

Declaration on Educational Strategy

Global Mission Strategic Consultation on Educational Ministries was held on the 28th through the 31st of October 2008, hosted by Global Educational Network and Promise Ministries in New York, USA.

Eighty-four delegates from twenty-eight countries attended and considered the urgency of reaching children around the world. It is our consensus that we have not been focusing on children's ministries in the local church or as a mission enterprise, with the consequence that the spiritual formation of children has not been given priority, and there is a lack of concern to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

While we believe that neglecting the spiritual concern for children is a vital problem for all churches in the world, we confess the following:

1. We believe that as Jesus' concern was for the children (Matthew 19:14) all Christians should follow his model.
2. We believe that a child's potential to comprehend the spiritual should prompt focused attention on children's spiritual education.
3. We believe that investment in the education of children is an urgent mission for all churches in order to protect the church of God from the negative influential factors found in religions, politics, and secularism in many countries.
4. We believe that it is necessary to define current educational areas for the purpose of providing useful information.
5. We believe that providing a good environment and opportunity for the education of the next generation is the task for all missions' agencies.
6. We believe that the best strategy for children's education is to assist national

Christian leadership in developing their own educational programs.

7. We believe that it is important to organize regional strategic centers and conferences targeting effective educational ministries.
8. We believe that networking among educational institutions and missionary personnel is needed for the purpose of sharing information and enhancement of project development.

We affirm that ministry to children is a vision of God, in which we have a beautiful partnership and a God-given opportunity to work together. Through annual strategic consultations such as this we will develop better and more professional strategies, such as those proposed at this time:

- a. International Institute of Strategies and Science
- b. Global Educational Network
- c. Formation of taskforce teams to assist in special projects.

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Committee for Declaration on Educational Strategy