

Our Mission and Ministry

Introducing people in the United States and Canada to Jesus Christ, primarily by *helping* our presbyteries *plant* new churches *and renew* existing churches



Outreach North America is the agency of Synod charged with the responsibility for denominational strategies for evangelism, multi-ethnic ministries, church vitality, new church development, and ARP expansion in the US and Canada.

Duties:

Evangelism

To work with our presbyteries and other agencies to develop and implement strategies for evangelism, including strategies to help our presbyteries and churches reach the increasingly ethnically diverse population in the US and Canada.



Recommend biblical approaches and resources for evangelism

Encourage strategies that assist churches in reaching their immediate neighborhood

Provide encouragement to pastors now serving churches in multi-ethnic settings

Church Vitality

To work with our presbyteries and other agencies to develop and implement strategies to enhance church vitality.

Provide training in church revitalization

Recommend resources to promote church vitality

Encourage churches to take advantage of resources that are available

Promote prayer for revival and reformation



Church Planting

To work with our presbyteries and other agencies to develop and implement strategies for new church development and for ARP expansion in the US and Canada.

Help recruit, assess, and train church planters (mission developers)

Provide ongoing on-the-job training

Develop communities of encouragement and support for our church planters

Help recruit and equip coaches for church planters

Equip and evaluate potential church planters through residency and internship experiences

Assist presbytery church planting efforts

Bible Distribution

To serve as liaison to the American Bible Society



(ABS). ABS is a non-profit agency that seeks to make the Bible available to every person in a language and format each can understand

and afford, so all people may experience its life-changing message.

Financial

To communicate the importance of financial support for these purposes and to oversee the use of financial resources received from all sources for these purposes.

Provide supplements, loans, and grants that help support church planting and revitalization efforts in our presbyteries

Encourage prayer, personal involvement, and giving in support of church planting



Board

Six At Large Members elected by Synod. Serve for 6 years.

Presbytery Representatives: the Chairman of the Church Extension Committee/ ONA Committee from each of our 10 presbyteries or a presbytery-approved alternate. Length of term is determined by each presbytery.

Representative from ARP Women's Ministries. Length of term is determined by ARP Women's Ministries.

Values

God's glory: God calls people into His Church so that they can use the gifts He provides for His glory.

Prayer: Since this is God's work, prayer is essential.

Evangelism: God calls us to be witnesses and North America is a mission field that needs the Gospel.

Responsibility: God calls us to be good stewards, planting churches where we can provide responsible oversight and support.

Balance: Both church planting and church renewal are essential for the future health of our denomination.

Relationships: Christianity is relational - with God, with each other, and with the lost.

Communication: Our constituents (presbyteries, congregations, and church members) need us to be proactive in listening to how we can serve them and in telling what ONA is doing.



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Who We Are and What We Do

