

Proposal on the dissolution of the ACC Missions Committee

Proposed to Executive Committee on 10/4/2023

It is the proposal of ACC's Missions Committee, currently including chair Bruce Campbell-Janz and staff members Joanne Dietzel and Brook Muselman, that the Missions Committee be disbanded as a standing committee and that additional conversation be held about expanding the scope and possibly retitling the Peace and Justice Committee. Items from the Mission Committee's mission that remain relevant, along with existing programming like the Nickels for Neighbors project, could be made the responsibility of the Peace & Justice Committee.

In recent years the composition of ACC as a conference and the priorities of its member congregations have shifted away from a strong emphasis on church-planting and traditional "missional" projects. At the same time, programming emphasizing service and church witness have been taken up by the Peace and Justice Committee. These two shifts have made the Missions Committee redundant and have made committee member recruitment difficult.

We suggest that staff and chairpersons of the Missions and Peace & Justice Committees have conversation together about merging the committees to appropriately supports the areas of interest of ACC member congregations.

ACC's Executive Committee recommends that delegates approve merging the written goals of the Missions Committee and Peace and Justice Committee, to be carried out by the existing Peace & Justice Committee.