



Interim Council

Mennonite Church Canada

Mennonite Church British Columbia

Mennonite Church Alberta

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

International Witness/Relations Working Group

- 1) The International Witness/Relations Working Group will develop a model for the international work of the Mennonite Church Canada congregations that is consistent with the Future Directions Task Force Report and Addendum and is shaped by the structure proposal developed by the Executive Staff Group and approved by Interim Council for presentation to the Area Church Annual Assemblies.

- 2) In doing its work the Group will be attentive to the following questions:
 - a) In what ways should the reconciliation process envisioned by the TRC shape International Witness/Relationships?
 - b) What are the core purposes of our international work? How does that shape the focus of our work? What are we called to as Anabaptist people? How is international work connected to Canadian witness?
 - c) What are we doing now and how does that best fit with what we ought to be doing as an Anabaptist church at this time in history?
 - d) How do we best relate to the national churches of other countries? How does purpose shape our responses to international partners who invite us to work with them? In what ways can Mennonite World Conference help facilitate relationships? To what extent do we take direction from the global church?
 - e) What are the models for developing shared priorities for international witness across the area churches? What happens if there is slippage in shared commitment?
 - f) What is the Group's response to the funding model in the proposal that is going to Area Church Delegate Assemblies?
 - g) How do congregations most effectively engage in the international work of the church? What are the models for finding or fostering imagination in congregations?
 - h) How do we address the balance of short and long term programme?