



ADVANCING IN MISSIONS

Advancing in Missions (AiM) is a four-stage journey spanning January through May. It is designed to help churches ignite their missions vision, structure, and engagement. AiM is relevant whether you are just getting started or have a long missions legacy.

2023 DATES

Stage 1
Zoom
Webinar

Tuesday, January 24
7:30 p.m.–8:45 p.m. CT

Stage 1.5
Zoom
Webinar

Tuesday, February 7
7:30 p.m.–8:45 p.m. CT

Stage 2
Zoom
Webinar

Tuesday, February 21
7:30 p.m.–8:45 p.m. CT

Stage 3
In-Person
Workshop

March/April
(various locations)
9am – 2:30pm LT

Stage 4
Zoom
Webinar

Tuesday, April 11
7:30-8:45pm CT

Stage 4.5
Zoom
Webinar

Tuesday, April 25
7:30 p.m.–8:45 p.m. CT



FOUR-STAGE SUMMARY

Stage 1: What does the Bible say? In this stage, churches lay the foundation for missions by discovering what the Bible says about who God is, what He says about us, and what He is doing in the world.

Stage 1.5: Who are you? In this stage, missions leaders become anthropologists of their community and their church culture. Like an iceberg, the majority of culture is unseen. Get to know your unique culture and rhythms.

Stage 2: What are the latest missions challenges and trends? In this stage, missions leaders dig deeper into how missions continues to change. This is a time to make sure vision and strategies are developed with an accurate perspective.

Stage 3: WORKSHOP AiM workshops are practical, intended to bring missions vision from 30,000 feet to rubber-meets-the-road. Local church missions leaders will develop, or strengthen, the frameworks of their unique vision and strategy for missions. Participants will walk away with tools, ideas, and resources for advancing missions in their church. AiM workshops work best when churches can send more than one representative, but individuals are welcome to attend and take back what they learn. One significant benefit from an AiM workshop is the opportunity to gather with and learn from missions leaders at other churches in your area.

While the workshop is one part of a longer journey for many churches, it is designed as a stand-alone workshop. Churches do not have to participate in the full AiM process in order for the workshop to be relevant. An AiM workshop is for any church, no matter how developed or undeveloped their missions ministry. AiM is a free gift for the church.

Stage 4: Session and Leadership Buy In Missions leaders should feel comfortable that they have sought the Lord and feel prepared to take what they have developed to the Session and other missions leaders for buy in.

Stage 4.5: Congregational Roll Out This stage is really just the beginning. Leaders should have a realistic plan for how to roll out their vision, mission, and strategy to the congregation, once approved by the Session.

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