

Evaluating Our Missions Heart

Use these questions to spur conversations about your church's missions heart.

Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses.

Decide on a plan of action.

- Does our church have a ministry team focused on engaging people in missions?
- How does our church support local and global missions through prayer, financial support and volunteerism?
- What countries and ministries does our church support?
- Who are the missionaries with whom our church partners?
- How do we communicate with our missionaries and include them in the life of our church?
- Does our church sponsor children in need?
- Is our church encouraged to participate in special appeals in times of crisis?
- With what local ministries does our church partner?
- With what global ministries does our church partner?
- How often does our church provide updates to the congregation about God's work in our community? The world?
- When is the last time we had a missions theme for a Bible study? Luncheon or dinner program? Sermon series? Youth group meeting? Vacation Bible school? Other event?
- Where are missions opportunities talked about and visible in our church?
- What mission resources do we make available to our church? In print? Electronically?
- How many different people groups are represented in our community?
- What regional global connections exist because of the different people groups in our community?
- Has our church helped with the resettling of refugees or reached out to international students?
- What programs does our church offer to bridge cultures in our community? English as a Second Language course? International gatherings? Immigration assistance?
- What social issues of justice are regularly talked about in our church? Poverty? Modern-day slavery? Racism?
- How does our church engage with environmental issues? Clean water? Planting trees?
- What does our church do to improve the livelihood of others?
- Have members of our church been on a short-term ministry trip?
- Do members share with the congregation what they have experienced and learned from their short-term ministry experiences?
- What should we conclude about missions in our church?
- How could we celebrate what our church is doing in local and global missions?
- What can we do to inform and encourage more people to engage in local and global missions?