

MISSIONS INTERLINK

STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

Associate, Member and Affiliate Member organisations share a common commitment to the following core values.

1. The Nature of Mission

We believe that Mission

- a. Has its source in the self-giving love of the Triune God
- b. Is the responsibility of all God's people and grows out of participation in a worshipping community.
- c. Involves proclaiming and living the Gospel especially where it is unknown, ignored or repudiated
- d. Embraces holistic involvement in both evangelism and social concern
- e. Requires personal experience of salvation in Christ and life in the Spirit

2. The Context of Mission

We take seriously

- a. The historical and cultural identity of all people-groups as God's creatures
- b. The need to communicate God's unchanging Gospel meaningfully and relevantly to all people-groups
- c. The power inherent in cultures, including our own, to distort the truth
- d. Any opposition present in non-Christian world-views and belief systems to God's purposes in his world

3. The Central Convictions undergirding Mission

We uphold and proclaim

- a. The love of the Triune God for his creation, the peoples of the world all made in his image, and their accountability to him
- b. The authority and full trustworthiness of the Bible
- c. The necessity of salvation found only in Christ, to avoid the consequences of sin which has distorted the essential dignity of humanity and caused its alienation from God through the fall
- d. The uniqueness of Christ and the centrality of his death, resurrection, present rule and future personal return, and the necessity of personal faith in him
- e. The transforming and enabling work and gifts of the Holy Spirit