

GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Declaration of Commitments to

Consultation and Cooperation in Mission among GMF Members

Second Draft

As members of the Global Mission Fellowship we have affirmed the GMF Vision Statement, including the following statement:

Anabaptist-related churches and mission groups desire consultation and cooperation in order to increase capacity, mutual accountability, collaboration, and stewardship of resources for cross-cultural mission.

As members of the Global Mission Fellowship we commit ourselves to pursue such consultation and cooperation in the GMF and in regional mission fellowships, as well as in other inter-Anabaptist forums and in direct bilateral connections.

When initiating new mission efforts, we, as members of the GMF, commit ourselves to:

- seek information about mission interests, plans and/or activities by other churches, especially Anabaptist-related groups in or near a proposed mission location;
- inform other Anabaptist-related groups already engaged or established in or near the location of our investigation and plans before committing personnel or material resources to the new mission effort;
- inform the regional mission fellowship or the regional caucus of GMF of our plans as soon as possible;
- welcome information and counsel and information from the Anabaptist-related groups already engaged or established in or near the location;
- pursue prompt and mutually satisfactory resolution of any tensions which may arise from different goals, strategies or personalities.

When another Anabaptist-related group initiates a new mission effort in a location close to our mission activities, we, as GMF members commit ourselves to:

- welcome interest by other Anabaptist-related groups in initiating mission efforts in or near our location;
- offer information and counsel other Anabaptist-related groups initiating a mission effort in or near our location;
- seek prompt and mutually satisfactory resolution of any tensions which may arise from different goals, strategies and personalities.

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