



Global Mission Clinic

A Health Check for the Local Church

This health check is designed to help members of a local church evaluate and enhance their church's involvement in the global mission of God. It is best undertaken by several members of the church together.

Name of Church _____

Town/City _____

Appointment

Your appointment is booked for

Day _____

Time _____



Bring this sheet with you to your appointment.

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Basic information about your church

Age _____

Size _____

What's in the blood? (generational make up, proportions of different age groups in church)

Diet - What feeds your church spiritually about global mission? (Food gives energy and vitality. What energises your church about global mission?)

Family History (background, denomination, links with church streams, people or organisations that have had a particular influence on the church)

Initial questions to be filled in before your appointment

(Please fill in your answers to the following basic questions. Do this as a group from the church and not just as individuals. If you have different views about how healthy the church is regarding global mission that will be instructive and significant.)

Do you feel your church is in a healthy condition regarding world mission?

What symptoms support your view?

Do you feel your church is in a healthy condition generally?

What symptoms support this view?

What things about your church's condition satisfy or disappoint you?

Is your church on any medication?

(Is the church involved in any special development courses or exercises? Is anyone acting as a consultant to the church or its leadership?)

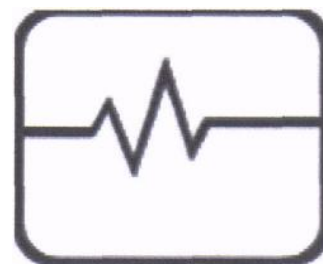
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Clinic examination and Report

1 *Your church's Heart Condition*

Key issue - Foundations of mission interest

(If the heart is not right, it is unlikely that other things are OK. What is the foundational basis of the church's involvement in global mission? Explore and evaluate the reasons why it is involved and stays involved in mission.)



Why is your church involved in global mission?

Where does the on-going motivation for global mission come from?

How does your church's heart beat in tune with God's heart for the world?

Does your church have a mission statement? What does it say? What percentage of the church could recall it? Is the mission statement a good match with the church's blood pressure?

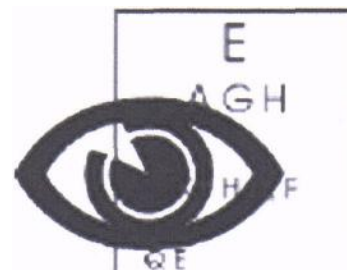
What has your church been involved in which has really made the church's heart beat faster (i.e. excited the congregation)?

Is any treatment required?

2 Your Church's Vision

Key issue - Ownership of Mission

(This section is not about the church's vision for mission (that was covered under Heart Condition) this is more about how the church sees its mission. Make a distinction between mission that the church 'supports' and mission it 'owns'. Is there a division made between local action and global mission? Does the church have a vision for ethnic minorities in the local community?)



What does your church family see as its OWN mission?

What are the symptoms (evidences) that the church owns this mission?

**Is the church's vision limited to supporting someone else's mission?
Is this a problem? To what extent is it necessary?**

Habits and exercise - What regular routines or activities relating to global mission contribute to your church programme?

Does your church suffer from myopia or hyperopia?

(What is the balance between your short-sightedness (local vision) and far-sightedness (distant vision?))

Does your church suffer from colour blindness?

(Can you identify prejudice in your church family towards various ethnic groups or ministries? Are Christians from ethnic minorities welcomed? Has the church considered employing someone from across the world?)

Is any treatment required?

3 Your Church's Hearing

Key issue - Global Responsiveness

(Is the church hard of hearing? Where does the church get its information from? What is the church learning from -

- other churches locally?
- specialist agencies?
- the world church?
- God?)



How does your church hear about the agonies of a hurting world?

How do you hear and share the cries of the global church?

Can you identify some things that your church has learnt from the global church? How has this happened?

What mechanisms are in place in your church to pass international information and news from the global church around your church family?

How and how often does your church hear from God about global mission?

Is any treatment required?

4 Your Church's Mobility

Key issue - Taking action

(Ease of movement! How willing and able is the church to respond to global mission needs? Can the church respond quickly? How does the church prepare itself for action? How does the church make use of the experience and expertise of others?)



How quickly can your church respond to world need?

When has your church quickly taken action in response to a need or opportunity involving the global church?

When you see an opportunity for global mission what factors stop your church from grasping the opportunity?

Are members of your church regularly challenged about re-locating overseas?

Does your church release its leaders to be mobile and travel overseas?

Does your church know where to go for expert advice relating to global mission opportunities?

Is any treatment required?

Resources for churches

There are many resources to help local churches. Most mission agencies produce literature, videos, DVD and other resources for churches.

Global Options - for churches making world choices

This is a service for churches from Global Connections that will put you in touch with resources and information from all the linked mission agencies.

The following resources are available directly through Global Connections.

WORKBOOK

Encouraging World Mission by Bryan Knell

Originally an Administry Guide. Now available from Global Connections for just £2

WEBSITE

The Global Connections website has numerous articles and papers relevant to churches.

THE NEXT LEVEL

A series of discussion starters based on discussions in 2004 between church leaders and agency leaders, www.globalconnections.co.uk/nextlevel.asp

GARO online

This is a database of resources for churches produced by mission agencies. It has books, CDs and videos for all ages and is searchable.
www.globalconnections.co.uk/gard.asp

VIDEO

Why bother with Mission? by Steve Gaukroger

A video and Bible Study Guide available from Global Connections for £2.50

BOOKS

Connect! by Tim Jeffery with Steve Chalke £7.99 (including p&p) Exploring radical changes in mission

Connect! 2 Churches going Global by Tim Jeffery with Ros Johnson £7.99 (including p&p)
14 stories of churches with a global mission.

Connect! Finding Your Place by Peter Brierley and Tim Jeffery £1
A series of Bible studies for small groups

Thinking Clearly about the Great Commission by Rose Dowsett
£8.99 (including p&p)

Where do you go from here?

Thank you for being involved in the Global Mission Clinic. We hope you have felt that it was time well spent during this week and that your church will benefit from this brief health check.

There was far more in this folder than you were able to cover in the consultation. This may leave you with lots of questions and maybe some frustration.

We would suggest that you follow it up in the following ways:

1. Review what came out in the consultation

Go through the folder again. Think about the sections that were covered in the consultation and what was suggested. Talk to the others that were at the consultation and exchange reactions to what you heard.

Look at the sections and questions which we not covered. They may give you ideas which will help you think further about your church's help.

Try to summarise your thoughts and reactions on paper. Writing down what you are learning often helps you to crystallise and apply it.

2. Ask for more information and help

This need not be the end of the consultation process.

Global Options - for churches making world choices is a service of Global Connections available to any UK church. GC can provide you with information and advice based on its relationship with hundreds of agencies and churches which are involved in the UK global mission network. You can email **Global Options**, with any question or request at options@globalconnections.co.uk

You can also receive more individual consultancy from GC staff, who are willing to visit your church. A series of papers under the title THE NEXT LEVEL, which resulted from recent meetings of church and agency leaders, are available for download from the GC website. (www.globalconnections.co.uk/nextlevel.asp)

3. Give us some feedback

This clinic is designed to make to think about your church and its involvement in global mission. If you have not reacted or responded in some way it has failed. This is the first year in which the Global Mission Clinic has been tried. If you think there are ways in which we can do it better, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Please contact or Bryan Knell at Global Connections (bryan.knell@ukgateway.net) with your comments.