

GLOCAL (global + local) Mission in the Canadian Context

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INTRODUCTION

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Matthew 28:18-20 (Task = make disciples)

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Acts 1:8

(Scope: Everywhere with Holy Spirit empowering)

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

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Causes:

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(2) Emphasis on being missional locally

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4. Decline in the number of cross-cultural missionaries.

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Cause:

Not given the priority of exposure on the platform or pew.

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Cause:

Lack of Great Commission priorities

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6. Decline in enrolment for cross-cultural training at theological institutions.

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Cause:

Lack of inviting members in the pew to the call of ministry and to the mission of God.

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Cause:

More funds given to Relief and
Development Agencies

GROUP INTERACTION

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1. Short-Term Missions for young people is widely promoted.

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2. Equipping Tools for Mission
Mobilization are available.

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3. Ethnic congregations are emphasizing cross-cultural missions.

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4. Overseas mission churches/agencies are sending missionaries to reach people in Canada.

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5. Denominations and Mission Agencies are beginning to focus on Diaspora ethnic people.

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6. Local heritage/mainstream churches are beginning to reach out to Diaspora ethnic people in their neighborhoods.

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7. Emerging New Church Movements
are initiating GLOCAL mission.

CONCLUSION

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