

20 Agency-Wide Questions

about our Interface with Churches' P.E.A.C.E. Initiatives

1. How do the following core principles of P.E.A.C.E. fit with our agency philosophy? Can we enthusiastically help churches implement this Plan?
 - The five giant world problems should be attacked holistically by simultaneously: (1) planting churches, (2) equipping servant leaders, (3) assisting the poor, (4) caring for the sick, and (5) educating the next generation.
 - The only way to defeat the giants is by churches working with churches. Despite language and cultural barriers, two local congregations (or one or more small groups within them) can effectively cooperate for significant global impact.
 - With sufficient preparation, lay people on short-term trips can be highly effective in training national congregations and in planting churches in Unengaged People Groups (UEGs).
 - There are simple, biblical, transferable principles of discipleship, church growth, church planting and community development that apply in any context.
 - Church-to-church partnerships do not need to be agency or missionary dependent. Churches are encouraged to independently take the initiative. One of the training modules helps groups not be diverted from their purpose by missionaries' agendas. On the other hand, P.E.A.C.E. is an open program; churches can practice P.E.A.C.E. any way they choose.
2. What tangible value could our agency offer P.E.A.C.E. churches? Why should they want to partner with us in P.E.A.C.E.? Could we offer service(s) such as:
 - Matching them with an Unengaged People Group (UEG)?
 - Matching them with a national local church/ churches with whom they could share P.E.A.C.E. and work together to impact the UEG?
 - Providing assistance in fielding well-prepared, short-term teams?
 - Assisting with finding translators, housing, transportation, the person of peace, and handling other on-site logistics?
 - Guiding them as they research what resources are available to help reach their UEG?
 - Facilitating the developing church-to-church relationship as needed?
 - Assisting the church in determining and implementing long-term, on-field strategy?
 - Providing coaching in how to integrate their P.E.A.C.E. initiative with their overall church and missions strategy and how to maintain long-term strategic involvement?
 - Other?
3. Why do we want to engage with P.E.A.C.E. churches? In what concrete ways could it help us achieve what we believe God is calling us to accomplish for His glory?
4. What is our current capacity to provide P.E.A.C.E.-related services (see #2) to a significant number of churches with a quick response time? How could we build capacity? Are there other efforts we will need to reduce, postpone, or drop in order to do this?
5. Given the size and scope of P.E.A.C.E., should we consider cooperating with other agencies or groups to mobilize P.E.A.C.E. potential? Are there field partnerships we should initiate or broaden? Are there cooperative mobilization efforts in which we should engage?
6. Could there be a P.E.A.C.E. effort already developing on one or more of our fields? How could we discover it and learn from what is happening? Should we look to partner with one or more P.E.A.C.E. projects as a test case in order to learn more about such initiatives and how they could work?

7. If we help to develop and facilitate significant numbers of church-to-church P.E.A.C.E. partnerships, how will we finance our investment in these tasks?
8. What resources are we ready to offer our fields in order to facilitate P.E.A.C.E. initiatives? What resources should we devote to mobilizing P.E.A.C.E. efforts on the part of churches in our sending areas?
9. Are we willing to partner with one small group within a church (as the program is designed) or would we want to partner in a P.E.A.C.E. project only if it had a broader ownership of the local church? Would we ask for some sort of minimum commitment?
10. How could our cross-cultural expertise be used to help churches practice local P.E.A.C.E. to peoples of other cultures?
11. Do we as a mission see the potential benefits of P.E.A.C.E. to be so significant that we want to proactively recruit churches to get involved?
12. Whether or not we solicit church involvement, how will we respond when churches ask for our help to launch a P.E.A.C.E. initiative?
13. Regardless of our organizational involvement with P.E.A.C.E. initiatives, what do our missionaries and staff need to know about this program and its potential impact on their fields, churches, and ministries? How can we help missionaries learn from P.E.A.C.E. about what motivates local churches and better understand churches' potential for high-impact ministry?
14. P.E.A.C.E. is designed to be a worldwide effort of local churches. National churches in a number of countries are being recruited, and the database materials translated into multiple languages. Are there ways that we could help national churches where we serve to get involved and benefit from all that P.E.A.C.E. offers? Should we communicate with our other offices to consider our global response to P.E.A.C.E.?
15. Do we need a "P.E.A.C.E. czar" or a team to coordinate our preparation for and implementation of P.E.A.C.E.-related efforts?
16. Saddleback is open to adding additional resources to their extensive training database and to including information about key resources available from other sources such as agencies. Do we have materials we are willing to offer to the P.E.A.C.E. program either to be included as part of the database if they so choose or to be offered there for purchase from us?
17. On what basis will we evaluate the long-term effectiveness and value of our P.E.A.C.E. involvement?
18. Do we want to be proactive in learning from the overall movement? P.E.A.C.E. is a complex, evolving program. How will we keep abreast of where it is going, its impact, and whether we need to adjust our response and involvement?
19. Regardless of our decision about involvement in P.E.A.C.E. initiatives, what is this effort communicating about the desires and potential of churches in missions? What chords is P.E.A.C.E. touching to which we need to respond?
20. Saddleback's P.E.A.C.E. team is collecting data from churches' global initiatives and compiling it for future use by select organizations. Do we want to apply for access to this information? (As of this writing, the criteria for access to the data had not been finalized.)

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