



**PRIMARY**

**PURPOSE**

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## All Nations Church – Primary Purpose

**Our primary purpose is to make multiplying disciples who love God and want to reproduce more disciples (2 Tim. 2:2), and, to plant multiplying churches that give birth to yet more churches.**

All Nations Church Omaha is similar to other evangelical churches and denominations in our views of the authority of Scripture, the Lordship of Jesus Christ as Savior of the world and the centrality of the church as God's kingdom on earth.

### Distinguishing Characteristics of ANC

All Nations Church may be dissimilar to other evangelical churches and denominations in its two focused objectives:

1. We are focused on making disciples that make disciples and
2. We are focused on planting churches that plant churches.

Our difference is more clearly seen from others by our extreme focus on those two multiplying objectives, along with our compelling urgency to fulfill those two objectives which we find in the Great Commission. God has called us to multiply and reproduce after our own kind.

### Three Directives

We exist to go, make and plant according the Great Commission (Mat. 28:18-20). Jesus said, "Go." He said, "...make disciples of all nations." He also said, "...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded." In those three directives we see our mandate to make disciples that make disciples and to plant churches that plant churches, because what do we call centers of baptizing, discipline and teaching? We call them churches!

Recognizing that there are other good and even arguably biblical actions to put on our Christian "to do list," we believe our mandate needs to remain simple, direct and highly productive. Anything more would dilute our strength, blur our vision and diminish our resolve and results.

### The Titanic and ANC

We are not about building a denomination, a personal kingdom or anything else of that nature. We are interested in saving individuals and reaching unreached people groups; bringing them into the kingdom of heaven. We are called to quickly, effectively and lovingly, remove people from the Titanic into life boats as the Titanic sinks. This is a picture of ANC.

The churches are the life boats and the disciples are those that put the life boats in the water, direct people to the ladders down to the boats to move their loyalty from this world to the kingdom of heaven and to steer the life boats to a place of safety. This being the case, the more good churches the better and our desire is to multiply churches as fast as God leads us to.

#### ANC's Flexibility

Being lean, light on our feet, focused, accountable and expanding the kingdom through conversions is at the heart of which we are. We will be carefully organized but not an organized religion. We will be highly relational but not programmed focused. We will be mission driven, but not legalistic. As a commissioned people we will always be evolving never static. Committed to the unchanging character of God and His Word, but adapting to the changing cultures of the world and never provincial. We will be global in perspective and goal, but local in heart and soul. Like running a race, climbing a mountain or sailing around the world, we will be ever vigilant to the task at hand, enjoying the challenge and finding community with those of like heart, mind and soul.

#### Networking

We understand that we cannot and should not attempt to fulfill the Great Commission by ourselves, but rather we are to network with other like-minded churches (and leaders) whether they be ANC churches or not. There, we find encouragement and learning as we share how God is leading us, and learn from others how God is leading them in a spirit of mutual cooperation and loving support. The global network that we are associated with is All Nations Family, based in Cape Town, So. Africa and in Kansas City, Missouri. ANC churches also have a Board of Overseers who are available to the churches for wisdom, counsel and input. The ANC church leaders meet annually with the Overseers and they are also available on an "as needed" basis day to day.

#### Compelled by Christ

If you, like us, feel the energy, urgency and the authority of the Great Commission, then you are invited to join us knowing there is only one thing required of you: all of you.

#### Other Documents

You will find additional documents in the pages that follow. There, you will find our ANC Values listed, a document on Kingdom Expanders / Kingdom Strengtheners, our Statement of Faith, our Statement of Purpose for the Overseers and, an article by Floyd McClung, one of ANC's Overseers, on Apostolic Passion which states well who we are and what we are ultimately going for, which is the glory of God in every nation and people group on the planet.

## **ANC Culture and Values - Preserving the Vision**

Every organization and ministry has a particular “culture” that originates in, and flows from, its values. The vision and dream of ANC Churches was birthed in the summer/fall of 2002 in Phoenix, AZ. There are key components to the vision the Lord gave and key values as well.

In the early days, it was expressed this way: “ANC is to be a combination of a YWAM Discipleship Training School and a church. A YWAM DTS in that there is an emphasis on training, sending, exuberant worship, prayer, outreach and the nations - with a sense of urgency, youthfulness, immediacy, teamwork and a strong focus on the lost. It is a church, in the sense of a focus on stability, long-term fellowship, discipleship, marriage and family, mentoring and solid foundations.

