

## **What is a Glocal Mission Gathering?**

The Glocal Mission Gathering (GMG) gathers congregational leaders for a day and a half of worship, workshops, and sharing around global and local mission.

## **How is a Glocal Mission Gathering different from a Global Mission Event?**

The *Global Mission Event (GME)* is a triennial three-day celebration. The goal of the GME is to celebrate, share stories of God's activity in the world and to send participants into the world informed, challenged, and inspired to serve our neighbors.

The *Glocal Mission Gathering (GMG)* is a day and a half of skill-building, congregational team building, and networking opportunities. The goals of the GMG are to build congregational teams and educate these teams on how Accompaniment influences church life and mission work.

## **Who is the target audience for the Glocal Mission Gathering?**

Glocal Mission Gatherings are for congregational teams because team building is an important aspect of the gatherings. Congregational team members may include:

- \_ Pastoral leaders/Mission interpreters
- \_ Educators of adults, children and youth
- \_ Worship leaders/Musicians
- \_ Advocacy and outreach leaders
- \_ Stewardship committees
- \_ Short term mission/Service learning trip leaders
- \_ Church council members
- \_ Other lay leaders interested or engaged in global mission

## **What are the outcomes for the Glocal Mission Gathering?**

The intensive two-day GMGs invite congregational teams to understand the context of mission today and to build and practice skills that will help their congregations participate in global and domestic mission at the grassroots level—especially the ability to acknowledge and receive gifts from others here and around the world.

Through the GMGs, participants will

- \_ have a better understanding of the why, what, where, and how of mission
- \_ be able to apply this shared understanding to local and global relationships at all expressions of the church

## **What are the components of a Glocal Mission Gathering?**

### Plenary Sessions

- \_ Learn about Accompaniment
- \_ Worship using music from around the world

### Time to Meet within Congregational Teams

- \_ Learn about culture and discuss how the dynamics of culture surface in our congregations and mission engagements
- \_ Create a plan on how to contextualize what was learned at the GMG

### Cultural & Mission Experience Sharing

- \_ Food from different parts of the world.
- \_ Story-sharing about how the synod is engaging in mission.

### Networking Opportunities

- \_ Guided discussions during mealtimes
- \_ Meet like-minded people at skill-building workshops

### Skill-building Workshops

- \_ Congregational team members equip themselves in the field of their interest or work.
- \_ Workshops teach skill building in different areas of mission.