

## AGENDA 2.2.1

# Affirm the work of Local Mission

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### PROPOSED MOTION

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#### **PROPOSED THAT General Synod:**

1. affirm the work done by the Council for Local Mission (CLM), leading the way in many aspects of local mission outreach, and
2. ask the Council for Local Mission (in cooperation with District mission directors and committees) to intensify efforts to provide support and ongoing encouragement to local congregations, specifically,
  - (a) to help pastors and congregational leaders to better equip their members for the work of outreach ministry, including biblically based resources, to review their context and local mission; and
  - (b) to give local congregations and congregational leaders specific practical and proven ideas, resources and suggestions for consideration in their efforts to reach out more earnestly and faithfully, both as individual witnesses and as participants in congregational mission projects.

#### **REASONS FOR PROPOSAL**

1. The spreading of the Gospel is one of the chief purposes of the Church, with every congregation to be a mission congregation and every member to be an active missionary.
2. Every person in the Church is a witness for Christ in their life, and all members, individually and collectively in congregations and other church structures, are to be "Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through them (us)" (2 Cor 5:20).
3. A sense of urgency pervades the Church in all that it is called to do, remembering also the constant and enabling presence of Christ and the Spirit, particularly in bringing the Gospel to those who have not heard it or have not yet accepted it.
4. Increased encouragement and support, directly to congregations for their outreach ministries, will help to increase congregations' concern for the lost, becoming more outward-looking, and stimulate a passion to reach out locally, in response to Christ's command to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matt 28:19).