



Global Focus Seminar Proposal Document

*Growing a
Local/Global Church*

Global Focus
Seminar

Facilitating and Serving the Church for Global Impact

These are exciting days in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ. All over the world, God's Spirit is moving in an unprecedented manner to reach a people for His name from every tribe, language and nation. From every corner of the globe, record numbers of new worshippers are being brought into the Kingdom of God.

As the Holy Spirit moves and works, individual Christians and local churches all over the world are embracing their responsibility and awakening to the opportunity they have to be on mission with God. Together they are joining hands to complete the mission He gave the Church.

Your Church's Strategic Role

Never before has there been so much potential for the Church to realise the fulfilment of the Great Commission. Yet if we are going to take advantage of these incredible opportunities, it is going to take the whole Church to accomplish the whole mission.

So how do does the local church play its part in this?

Better yet, how does YOUR CHURCH play its strategic part in our mandate to declare the Glory of God to all nations?

The Global Focus process will help you address these critical questions.

Our Vision

Our passion is to see local churches spiritually revitalised and strategically involved in fulfilling their role in God's global mission.

Our Purpose

Global Focus exists to glorify God by supporting church leadership as they make local/global mission the personality of the church rather than a programme of the church.

History

Global Focus was founded by Larry D. Reesor on March 27, 1995. Larry served as an evangelist, pastor and missions agency board member for many years. After studying the scriptures, church history and the mission movement, combined with years of practical experience, Larry became convinced that the local church is God's primary instrument to evangelise the world. Thus the pastor and church leaders are the ones whom God has ordained to lead the local church in understanding God's vision for the world and in developing a personalised, prioritised, integrated and strategic involvement in global mission.

As we help churches to emulate the New Testament church, we believe the by-product will be that the local church will impact the world for Christ.

After eight years of successful ministry in the USA with many examples of churches being totally transformed by the Global Focus process, in October 2003 Operation Mobilisation became International Partners with Global Focus with the mandate to adapt the process to best serve churches in the United Kingdom.

Next step

After reading through this seminar proposal you want to take the next step to hold a Global Focus Seminar at your church then please fill in the 'Request / Confirmation' form found on page 12 and return it to us at the address below. We will then contact you with a confirmation of the dates etc.

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What others say:

"To many of us have invested a disproportionate amount of time and energy in shepherding the found at the expense of the lost. The Global Focus Seminars and Partnership have helped us as a church to **recalibrate our focus** to become a **church that intentionally seeks to do what Jesus came to do**, to seek and to find the lost."

Rev. Sandy McMeekin
West Bromwich Community Church



"We have found that churches that partner with Global Focus greatly enhance their giving to missions. But what we have found beyond that, is that **people are more readily available** for volunteer projects in going to the mission field, **they're more committed to intercessory prayer**, and out of these churches we are finding **many people are being called into missionary service.**"

Dr. Jerry Rankin, *President*
International Mission Board, SBC



"When Global Focus visited our church, the information they passed on to us was of the **highest quality** which **brought tremendous motivation in the hearts of the people**. I have great pleasure in recommending them to any organisation or church that has the desire to fulfil the great commission."

Paul Haywood, *Pastor*
Abundant Life Christian Centre - Chesterfield



“It is with great joy and much excitement that I commend the Christ-honouring ministry of Global Focus. **God used the ministry of Global Focus to greatly impact the people of our church in personalising world mission.**”

Dr. Johnny Hunt, *Pastor*
Woodstock



“The Global Focus initiative is an excellent resource designed to serve the local church. The programme will give you not only a practical toolkit of skills and experiences, but also a new found energy and confidence to go out and use them. Global Focus is **not a quick fix, it’s a proven process that will encourage your people to new level’s of ministry service.** Don't miss out on this brilliant opportunity!”

Nigel Tween
Principal, Regents Theological College & Director of
Training to the Elim Church



"Global Focus helps us to **celebrate** what we are already doing and gives us a **focus** for future mission and ministry, the keynote being **Worship.**"

Rev. Roger Baker
Market Drayton Methodist Church, Shropshire.



