

Global Health Initiative Charter (2009-2012)

Overview

The Global Health Advisory Committee supports United Methodist Communications' effort to create partnerships with other boards, agencies, and appropriate entities to impact health care around the world. This multidimensional project will look at reframing how people view health care to include body, mind, spirit, and community. Also, this Initiative focuses on education and advocacy.

Objectives

1. Gain a broad understanding of global health needs.
2. Create and participate in opportunities to impact global health.
3. Educate and advocate regarding global health.
4. Provide leadership in key areas of global health.

Responsibilities

1. Define the mission statement of the Global Health Initiative.
The goal of the Global Health Initiative is to create conditions of better health for people around the world and eliminate diseases of poverty, beginning with an all-out assault on malaria.
2. Focusing initially on the goal of eliminating malaria by 2015, we will:
 - a. Identify specific global health issues for advocacy and education.
 - b. Identify key lawmakers and entities with which to partner.
 - c. Identify key staff from boards and agencies that need to be part of the Initiative.
3. Define what success looks like for the Global Health Initiative.

Deliverables

1. Develop a suggested Global Health Initiative mission statement for the UMCom advisory committee.
2. Help develop a strategic plan for prioritizing global health issues throughout the denomination.
3. Present a list of global health issues that are noted in *The Book of Discipline* and *The Book of Resolutions*.
4. Help compile a list of lawmakers and decision makers who have an emphasis on health care.
5. Help compile a list of United Methodist and other Methodist leaders around the world who would be important to move the Global Health Initiative forward.
6. Help compile a list of resources on poverty and poverty-related global health concerns.
7. Help compile a list of educational resources for the Global Health Initiative.
8. Help create a definition of success and expectations that are measurable, beginning with the Campaign to Fight Malaria.
9. Support UMCom in interagency work on the Global Health Initiative.
10. Develop and implement appropriate technology to message the story.

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