

Appendix A: Szepalma Declaration on International Churches

The Role of International Churches in world mission is to be a catalyst for global missions mobilization ...

- By reaching influencers living in the host nation
- By assisting in the development of churches within and outside the host culture
- By equipping expatriates returning to their home nations
- By providing strategic care, training and resources for Christian workers
- By preaching and modelling the unity that the gospel provides within the ethnic and theological diversities of the community

The Operational Values of an organization committed to the ministry of the International Churches ...

- Demonstrates kingdom values through a willingness to live beyond denominational lines, relinquishing the need for credit or ownership
- Views this ministry from a global impact perspective as opposed to a geographically based view
- Negotiates involvement with International Churches based on each unique context and not on a 'one-size-fits-all' policy
- Seeks to reduce its administrative involvement to only what is necessary to maintain alignment with its purpose
- Decentralizes administration and accountability to the region
- Builds partnerships:
 - for forming pastoral teams
 - with existing International Churches and related agencies (e.g. CAI) of like-minded message, mission, purpose and passion
 - by establishing national/regional networks
- Trains and deploys personnel specifically for International Churches
- Encourages the self-support of International Churches
- Creates funding options to support the placement of personnel

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