

Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church (BMPAPC)
Global Mission Committee (GMC)
Mission Statement (June 2012)

Identity of GMC:

Members of BMPAPC, who, as followers of Jesus Christ, seek to participate with God in God's redemption of the world.

Christ lives among the poor so we go to meet him there. Christ suffers with the oppressed so we go to join him in human suffering. This connection is both mystical and deeply justice orientated since there can be no deeper expression of solidarity with those who hunger for dignity.

Purview of GMC:

Beyond Baltimore and around the globe

GMC believes that BMPAPC members should recognize that even local issues have global impacts and vice versa, and, hence, should engage with the world beyond the physical walls of BMPAPC.

Mechanisms of GMC:

- **"Faith Partnerships"** affirming mutual contribution and mutual benefit. These partnerships are with congregations and communities of faith (Partners) in the United States as well as globally. Current Faith Partnerships are:
 - The El Salvador Partnership with the Parroquia (Parish) of Maria Madre De Los Pobres,
 - The Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps with the Dakota Presbytery, and
 - The Cameroon Partnership with Mbengwi Town Presbyterian Church and the Mbengwi Presbyterian Teacher's College;
- BMPAPC **educational activities** to increase awareness of, reflection on, and engagement with global mission at BMPAPC and beyond;
- **Nurturing missional ideas, activities and vocations** in the congregation.

Mission of GMC:

To guide our missional congregation in seeking out, supporting, and accompanying our brothers and sisters beyond Baltimore and around the globe who share our commitment to participate in God's redemption of the world

Vision of GMC:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we walk unafraid with our brothers and sisters worldwide in order to accomplish God's justice in the world

Goals of GMC:

- **Accompany our Faith Partners in bringing to fruition God's justice in the world**
- **With our Faith Partners, provide life-changing experiences for BMPAPC members.**
- **Educate BMPAPC about global events and issues that need member support and advocacy in order to accomplish real and lasting change**
- **Encourage members to personally promote peace and social justice in their daily lives**
- **Prayerfully be open to God's leading BMPAPC (i) to new communities where the church is asked to accompany God's people who are seeking justice and liberation and (ii) to new forms of accompaniment**