It is extremely important that the above stays in the forefront of our thinking, planning and progress. It must shape our present and future realities. The second half, “a church” is where we’ll naturally gravitate to and so we must keep the first half, “a YWAM DTS,” in our ANC paradigm.

Below is a list of values, which are intrinsic to the vision that the Lord has given ANC. These values will be displayed by ANC’s leaders and embraced throughout the ANC congregation(s). (After the first one, they are not necessarily listed in order of importance as all of them are very important.)

We value:

1. God’s Glory – God is glorified when we seek Him for Himself. Everything begins and ends with God and His glory.
2. Hearing and Obeying - We demonstrate our love for God and our desire to bring Him glory by listening to His voice. When His voice is heard and His will known, we obey what we’ve heard without reservation or hesitancy.
3. Honoring Relationships – Our love for God is only as deep as our love for people. We want to live in relationship with others in a way that displays humility and grace, recognizing that we’re all different and honoring the gifts and callings in the people we are in relationship with.
4. Multiplication – The ANC vision is one of multiplication, and is applied primarily to the discipling of individuals and the planting of new churches both domestically and among the world’s unreached people groups. Our churches need to be structured so as to be easily reproduced, aiming at models that are simple vs. complex. The concept of “Mother Church” is central to our vision. We are about churches giving birth to other churches and caring for them while they grow to a point of self-sustainability.

5. An Entrepreneurial Heart – We're called to be catalysts of new Kingdom initiatives, starting new ministries and fellowships where none presently exist. This calls for us to be a people of faith and vision, taking bold steps as God leads us, not over-building structures and infrastructures that sap our money and strength, but rather staying light on our feet, ready to respond when God speaks.

6. Networking – We understand that ANC churches are called to work in harmony with other churches and ministries to fulfill what God has called us to do. We cannot accomplish His will for us alone. We will carefully discern who God is networking us with and work in partnership with those people and ministries.

7. Those Who Do Not Yet Know God – Those who do not yet know the Lord are very much on our hearts. From those who live in our neighborhoods, to those who live on the other side of the world, our deep passion and desire is to see people submit to Jesus and live as His disciples.

8. Urgency and Passion – The fact that hundreds of thousands in our world die every day without Christ causes there to be a sense of urgency in our hearts to do all that we can, as soon as we can. Passion to see Jesus worshiped among all nations flows deep within us and motivates us to pray, hear and act and to do so without delay.

9. Apostolic and Prophetic Leadership – While every spiritual gift is absolutely needed and should be fully developed and employed in ANC churches, we understand that in 1 Cor. 12:28 as well as in Eph. 2:19, 20; 4:11, 12, the Apostle Paul clearly states that those with apostolic and prophetic gifting need to be in the forefront of church leadership. These two gifts are critical to enable a church to move forward, fulfilling the calling of God on her and destiny for her. Those who are gifted administratively and organizationally as well as those with shepherding / teaching gifts are also critical to a strong leadership structure.

10. Healing and Wholeness – We live in a badly broken world, with broken people living in broken relationships. We desire for people to be healed of inner wounds and brokenness by walking out the Biblical principles of forgiveness, extending grace and mercy and learning to know Christ as their life, looking only to Him to find their joy and significance. Healthy disciples will multiply healthy disciples and healthy churches will plant healthy churches.

11. A Biblical Gospel (vs. A Cultural Gospel) – Few of us understand the depth to which the ungodly culture in which we live, has formed us and shaped us in so many ways. Our desire is to be transformed by God's Word and Spirit and not conformed by our culture. We seek the culture of the Kingdom and desire to cast off, "cultural Christianity."

12. Core Biblical Truths – We are compelled to proclaim that salvation is by grace through faith as one is convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit and as one repents and surrenders to the Lordship of Jesus. We teach the fullness or

baptism of the Holy Spirit is for everyone who has repented and we instruct believers to pursue knowing Christ AS their very life, learning to abide in Him and finding Him to be all they need for life and Godliness.