“The Global Focus seminary course, ‘Growing a Great Commission Church,’ is effective in challenging and equipping pastors to ‘do’ missions. A renewed vision and vitality is apparent in those who take the course and in those

churches who implement the dynamics taught. We plan to offer the course regularly at Luther Rice. **Global Focus is being used of God to equip His people for the task of evangelism, locally and globally.**"

Dr. James Flanagan, *President*
Luther Rice Seminary
Lithonia, Georgia



Student Comment:

"A must for every pastor and church leader."

"I have never been so greatly impacted for the kingdom of God in such a short period of time."



Student Comment:

"It was one of the best courses I've had. It transformed my philosophy of ministry."

"It should be a required course for every seminary student."



The Global Focus Seminar

The purpose of the *Global Focus Seminar* is to help your church reflect God's heart for the world through a personalised, prioritised and strategic involvement in global mission. This intense seminar, which takes place on Friday evening and during the day Saturday, at your church is designed to help you to think through how your fellowship can play an active part in reaching the world for Christ. The seminar is given to people in leadership in your church and others that you invite in order to help build a cohesive and effective leadership team to enable you to achieve these goals.

The Global Focus concept helps you to involve your whole church utilising a three-step process. First, we teach the global mission basis of the Bible. We present the *Biblical truths* that we were created for God's purpose and glory and that the Bible is primarily about God's overarching purpose that all people should worship Him. Further, we see that God has designed the local church to be the primary instrument to carry the good news of Jesus to the peoples of the world. Secondly, this scriptural foundation provides the basis for a *philosophy of life and ministry* in which God's purpose and plan for the church permeates every facet of our life and church ministry. Finally, Global Focus helps you with *practical implementation*, providing time-tested tools to help you equip your church for effective, strategic local and global ministry.

Following the seminar we offer a church 'Companionship' process whereby we can arrange for a 'Companion' to come alongside your leadership over an 18 month period to support and assist you in implementation of change in a structured yet sensitive way. This will only happen at your request and is not an automatic part of the commitment to hold a *Global Focus Seminar* at the church. More details of this process are found in the Church Planning Guide.

Who Should Attend the Seminar?

It is important to have all of the key leaders of your church attend this seminar. When the senior pastor, other church staff, mission team, and other key leaders of the church attend this seminar, you will be better able to work together

with a unified focus as you develop your local/global mission strategy. These leaders will also provide an excellent example for the rest of the congregation to follow.

- Church staff
- Key church leaders (elders, deacons, etc.)
- Ministry leaders (music, finance, youth, preschool and children, etc.)
- Mission team
- Potential global outreach team members (be looking ahead at potential leaders who could be involved in the future)
- Other church members who are interested in mission
- Students who are interested in mission and ministry

Sample Global Focus Seminar Schedule

Friday

19:00-19:30	<i>Registration</i>
19:30-19:45	Worship/Welcome/Prayer/Global Focus video
19:45-19:55	Seminar Introduction
19:55-20:05	Focus on God and His Plan for the People of the World - Session 1
20:05-20:35	Focus on the People of the World –Session 2
20:35-20:45	<i>Break</i>
20:45-21:05	Focus on the Church – Session 3
21:05-21:15	Feed back and questions
21:15-21:20	Dismissal

Saturday

8:30-9:00	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
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9:00-9:15	Worship and Praise
9.15-9.25	Video
9:25-9:30	Seminar Review
9:30-9:45	Focus on the Principle of Personal Ownership – Session 4
9:45-9:50	Focus on providing dynamics opportunities for personal ownership
9:50-10:40	Dynamic Opportunity #1: A Local Church Global Outreach Plan
10:40-11:00	Break
11:00-11:40	Dynamic Opportunity #2: A Global Outreach Team
11:40-12:15	Dynamic Opportunity #3: A Commitment to Globally Focused Prayer
12:15-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:05	Dynamic Opportunity #4: Global Education, Exposure and Experience
14:05-14:40	Dynamic Opportunity #5: An Annual Global Impact Celebration
14:40-15:15	Dynamic Opportunity #6: Globally Focused Giving
15:15-15:30	Break
15:30-16:00	Dynamic Opportunity #7: Global Short-Term Involvement
16:00-16:30	Dynamic Opportunity #8: Strategic Mission Partnerships (<i>SMP case study video</i>)
16:30-16:40	Seminar Summary
16:40-17:00	Video: <i>The Harvest</i>

Final Consultation and debriefing with Church Leadership –
time to be arranged.

