



Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission

“ Following Jesus, Making disciples,
Empowering the church”



Congolese and North American Mennonites: doing together what we could not do alone, raising the roof at Sanga Mamba Church in the Congo.

Vision

AIMM's vision is to learn together, and to become true partners in order to better accomplish God's mission task. We are developing working mission partnerships that are built on fraternal relationships and mutual respect between equals, where each partner's gifts and talents are recognized, and where each partner gives and receives. These partnerships are focused on church planting and nurture.

Partners

Our present partners include:

- ▶ Burkina Faso Evangelical Mennonite Church
- ▶ Congo Mennonite Church
- ▶ Congo Evangelical Mennonite Church
- ▶ Congo Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church
- ▶ Evangelical Mennonite Conference
- ▶ French Mennonite Mission Committee
- ▶ Mennonite Church Canada Witness
- ▶ Mennonite Mission Network

AIMM benefits from good relationships with a number of conferences, churches and individuals who choose to pray for its ministries and contribute financially.

Structure

AIMM is led by an International Central Council (ICC) made up of representatives from each of its partners.

In each country of ministry, AIMM has organized a Partnership council (PC). Each PC brings together different mission partners. These may include national church leaders, representatives of any local or expatriate mission workers, and representatives of international partners committed to ministry in that country. Decisions about mission vision, strategy, personnel and funds are made in the Partnership Council. The goal is for full and equal participation of all partners.

New Partnership Councils can be formed as ministries are identified in other countries, and as partners come together to contribute vision, personnel and funds for the work.



Pastors Matungulu & Komuesa with Rod at the Inauguration of the Congo Mennonite Church Welcome Center

Strategies

Yearly International Central Council meetings create space for us to worship and fellowship together, forge vision and ministry with full participation of all partners, and receive inspiration and fresh understanding for the mission task.

We encourage the calling out of mission workers from African Mennonite Churches as well as North American and European Churches. AIMM works with partners so that such valuable gifts to Christ's church can be fully trained and placed in ministry.

In today's world, mission must take place from all directions to all directions. AIMM promotes direct contact between churches across cultures as a way to strengthen participation in Christ's mission worldwide.

AIMM partners are committed to listening carefully to each other, and trusting the Holy Spirit's presence in each and every partner. This careful listening leads to increasing trust between partners, flexibility regarding any one partner's individual plans, shared decision making, and the identification and use of all available gifts in ministry.

AIMM and its partners remain open to all Christian churches, agencies, groups or individuals who desire participation in existing or new AIMM ministries.

Legacy

Congo Inland Mission, later to become Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission, was founded in 1911, and sent its first mission workers to Congo in 1912. Decades of kingdom work bore fruit and the Congo Mennonite Church was born. AIMM expanded its vision, and in 1973 began ministry to the southern Africa region in Lesotho. This was followed by Botswana in 1975, and the Transkei (a part of South Africa) in 1982. The southern Africa ministries came to focus on work with African Independent Churches. Burkina Faso ministry began in 1978, and a young Mennonite Church is growing there. God's kingdom has been expanded and strengthened through AIMM during this past century. May AIMM continue to be an instrument of Christ's mission into the future!



Lillian Haas (AIMM Burkina Faso Partnership Council) uses a primer she developed to teach children to read in Siamou.

Present AIMM Partnership councils oversee work in Botswana, Burkina Faso, Congo and South Africa.

Summary Faith Statement

We believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the final authority for every Christian.

We believe that Christian mission originates with God, who is fully revealed in Jesus.

Christian life is possible only through a vital, personal relationship with Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the local church.

We identify with an Anabaptist understanding of scripture, which includes believer's baptism, local congregational fellowship, the renunciation of violence, and sharing Christ's love through evangelism and peacemaking.

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