<u>Kingdom Expanders</u>	<u>Kingdom Strengtheners</u>
<p><b>Apostolic Gift Prophetic Gift Evangelistic Gift</b></p>	<p><b>Pastoral Gift Teaching Gift Administrative Gift</b></p>
<p><b>FOCUS/CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Kingdom Initiatives</li> <li>▪ Trail Blazing</li> <li>▪ Masses</li> <li>▪ Unreached</li> <li>▪ Pioneering</li> <li>▪ Spotlight – See Forward</li> <li>▪ Large Groups &amp; Areas</li> <li>▪ “Arial” View</li> <li>▪ Bow of Ship</li> <li>▪ Visionary – See it before others</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAUL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Church Planter</li> <li>▪ Gentiles – “Outsiders”</li> <li>▪ Unreached</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evangelism</li> <li>▪ Pioneering</li> <li>▪ Romans 15 – New Foundations</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Evangelism &amp; Gathering “No More Work...” Jerusalem – Europe</p> <p><b>HOUSE – Dig Foundation, Lay Footings, Pour Slab</b></p>	<p><b>FOCUS/CHARACTERISTICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Building on what exists</li> <li>▪ Consolidating Gift</li> <li>▪ Establishing</li> <li>▪ Discipling</li> <li>▪ Encouraging</li> <li>▪ Laser Beam – See Inward Individuals, couples, Families or “A” Church</li> <li>▪ “In the Trenches” View</li> <li>▪ Rudder of Ship</li> <li>▪ Application of Vision, Administration of Vision</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BARANABAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourager</li> <li>▪ Discipler</li> <li>▪ Pastoral (John Mark – Acts 15:37 (Paul – Acts 9:22-27)</li> <li>▪ Counselor</li> <li>▪ Teacher</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Acts 11:20-24 – Antioch Pastoral, Teaching &amp; Administration Just Getting Started</p> <p><b>HOUSE – Build on Foundation, Frame, Roof, Drywall, Finish Carpenters, Plumbers, HVAC</b></p>

**God has designed that Kingdom Expanders lead the way forward for the church, envisioning and directing the extension of the church.**

- Romans 15:18-23 “I preached the gospel not where Christ was already named.”
- Acts:13&14 Paul’s church planting journey
- Ephesians 2:19-20 “...being built on the foundation of the apostles & prophets”
- Ephesians 4:11,12 “He gave some as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers”
- I Corinthians 12:28 “God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers...”

**God has designed Kingdom Strengtheners to teach, disciple, counsel, guide and equip the church, building it up on the foundation already in place.**

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **We believe...**

In God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all equal in deity and worthy of worship. Matthew 28:19

The Bible is the Word of God. It is inspired, infallible, and authoritative, and the commands therein must be obeyed by all believers. 2 Timothy 3:16

In the substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for all sinners. Romans 4:25

In eternal life for all who repent and believe in Him and eternal death for all who reject Him.

Matthew 25:46; Luke 13:3

In a hearty acceptance that Jesus is the Lord of our lives when we receive Him as our Savior. Romans 10:9, 10; Colossians 2:6; John 3:3

In the personal, visible and bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth. Acts 1:10, 11;

I Thessalonians 4:14-18

That Jesus has provided for and commanded in Scripture that every believer, be filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit. This sanctifying truth is both an event and a continuing process in the life of the believer. Acts 9:17; Ephesians 5:18.

A life of Godly character and maturity should be evident as one grows in the Lord.

That Jesus Christ has made provision for the healing of our physical sicknesses, Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:16,17, and that laying on of hands by believers, Acts 28:8, and anointing with oil by Elders for healing, are both Biblical and for the Church today. James 5:14-16

In the gifts of the Spirit as found in Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:11, 12; I Corinthians 12-14; I Peter 4:10, 11. These gifts are sovereignly bestowed by God. I Corinthians 12:28-30. Each true follower of Christ receives at least one gift for enablement and ministry. We believe that all the gifts of the Spirit are for today, though no one gift is the initial or required evidence of being filled with the Spirit.

In water baptism as a Scriptural Ordinance with agreement that immersion being the form practiced at this church.

In the Lord's Supper as the other Scriptural Ordinance.

In the church's mandate to take responsibility for spreading the gospel to every tribe, tongue, people and nation. Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 1:8.

## **PURPOSE OF ANC'S BOARD OF OVERSEERS**

The ANC Board of Overseers exists to provide counsel, wisdom and input to all ANC churches, Pastors and Elders. The relationship between the Overseers and church leaders is based on love, appreciation and a desire to see the ANC vision for healthy church multiplication fulfilled. The input from the Overseers is not binding and they do not play an official governing role in the churches. Rather, they draw from their experience, sharing their thoughts and concerns as necessary and appropriate. The attitude of the ANC church leaders towards the Overseers is one of openness and teachability, listening carefully to their counsel.