Agreement Particulars

Global Focus exists to serve pastors and local churches. Our desire is to help as many as we can. We never want finances to hinder our ability to help anyone, yet we must insure that our financial needs are met.

The following schedule for expenses and love offering/honorarium reflects our desire to keep the costs at a minimum while providing the church with an opportunity to enable Global Focus to serve countless other pastors and churches of all sizes in the UK and around the world. We appreciate your generosity in allowing your people to participate in our ministry so we can all partner together to reach the un-reached with the gospel of Christ. If for any reason you find these agreement particulars to be challenging to your financial resources, we invite you to call us to discuss alternatives.

Seminar Cost

We do not charge for bringing the Global Focus Seminar to your church because we are not selling you a package or programme. We genuinely want to be a blessing in resourcing you with material that we believe will radically change both the way that you see and do mission. We believe that mission, both local and global, should be at the heart of every local church and part of our DNA as church.

We will however, pass on our direct expenses as outlined below and ask that you consider giving a love offering to those who come to present the seminar.

The only other thing that we ask is that you take the whole process seriously. There is the danger that we only value that which we have to pay for. The Global Focus concept and process obviously does cost us to make it available and we are trusting God to continue to make the necessary resources available to us. On your part we would ask that you enter into this partnership with us, trusting that God will speak to you as a church through the process and that He will enable you to make the changes that together you believe are necessary to put mission into the heart of your fellowship.

Materials Expense

We ask that you pay £5 for each student workbook ordered. The workbook used in the Global Focus Seminar is a valuable learning tool. Every participant will receive a workbook upon arrival at the seminar site, but no workbooks may be purchased for use outside the seminar. Seminar materials will be ordered by you beforehand and could either be mailed or delivered personally to the church by the instructors. We will invoice you for the materials ordered and any postage costs incurred.

Instructors' Travel, Lodging and Meal Expense

Global Focus sends two Certified Instructors to conduct the seminar. This provides variety in the presentation and continuous energy. The cost of the instructors' travel, accommodation (where necessary) and meals incurred while travelling to and from the seminar is paid for by the seminar host. The Instructors are responsible to make their own travel arrangements and will make every effort to keep these costs low. Since most of the travel will be by car we would ask that you re-imburse the instructor at the rate of 30p/mile for this travel. All of these expenses will be given to the church after the seminar by the Instructors. We ask that where possible and necessary, you provide accommodation for the instructors while at the church.

Ministry Honorarium/Love Offering

These travel expenses mentioned above are actual expenses. In addition we would ask that a love gift be given to the trainers, which will be an honorarium in recognition of their ministry over the weekend and their extensive preparation prior to the event.

Equipment, Materials, Logistics etc

Prior to the Seminar you will be sent a church planning guide which will run through the whole process of putting on the seminar. This will include a detailed timeline, church information form, seminar outline, suggestions on who should attend, sample letters etc. This will also address the detailed issues of room layout, equipment needed and so on. We will do all that we can to help you to prepare for what we believe will be a significant event in the life of your church.

Global Focus Seminar Request / Confirmation Form

Church: _____ Worship Attendance: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Postcode: _____

Church Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Web address _____

Pastor: _____

Church Liaison: _____

Liaison's Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Denominational Affiliation (If Any): _____

Requested Date(s)	1 st Choice	_____
	2 nd Choice	_____
	3 rd Choice	_____

Official Church Officer:

Signature

Title/Position

How did you hear about Global Focus? _____

If you already know a Global Focus Instructor that you would prefer to lead the seminar could you add their name here. _____

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Date of Global Focus Seminar: _____

Date Confirmed: _____

Confirmed By: _____

Principle Instructor: _____

A Copy of this Confirmation Form Will Be Returned to the Church.