

NOBLE USE SERVANTS EVANGELISM TEAM
AND ASSOCIATES

MISSIONS POLICY

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1. Introduction

- NUSETA is an evangelism team with its mandate being fulfilling the great commission. All the activities should be directed towards reaching out and equipping the church for effective reach out.
- The National Missions and Discipleship Committee (NMDC) working together with the National Executive Board (NEB) shall spearhead all the mission related activities.

2. Composition and Duties of Missions and Discipleship committee

□ shall be composed of the Missions' Director and six (6) other members appointed by the NEB, comprising of:

- i) Evangelism coordinator
- ii) Discipleship and nurturing coordinator
- iii) Secretary
- iv) Treasurer
- v) Prayer secretary
- vi) Ex-officio member

- Shall propose mission grounds for evangelism in accordance to the set policies
- Shall plan for and coordinate missions and mission-related activities of the team
- Shall be responsible for training, mobilization and coordination of activities on the ground
- Shall be in charge of planning and execution of discipleship activities of new believers during the missions and implementation of discipleship materials to be used by members, churches and new converts

3. Mission Structure

3.1 National mission

National missions shall be organized, facilitated and coordinated by the NMDC under the guidance of the NEB.

The missions shall be open to all NUSETA members and partners in ministry.

The team shall have at least one mission per spiritual year.

3.2. Regional/Cell missions

Regional/Cell missions will be organized by regional/cell leaders. Missions can be in the same region or frontier regions as the leadership sees fit. All missions organized, facilitated and coordinated by regional/cell leadership shall be open to all NUSETA members and partners in ministry.

3.3. Chapter missions

The chapter leadership shall organize, facilitate and coordinate the missions. The chapter executive committee through their chair person shall in writing inform the NEB through the National Missions Director of all their planned evangelism activities.

The NMDC shall in conjunction with chapter executive committees, evaluate the missions done at the chapter level.

All mission activities at any level shall be well recorded and reports submitted to the NMDC through the National Missions Director.

3.3.1 Guidelines

The chapter and regional missions shall be organized in a way that they do not run concurrently or too close to the national mission. This will ensure members attendance and effectiveness in the national missions.

The NMDC shall set apart between seven to fourteen days, for missions and evangelism for the whole team.

Below are the activities that can be considered during the missions. The National Missions and Discipleship Committee in consultation with the National Executive Board and the advisory committee is at liberty to choose which activity best fit the people and the area in question.

- Person to person evangelism (door to door)
- Open air meetings
- Jesus Film shows
- Prayer walks
- Sports evangelism
- Medical camps
- Training on how to share the gospel
- Bible Study for the team members
- Quiet time
- Cooperate prayer times
- Youth seminars
- On-ground discipleship for new believers
- Children ministry: -Jesus Film for children, chronological Bible Story, training Sunday school teachers.

3.4 Criteria for choosing activities

- UPGS (unreached people groups)
- Presence of partner organizations
- Demography
- Social needs of the people
- Duration of the mission
- Culture of the people
- Community's Reception of the gospel

4. Ground Selection

NUSETA as an evangelism team will be guided by the Mission, Vision and Policy. The criteria for ground selection shall, in the order of priority be and not limited to;

- Unreached or un- evangelized. Is the status of the community in regard to reach by the word of God? Priority should be given to unreached / in-evangelized to.
- Frequency of Evangelistic activities. Priority should be given to less visited communities/areas.
- What are the spiritual needs of the area? These includes but not limited to; o Hunger for God's word. o Existence of viable church o Drug and substance abuse.
 - o Strongholds witnessed in the community.
- Urbanization. The Committee shall decide on the community to reach at their own discretion guided by the needs presented.
- Pastors' fellowship/ Unity. The hosting community should present unity of pastors. The testimony should be impeccable to ensure the guidance and shepherding of converts. In cases of absence of a pastor's fellowship, the NMDC shall mobilize and create one for the period of the mission.
- Social Economic needs. What are the socio- economic needs that the team can reach out through?
- Missioners welfare. The hosting facility should be able to accommodate the team during the mission period. The extent of hosting shall vary from time to time and the Executive Committee shall decide with the team's best interest.

5. Missions Partnership

- NUSETA shall partner with the host church that seeks to have the mission in the area.
- If there exists an active pastors' fellowship, NUSETA shall co-work with the fellowship through the contact church.
- NUSETA shall be responsible of all the mission's activities during the mission period and all activities shall be undertaken as per the guidelines of NUSETA.
- NUSETA shall partner with like-minded ministries that so desires to reach the said area.
- With integral missions, NUSETA shall ensure that the agenda and desired results are achieved in the stated timeline.

6. Follow-up

The ministry (at any level; chapter, regional, national) shall engage in but not limited to the following follow up activities:

- Follow up missions- missions to follow previous missions to further the evangelism agenda.
- Calls and messages- organising leadership calling newly born brethren to know of their progress
- Leaders going back- the organising leaders returning to the ground to evaluate progress
- Local hosts- organising constant follow up through the local churches partnered with during missions.
- Leaving on-ground missionary- instituting a missionary for continued evangelism and follow-up especially in frontier areas.
- Supporting existing missionaries- committing to support already on ground missionary for committed follow-up and evangelism. The NEB shall in this case device a policy on support and engagement in such a manner.