This group convenes annually, meeting with the ANC Pastors (and Elders if/as possible in the location of the meeting) to hear updates on the churches, to share their wisdom and to pray for and minister to the ANC leaders. Should an impasse ever arise in any church between the leadership, the Overseers can be called on for their input and opinion on the situation. Again, their counsel is not binding, but should be taken seriously, understanding their pooled experience and wisdom spans many decades. Their roles are completely voluntary and they are free to step down from being an Overseer at any point they feel necessary.

## **ALL NATIONS CHURCH'S RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL NATIONS FAMILY NETWORK**

We believe that every church should be a part of something bigger than themselves. After an 18 month process several years ago, and a very close look at three wonderful church networks, it was decided that ANC churches would become a part of the All Nations Family Network.

This network is led by Floyd McClung and their emphasis is on evangelism, discipleship, leadership training and church planting. They have two bases, one in Kansas City and one in Cape Town, South Africa. Their desire is to raise up church planters to lead church planting movements among the least reached people groups in the world. [www.AllNations.us](http://www.AllNations.us) [www.all-nations.co.za](http://www.all-nations.co.za)  
[www.floydandsally.org](http://www.floydandsally.org)

## APOSTOLIC PASSION

By Floyd McClung

What is "Apostolic Passion?" The term "passion" is used to describe everything from romance to hunger pangs. I don't know what it means to you, but for me passion means whatever a person is willing to suffer for. In fact, that's the root meaning of the word. It comes from the Latin *paserre*, to suffer. It is what you hunger for so intensely that you will sacrifice **anything** to have it. The word "apostle" means a sent one, a messenger. "Apostolic Passion" therefore, is a deliberate, intentional choice to live for the worship of Jesus in the nations. It has to do with committed to the point of death to spreading His glory. It's the quality of those who are on fire for Jesus, who dream of the whole earth being covered with the Glory of the Lord.

I know when apostolic passion has died in my heart. It happens when I don't spend my quiet time dreaming of the time when Jesus will be worshipped in languages that aren't yet heard in heaven. I know it's missing from my life when I sing about heaven, but live as if earth is my home. Apostolic passion is dead in my heart when I dream more about sports, toys, places to go and people to see, than I do about the nations worshipping Jesus. I have lost it, too, when I make decisions based on the danger involved, not the glory God will get.

Those who have apostolic passion are planning to go, but willing to stay. You know you have it when you are deeply disappointed that God has not called you to leave your home and get out among those who have never heard His name. If you will not suffer and sacrifice for something, you are not passionate about it. If you say you will do anything for Jesus, but you don't suffer for Him then you aren't really passionate about Him and His purposes on earth.

If you don't have it, how do you go about getting this thing called apostolic passion? Is it like ordering pizza at the door in 30 minutes or less, guaranteed? Is there an 800 number to call? Or better yet, just send us your special gift of \$15 or more, and we'll rush you some passion, express delivery, overnight mail.

If you are like me, you need help figuring out how to grow this thing called passion. I am motivated by reading how the apostle Paul got it. He chose it. Paul says in Romans 15 that it is his ambition, his passion, if you will, to make Christ known. It began for him with a revelation of Jesus, that he nurtured all his adult life. Paul not only encountered Christ on the road to Damascus; he kept on meeting Jesus every day. This revelation of Jesus, and his study of God's purposes, gave birth to Paul's apostolic passion. Knowing Jesus and making Him known consumed the rest of Paul's life. He "glorified in Christ Jesus in his service to God" (Rom. 15:17). By comparison, everything else was dung, garbage, and stinking refuse. Paul's ambition was born from his understanding that God longed for His Son to be glorified in the nations. It was focused so that the "Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 15:16)

Human enthusiasm cannot sustain apostolic passion. When God invests His own passion in you He desires to see His name glorified among all people, so you must build and develop what God has given you.

Four things will help:

### 1. **Apostolic Abandonment:**

Too many people want the fruit of Paul's ministry without paying the price that Paul paid. He died. He died to everything. He died daily. He was crucified with Christ. This strong-willed, opinionated man knew that he must die to self. He knew that in his flesh, he couldn't generate the revelation of Jesus; he couldn't sustain the heart of Christ. **So he died.** He abandoned himself. We live in a world of competing passions. If we do not die to self and fill our lives with the consuming passions of the worship of God in the nations, we will end up with other passions. It's possible to deceive ourselves into thinking we have Biblical passions when, in reality, all we have done is to baptize the values of our culture and give them Christian names. We will have chosen apostolic passion only when our hearts are filled with God's desire for His son to be worshipped in the nations. May I encourage you, dear friends, to give up your life? I challenge you to pray this prayer: "Lord, be ruthless with me in revealing my selfish ambition and lack of willingness to die to myself." I guarantee that He will answer your prayer quickly.

