35 Financial Responsibilities—The Global Mission appropriations to world divisions have one major goal—to help fund projects to start new groups of believers in new areas. Each unit of Church organisation will contribute financially to each Global Mission project. Future funding from Adventist Mission depends on adequate reporting of current projects.

HC 20 Mission Awareness

The Mission Awareness function of Adventist Mission is a communication function, not an administrative one.

HC 20 05 Principal Objectives—1. To raise awareness of mission among members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. To find creative ways of promoting the World Mission Fund through mission offerings, including the Thirteenth Sabbath offering, among members of all ages.
3. To develop new methods and processes for mission giving.
4. To assist in the recruiting of paid missionaries and volunteers.

**HC 20 10 Principal Functions**—1. To co-ordinate and channel mission information through official Church and other communication outlets.

2. To develop materials, resources, and programmes that will inform and inspire church leaders and laypeople regarding mission needs and opportunities.

3. To liaise with all levels of Church administration, institutions, departments, services, and supporting ministries as partners in raising the profile of mission offerings in the world field.

4. To provide information about how interested individuals can become personally involved in the mission programme of the Church.

5. To evaluate the effectiveness of promotion initiatives.