



## AIM Values Statement

This statement summarizes key values in AIM. It is not an exhaustive list of all we believe, how we minister, or how we function as an organization. For this information, please see our doctrinal statement, Framework document, Constitution, and Member Handbook. Some of these values are deeply held across AIM, some are more aspirational, i.e. what we want to become. For another expression of this, please see the “preferred culture” section of the Framework.

### Christ-Centered

Compelled by Christ’s love (2 Cor 5:14), we love, pray for, and proclaim the Gospel to Africa’s unreached peoples. Our sufficiency, hope, and ministry flow from our relationship with Christ. We serve by His grace and strength and submit to His will. All other AIM values flow from this.

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### **Church Connections**

We are sent by churches (Acts 13:1-3) and whenever possible, minister to and through churches. We serve, equip, and mobilize churches and believers from the global Church, and particularly from Africa, to join in the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20).

### **Caring Communities**

We foster caring communities among AIM members, ministry partners, and local believers. Loving, serving, encouraging, and admonishing each other, we grow in unity and demonstrate the truth of Jesus to the world (John 17:21-23).

### **InCarnational**

We follow the model and teaching of Jesus, who became incarnate among us (John 20:21, 1 Cor 9: 19-22). In our varied ministries, we walk in humility, build relationships, embrace learner attitudes, learn languages and cultures, and strive to live as believers in our communities.

### **InterCultural**

We seek to be an intercultural organization, where members and leaders from many cultures and nations feel welcome and actively participate. In this we celebrate the diversity, beauty, and glorious future of the Lord's Church (Rev 5:9-10, Gal 3:28).

### **Collaboration**

We seek collaboration with like-minded churches, organizations, and individuals to see the name of Jesus worshipped by all African peoples, recognizing and rejoicing that the Great Commission is for the whole Body of Christ and its different parts (Eph 4: 15-16).

### **Creativity**

We value continual learning, reflection, and creativity. The Lord does not change (Mal 3:6) but does new things (Is 43:19). Faithfulness to Him and His calling leads us to grow, adapt, and innovate to fit our changing ministry contexts.