

Mobilizing for Mission

Donation Information

Amount

- Leadership _____
- Discipleship _____
- Mission _____
- Revitalization _____

Revitalization gifts will be used to assist churches in the visioning process and in developing new ministries.

- Multiplication _____
- Multiplication gifts will be used to plant new churches and develop church planting teams.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____

While we prefer donations to the overall campaign (this will ensure all initiatives are funded), you can designate your donation.

To do so, check the box(es) of the area(s) you wish to support.

If you designate more than one area, be sure to fill in the blank with the amount to allocate to each area.

A Word from the Executive Secretary



My ears were glued to the business report as I drove my car. At home, the ticker tape constantly flashed along the bottom of my computer screen.

My eyes and ears, yes even my heart, were focused on one thing—the latest quotation for a stock in which I had invested. I had invested my money, but my heart went with it.

In Matthew 6:21 Jesus says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

How we use our money affects what matters to us. Where is your treasure? Where is your heart? As we invest in God’s work, we grow closer to God. His mission matters more.

In the past year, God has placed a “passion burden” in my heart for the Reformed Church in Canada, specifically for us to be true to God’s mission to reach others for his kingdom. This is the reason I am devoting myself to this work.

As I serve God in this position I am more aware of the opportunities, challenges, and resources that God has set before us—many young people wanting to work in ministry, churches redefining their mission, and people desiring a deeper walk with the Lord!

Let’s be that blessing we have been called to be!

Support for Mobilizing for Mission reflects love for God. It reflects the fact that God matters to us and that we want others to know him and to grow in that knowledge. That’s why the focus of Mobilizing for Mission is on changing people’s hearts, to ignite in them a passion for living for God in mission. God wants to give people like you and me passion, direction, and resources to carry out his mission.

Jesus says, “If you love me, you will feed my sheep.” Our giving reflects our love for God.

Let’s get moving! *Let’s be that blessing we have been called to be!* May all we do be for the building of God’s kingdom.

To God be the glory!

John Kapteyn

PS. Please join me in pledging a monthly amount for five years. Over five years, if 171 people pledge \$100 a month or if 342 people pledge \$50 a month, we will meet our goal.



Reformed Church in America
Following Christ in Mission

Mobilizing for Mission

Regional Synod of Canada, Reformed Church in America

Help Mobilize God’s People for Mission!



Provide Resources to Develop Leaders and Grow Disciples



“[Christ] gave some to be apostles...to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...”

“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Ephesians 4:11-12,16 (NIV)

The Vision

Mobilizing for Mission

The Regional Synod of Canada is called by God to mobilize the classes, churches, pastoral leadership, and laity into mission.

Mobilizing for Mission will help transform God's call and our dreams into reality.

We mobilize the church by preparing the church and providing resources for mission.

Mission is responding to Christ's call to "Go and make disciples." It includes:

- Deepening our own faith and commitment.
- Sharing the message of God in word and deed.
- Reaching out in love both locally and abroad.

Mobilizing for Mission will take many forms:

- Introducing a new discipleship process.
- Beginning a new church ministry.
- Planting a new church.
- Developing and sending out leaders.
- Providing people with opportunities to engage in mission.

However, mission does not begin with what we do. Mission begins with changed hearts, with people who want to serve God, glorify his name, and build his kingdom.

Only then can we hear God's call as we cast vision and discern how and where we will do mission.



The Goal

The Mobilizing for Mission goal is to raise \$1,026,000 to support initiatives related to leadership, discipleship, mission, congregational revitalization, and church planting.

Phase One

Phase One will focus on raising \$326,000 for leadership, discipleship, and mission.

Being faithful to God's call to mobilize people for mission begins with transforming hearts.

Leaders: We will identify, equip, and deploy people with gifts for leadership.

Disciples: We will deepen our understanding of how God has prepared us to serve and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Mission: We will deepen our faith as we minister to others, especially in "hands on" giving.

Support

Here's What Phase One Contributions Will Support

- **\$50,000 for pastor sabbaticals** for reflection and renewal: grants (maximum of \$10,000) for three- to four-month sabbaticals will be structured and monitored to ensure Mobilizing for Mission goals are met.
- **\$49,000 for the lay and leadership discipleship initiative Servants for the Harvest**, which can transform congregational leaders. (Participation cost for churches will be subsidized.)
- **\$12,000 to develop coached revitalizing networks** for laity who share ministry interests. The focus will be on transformational learning, character development, and spiritual growth.
- **\$5,000 to develop and promote a synod resource center** with materials to either give or lend to churches.
- **\$10,000 to develop small-group ministry** through 1) grants of up to \$500 to encourage congregations to provide small groups for spiritual growth and 2) classis grants of up to \$1,000 to hold workshops on small-group ministry.
- **\$100,000 to support a synod-wide mission initiative.** (To learn more, visit <http://www.reformed-church.com/mission.html>.)
- **\$50,000 to support youth and others in short-term mission projects.**
- **\$50,000 to support local congregations' outreach initiatives** (up to \$5,000 per congregation).

You Can Help

Please help us "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

There are two ways to send financial support for Mobilizing for Mission:

1 Complete the form on the reverse and send it along with a cheque made out to "Regional Synod of Canada" and designated for "Mobilizing for Mission" to:

Mobilizing for Mission
Regional Synod of Canada
1985 Beke Rd, R.R. #4
Cambridge, ON N1R 5S5

(Post-date cheques accepted.)

2 Donate online at www.reformed-church.com. (Click on "Donate Now.")

You can make a one-time online gift or a monthly gift (i.e. \$25, \$50, \$100) for up to five years. It just takes a couple of minutes to set up, and you will automatically be debited.

Please pray for us to be faithful to our call to mission.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a visit, please call John Kapteyn at (519) 622-1777.