# GREAT COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE

Living in a globalized world, at a time when things are happening at immense speed in an age of rapid communication exchange, we affirm that networking is the key to advance global evangelization. "A network is any group of individuals or organizations who, on a voluntary basis, exchange information or undertake joint activities and who organize themselves in such a way that their individual autonomy remains intact."[1]

We recognize that international, regional and functional networks already exist to connect people who aim to fulfill the Great Commission

A roundtable is a more elaborated level of networking. The **GREAT COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE** is a global community of ministry and resource networks focusing on the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission. GCR will be limited to leaders of ministry networks (geographical, functional or resource) and associations of churches and/or mission agencies. Consideration will be given to network size, significance, geographical reach and function when inviting network leaders to participate in meetings of the Roundtable.

The **GREAT COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE** has the following characteristics:

1. GCR convenes leaders of functioning established networks that have a constituency and resources behind them. These leaders are able to influence others with whom they have a defined working relationship.
2. The meetings of GCR will be kept limited in size to foster openness, speak deeply about issues and cultivate relationships.
3. GCR desires to cultivate trust among the participating leaders and to affirm each other.
4. GCR, through the network leaders, may identify acute needs or critical issues that impact many or all involved in mission. To solve such issues, they may propose Forums for reflection and action. When the task is been completed, will cease to exist.
5. To facilitate the discussion process, GCR participants will select a suitable facilitator after the group had establishes the agenda. The facilitative role may be rotated among different participants.
6. The participants need to be committed to continue to meet over time because relational trust is critical to the ongoing process. At the same time, these leaders may choose to invite, other leaders to join them for specific meetings
7. To facilitate the connection between the leaders and the ongoing processes, GCR will have a minimal structure.

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[1] Starkey P. (1997) Networking for development. International forum for rural transport and development, London, pp 104