



BE A GLOBAL MISSION YOUTH GROUP

Your youth group can help change the world and be inspired through global mission! Are you up for the challenge? God wants to use you to share and receive the Good News of Jesus to and from the “ends of the earth.” Global Ministries would like to accompany you on the journey of being a *Global Mission Youth Group*.

Below is a checklist of ideas for action that will help your youth group create an action plan for the school year. Will you commit to getting your youth group started on the journey? At your next meeting, choose some ideas for action that interest your group!

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1. PRAYS regularly for partners, missionaries and the world: *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Romans 12:12

- ___ a. Read and talk about the monthly *Mission Bulletin Story* (download at www.globalministries.org) during youth group.
- ___ b. Use the *Weekly Prayer* (download at www.globalministries.org) during a worship service in your congregation or during youth group.
- ___ c. Alternative prayer idea:

2. EDUCATES youth and members about global issues: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2*

- ___ a. Watch a segment of the *Connecting Threads Around the World Through Global Ministries* DVD during youth group and use the study guide to lead a discussion. (on website or available to order).
- ___ b. Share through Facebook or create a PowerPoint presentation for your youth group that tells the story of a missionary and/or an international partner of Global Ministries and the country where they serve.
- ___ c. Alternative educational idea:

3. SEEKS JUSTICE for the “least of these” in the international community: *What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*

- ___ a. Educate and mobilize your youth group on one or more specific Global Ministries advocacy issues. (To choose an advocacy issue, go to: http://www.globalministries.org/justice_and_advocacy)
- ___ b. Write letters to your Senators and Congressional Representatives on a specific global justice issue.
- ___ c. Alternative advocacy idea:

4. RECEIVES the gifts of the global church: *At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality. 2 Corinthians 8:14*

- ___ a. E-mail your region's missionary to learn about his/her work, the partners he/she serves and the country he/she lives in or set-up a conversation with him/her through Skype or other service.
- ___ b. Help your congregation host a missionary visit in your congregation where you learn a song or use a prayer from another part of the world.

___ c. Alternative receiving idea:

5. GIVES to the work of global mission: *Just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7*

- ___ a. Use GoodSearch when searching the internet (visit <http://www.goodsearch.com/?charityid=847213> or set Global Ministries - Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ as your charity) or develop a skit to promote Disciples Mission Fund (DMF), one of the Special Day Offerings and/or Week of Compassion during worship.
- ___ b. Tithe youth group fundraisers to support a special project overseas (http://www.globalministries.org/special_projects) or sponsor a child through Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program (http://www.globalministries.org/child_sponsorship)
- ___ c. Alternative giving idea:

6. SENDS its members into the world to share the Good News of Jesus: *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns! Isaiah 52:7*

- ___ a. Encourage members who travel internationally to visit Global Ministries missionaries and international partners and to come back and talk about their trip.
- ___ b. Plan and go on an overseas group mission trip through Global Ministries People-to-People Pilgrimage program.
- ___ c. Alternative sending idea:

7. GROWS in sharing the story of God's mission with others: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9*

- ___ a. Have someone in your youth group volunteer to be on the Mission/Outreach committee of your local congregation.
- ___ b. Organize a joint global mission event with another Disciples of Christ and/or United Church of Christ youth group in your area for the purpose of learning and sharing about God's mission
- ___ c. Alternative growing idea:

What's next? Share a copy of this plan with Global Ministries letting us know how we can help you carry out your ideas for action during the school year. Global Ministries will send your youth group a certificate congratulating you for being on the journey of becoming a *Global Mission Youth Group*!

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Please return a copy of your action plan to:

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For more information on any of the resources and ideas listed, contact Marcy Dory.