GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH MIDSOUTH

ACTS 1:8 AWARD

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

JERUSALEM

The church has a local ministry that evangelizes and makes disciples of Jesus.

BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH

'Jerusalem ministries' reach out beyond the walls of the local church building to bring the Gospel to the unreached.

EXAMPLES

- An evangelistic visitation program;
- A 'van ministry' to bring children who would otherwise not be in church;
- Starting an outreach cell-group in a restaurant or other community location;
- Offer/host the Alpha Course (ideally off-campus—in members' homes, a coffee shop, school, etc.);
- Sponsor & host a sports ministry program such as 'Upward Bound' through your church;
- Provide Celebrate Recovery ministries through your church;
- Church members provide hospitality to host CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) neighborhood clubs..

JUDEA

The church supports (and optimally participates in) a regional ministry that evangelizes and makes disciples of Jesus.

ACROSS THE REGION

'Judea ministries' are often collaborative efforts of multiple churches to bring the Gospel to the unreached.

EXAMPLES

- GMC outreach ministries at a local college/university;
- A local half-way house;
- A local/regional Crisis Pregnancy Center;
- A homeless shelter or mission center;
- A faith-based domestic violence/women & family shelter;
- Kairos or 'REC' (Residents Encounter Christ) prison ministry;
- Lead or partner with other GMC congregations to plant a new GM church within the conference or nation;
- Participate in a well-organized county-wide evangelistic/revival program that includes follow-up: (connecting new believers with a local church and providing discipleship training).

Be in prayer and consult with other churches in your district to identify solid ministries/programs.

SAMARIA

Reaching people/language groups that might otherwise be overlooked, rejected, or are in another nation where there may already be a solid Christian presence.

OUT INTO THE WORLD

'Samaria ministries' are the active prayer and support for at least one GMC missional ministry, partner, or missionary.

EXAMPLES

- An Approved GMC Missional Ministry,
- Approved GMC Missionary, or
- Approved GMC Missional Partner serving with a "Samaria" nation (outside the 10/40 nation); or
- Lead or partner with other GMC congregations to plant a GM church within your community to reach people who speak another language other than your own.

Pray and review the "Approved GMC Missional Partners" listing to identify where your local church is called to partner. If God is calling you to help plant a church in your area that reaches people of another language/ethnic group, contact AC leaders to help you get started.

UTTERMOST / ENDS OF THE EARTH

Partner to enable missions in a '10/40 window' nation, or among a people group where less than 2% of the population is Christian.

TO THE OUTER EDGES

'Uttermost ministries' provide active support and prayers focused on a unreached people group or a 10/40 window nation.

EXAMPLES

- An Approved GMC Missional Ministry,
- Approved GMC Missionary, or
- Approved GMC Missional Partner.

Pray and explore the 10/40 nations map and review the "Approved GMC Missional Partners" listing to discover how your local church will participate in bringing the gospel to a highly unreached people group/nation.

APPLICATION

The following criteria is how your local church can qualify for the MidSouth Acts 1:8 Missions Award:

1. Support &/or partner with at least 1 ministry or missionary in each category.
2. Have a monthly meeting to pray for missions; pray for your GMC missionaries and GMC Missional Ministry Partners.
3. Apply online annually to receive the Acts 1:8 Award.

Scan to Apply

Apply Online At: https://midsouthgmc.org/resources/missionawardapplication/

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NEXT STEP RESOURCES FOR MISSION EFFORTS

What is the "10/40 Window?"

The "10/40 Window" is a rectangular area on the globe between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator and stretching from westernmost Africa to just east of Japan.

This includes numerous countries stretching across three continents – **Africa, Asia, and Europe:**

Africa - Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, and Western Sahara

Asia - Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Macau (China), East Timor, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, West Bank / Gaza, and Yemen

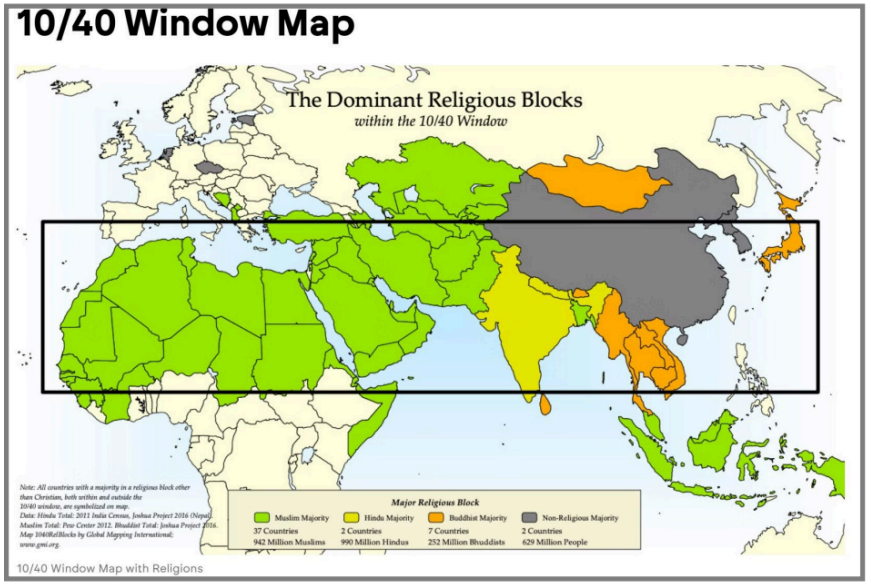
Europe - Albania, Kosovo, and Turkey

(Source: Nationsoutreach.org)

What is happening in these areas?

- Nearly 4 billion people (2/3 of the world population) live in these 69 nations.
- Millions of people in the 10/40 Window who have little or no access to the Gospel represent a significant world missions challenge.
- 80% of the poorest of the poor live here.
- Illiteracy, violence against women & children, and sexual slavery is widespread.
- The majority of the world's Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Sikhs live in the 10/40 Window. Persecution of Christians is also severe.

(See Joshuaproject.net for more information)



10/40 Window Map with Religions

How can we learn more & support?

Download a map that names each nation in the 10/40 window. Use it to equip your church & help you to pray: https://www.lightsys.org/images/1040_poster_2021_medium.jpg

Scan to Download Map

Use this excellent source for learning more about the 10/40 window and specific nations within the 10/40 region: https://joshuaproject.net/

Scan to Learn More

For more resources (including apps) to help you pray for unreached people groups and the nations, go to https://operationworld.org/

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Apply Online

Or Visit:
https://midsouthgmc.org/resources/missionawardapplication/

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EXPLORE THE GMC APPROVED MISSIONAL PARTNERS LIST

Scan to View the Missional Partners List

Qualifying for the Acts 1:8 Award includes offering prayer for an approved GMC missional ministry, missionary, or missional partner as the local church extends its discipleship into 'Samaria ministries' and to the 'ends of the earth.' Take some time to explore this list of GMC approved missional partners with prayer and discernment. This list is continuing to expand and be adjusted, so check back occasionally as your congregation discovers new ways to participate in the Global Methodist mission of making disciples of Jesus.

Scan the QR Code About or Visit:
https://globalmethodist.world/approved_mission_partners