

Member Care for The Antioch Partners

Vision of TAP: Presbyterians effectively equipped, sent out and supported as they participate in God's mission in the world, and every Presbyterian congregation extensively, strategically and radically involved in this process.

Member care is the ongoing personal involvement and investment of resources by the body of Christ for missionary personnel as an expression of the mutual love Jesus commanded.

The vision of Member Care for TAP is for TAP partners to be healthy, thriving and effective cross-cultural servants- growing in their relationship with Jesus and supported by a community of care in all aspects of their life.

The mission of TAP Member Care is to build relationships with TAP partners and their support community (sending church, TAP administration, local partners, other ministries) such that all are aided in growing toward maturity as members of the body of Christ and partners in the Kingdom.

The Core Values of Member Care for TAP

1. God already at work: In their own journeys, God has been and continues to be at work in the lives of those he might call to serve with TAP. When we prayerfully consider the possibility of their serving, our approach is to discern what God is doing, and how TAP might be part of that continued journey.

2. Kingdom of God: A key component of Member Care is encouraging growth toward maturity for TAP partners as citizens of God's kingdom.

3. Prayer: We are committed to prayer for TAP partners and their ministries. A goal of Member Care is the growth in prayer as two-way communication with God for TAP partners.

4. Church: The church, as the primary center of fellowship, is the heart of Member Care for TAP partners. We will serve and partner with congregations in the US to equip them for their role in Member Care as they send out their members.

5. Partnership: Each part of the body of Christ has a unique role to play in Member Care. Our vision is for each part to be equipped and challenged to work together for the holistic support of TAP partners.

6. Stewardship: Member Care is an essential element of stewardship in promoting holistic health and preventing unnecessary harm to TAP partners.

7. Servant leadership: Member Care is one key aspect of empowering TAP partners to serve God's people from a healthy heart.

8. Unreached peoples: The context of the un-reached and least-reached people groups of the world is a particularly challenging arena for witness which requires mature, well-trained workers. Member Care operates with this challenging environment in mind and is central to the discernment of and preparation for this service.

9. Evangelism: Member Care is giving specific attention to the transformation in the lives of TAP partners in the power of the Holy Spirit. Their transformed lives make them more authentic witnesses to Jesus and live as an invitation to others to become disciples of Jesus.

10. Relationship: Member Care is done as an expression of mutual love. This is to say that member care is done in relationships. Policies and programs may be helpful in setting out responsibilities and boundaries, but healthy relationships are the priority.