### 2. **Apostolic Focus**

The greatest enemy of the ambition to see Jesus worshipped in the nations is the lack of focus. You can run around expending energy on all sorts of good ministries, and not get one step closer to the nations. I don't have anything against all the projects and ministries out there. God's people do them, and I don't question their obedience to God. But the church has an apostolic calling, and an apostolic mission. God has called us to the nations. **We must focus, or we won't obey.** Focus on what? I believe God wants a people for Himself. Activity, without a desire that God has a people for Himself, is just activity, not missions. You can have evangelism without missions. Short-term ministries are great, as long as they focus on raising up workers to plant churches. You might say, "I'm not called to plant churches." Yes you are! It's always the will of God to have a people who worship His son in the Nations. You'll never have to worry about making God mad if you try to plant a church. It seems crazy to me that people are under the delusion that they need a special calling to save souls, disciple them, and get them together to love Jesus. Whatever ministry you are with, you must understand one thing:

church planting is not for us, it's for **God**. We do it so God will have the people to worship Him!

### **3. Apostolic Praying**

A young man in Bible school offered to help David Wilkerson years ago when he was ministering on the streets of New York City. Wilkerson asked how much time he spent in prayer. The young man estimated about 20 minutes a day. Wilkerson told him, "Go back young man, Go back for a month and pray for two hours a day, every day for 30 days. When you have done that, come back. Come back, and I might consider turning you loose on the streets where there is murder, rape, violence, and danger. If I sent you out now on 20 minutes a day, I'd be sending a soldier into battle without any weapons, and you would get killed."

You can get into heaven my friend, without a lot of prayer. You can have a one-minute quiet time every day, and God will still love you, but you won't hear a "Well done, good and faithful servant" on one-minute conversations with God. And you certainly can't make it on that kind of prayer life in the hard places where Jesus is not known or worshipped. Here's a challenge for you: Read everything Paul says about prayer, and then ask yourself, "Am I willing to pray like that?" Paul said that he prayed, "night and day with tears, without ceasing, with thankfulness in the spirit, constantly and boldly for godly sorrow against the evil one."

### **4. Apostolic Decision Making**

If you live without a vision of the glory of God filling the whole earth, you are in danger of serving your own dreams of greatness, as you wait to do "the next thing" God tells you. There are too many over-fed, under-motivated Christians hiding behind the excuse that God has not spoken to them. They are waiting to hear voices or see dreams, all the while living to make money, to provide for their futures, to dress well and have fun. The Apostle Paul was guided by his passions. Acts 20 and 21 tell of his determination to go to Jerusalem despite his own personal anticipation of suffering, the warnings of true prophets, and the intense disapproval of his friends. Why would Paul go against his own intuition let alone the urgings of prophets and weeping entreaties of close friends? He had a revelation of greater priority, of greater motivation: the glory of God. Apostolic decision making starts with a passion for God's glory in the nation, then asks, "Where shall I serve you?" Most people do the opposite. They ask the where-and-when questions without a revelation of His glory in the nations. Is it any wonder they never hear God say, "Go!" They have not cultivated a passion for the passions of God. All kinds of lesser desires can be holding them captive. They might never realize it.

Present your gifts, vocations, and talents to the Lord. Press in to God. Stay there until you long to go out in His name. Remain there and nurture the longing to see the earth bathed with His praise. Only then will you be able to trust your heart if you hear God say, "Stay." Only those who long to broadcast His glory to the nations have the right to stay.

**If you have apostolic passion, you are one of the most dangerous people on the planet.** The world no longer rules your heart. You are no longer seduced by getting and gaining but devoted to spreading and proclaiming the glory of God in the nations. You live as a pilgrim, unattached to the cares of this world. You are not afraid of loss. You even dare to believe you may be given the privilege of dying to spread His fame on the earth. The Father's passions have become your passions. You find your satisfaction and significance in Him. You believe He is with you always, to the end of life itself. You are sold out to God, and you live for the Lamb. Satan fears you, and the angels applaud you. Your greatest dream is that His name will be praised in languages never before heard in heaven. Your reward is the look of pure delight you anticipate seeing in His eyes when you lay at His feet, and the just reward of His suffering: the worship of the redeemed. **You have apostolic passion.**