7. Training

The aim of training is to equip members for the works of service. Training will be done continuously through the laid structures in groups and individually.

Guidelines

1. The NMDC will be the steering body to ensure adequate planning and training is done.
2. The NMDC will oversee the running of all training.
3. The chapters and cells can have scheduled training at their level in collaboration with NMDC.
4. The NMDC shall be responsible for organizing pre-missions, during missions and post missions training sessions.
5. NMDC in conjunction with NEB shall seek partnership as guided by the constitution with relevant ministries to train and equip members with relevant and appropriate skills.
6. NMDC shall seek to have missionaries or mission agency to partner with for frontier missions.

7.1 Areas of training

NMDC shall seek to equip and train NUSETA members in these areas but not limited to;

- Cross cultural issues impacting the presentation of the Gospel in different cultures.
- Ministry and leadership.
- Culture and the gospel- How to share the gospel in cultural acceptable ways.
- Evangelism- Sharing the Gospel in totality.
- Homiletics - Art of preaching.
- Hermeneutics- How to interpret scriptures
- Spiritual warfare - Reaching out is a spiritual warfare.
- Integral missions.

8. Discipleship

Discipleship is the core of the core mission. The last instructions of Jesus to his disciples ends the gospel according to Apostle Mathew. Mathew 28:18-20 is the clarion call to go and make disciples. Discipleship in this document is defined as *the call to follow Christ*. It is a journey that a believer goes through to become more like Jesus. One learns about God, his word, grows in spiritual maturity. Discipleship cycle is complete when a disciplined believer becomes a discipler and makes more disciples for Christ.

The following sections outlines the strategic ways that NUSETA shall use to do discipleship within to its members, new believers from its evangelistic works and local charges it shall partner with.

Objectives

In understanding that the goals or motives of doing anything matters to God; NUSETA driving force to do discipleship is enumerated below.

- Expand the church of Christ on earth in obedience to the call of Jesus in Mathew 28:18-20
- Grow labourers for the great harvest of lost souls.
- Mobilizing for a mission force that zealously heeds the call of the great commission.

Forms

The team shall come up with relevant and convenient ways of doing discipleship, and shall reviewed from time to time. The forms of discipleship include:

- Personal – individual discipleship programs
- Group – believers brought together to be discipled as a team
- Congregational- entire team or church members discipleship program

Pillars

Key pillars to hold the discipleship shall include:

- Prayers
- Scriptures engagement
- New believers nurturing
- Response to life issues e.g. marriage, education, family etc.
- Response to emerging issues such as sexuality, politics and governance, laws of the land etc.

Resources

Towards achieving, the goals mentioned in objectives section there is need to bring on board all appropriate resources for effective discipleship. The NMDC shall endeavour to explore all the resources to facilitate the programs. Some of the resources shall include:

- Discipleship manual subject to review.
- Volunteer members or discipleship ministry
- Trainings of members by seasoned missionaries
- Partners in missions and discipleship such as churches or para-church organizations.
- NUSETA in-house discipleship programs

Platforms

In an ever-changing world and emerging technologies there are numerous platforms for people to engage. While the traditional in person meeting are still very effective sometimes it may not be convenient. The team shall continue to explore platforms to do discipleship. Some of the platforms used include;

1. Physical meetings- geographical proximity shall be considered.
2. Online – platform such as social media applications, website, blogs and zoom.

3. Print media- discipleship magazines and booklets
4. Electronic – using e-books, emails, online trainings or courses, TV and Radio stations.

Conclusion

Discipleship is a lifetime process for all believers on earth. As one Christian observed, every believer is a disciple and a disciple. For all the lost souls to be reached with the gospel and to become spiritually mature. Missions and discipleship should run concurrently. The discipleship believers should be trained to become disciplers thus multiplying labourers in mission field. Discipleship takes dynamic ways depending on times and seasons hence a need to be contextualized. Special considering should be given to different age group, access to technology, present transport and communication means, culture and socio-political climate.

9. Missions and Technology

Technology is no longer an anomaly for ministries and missionaries to possess but an indispensable tool as computers, the internet, satellite-based cellular technology, digital cameras have revolutionized the way ministry is done.

- The ministry shall have active social media platforms (website, Facebook, twitter handle etc) where
 - Communication to the members shall be taking place through creation of events
 - Members can start a spiritual conversation and make virtual appointments with those interested
 - Posting of scriptures and brief elaboration of the same by as many active members as possible- a community especially the youths will be reached
 - Live broadcast of missions or preaching shall take place
 - After a physical mission, follow up will be conducted in instances where detailed information of the new believers is taken
 - Sharing of prayers and testimonies (recording of testimonies) to make people feel and come to Jesus, writing of the testimonies
 - Sharing of needs - preaching through giving shall be possible
 - Welcoming of influential members of the ministry- Influential people attracts
 - Starting of discipleship classes online shall take place
 - Routine posting of photos and videos of impactful mission activities shall take place

- The ministry shall have print media where magazines, brochures and flyers with messages of the gospel shall be published and distributed either physically during missions or through the social media platforms
- The ministry shall have electronic media where filming shall be a tool for evangelism. Films like the passion for Christ shall be shown with a portable DVD player, a CD in a computer, a projector etc especially during frontier missions.

“Technology has no boundaries and has no walls and hence it can reach people that you never thought you could reach”.