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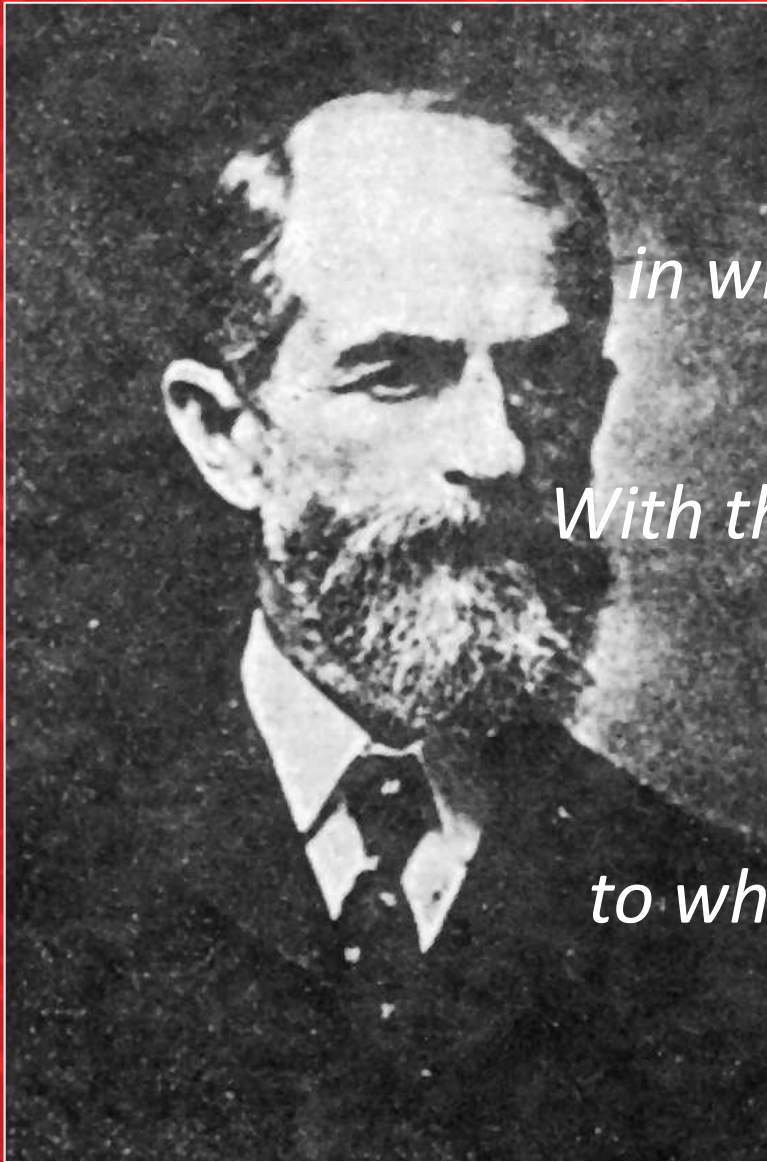
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*We have reached a period of history  
in which God's dear children believe the prophecies  
and feel the force of the commission.*

*With the world open, with the means of communication  
and transportation developed,  
with men and money in abundance,  
and the promise of the presence of Jesus  
to whom all power is committed in heaven and earth,  
surely the outlook is altogether hopeful...*

*Opportunities are almost limitless!*

Jacob Cassel

1909



Charles Yoder & family set sail for Argentina ...





Cóche bíblico en acción





1918



James Gribble & Team set sail for central Africa ...

# Growing a global movement through your partnership with Encompass ...

1909 Argentina

1918 Central African  
Republic

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1949 Brazil

1951 Mexico

1951 France

1953 Hawaii

1959 Puerto Rico





## Growing a global movement through your partnership with Encompass ...

1909 Argentina	1966 Chad	1997 Kyrgyzstan
1918 Central African Republic	1969 Germany	1999 Chile
1949 Brazil	1982 England	2000 Cambodia
1951 Mexico	1984 Japan	2002 Turkey
1951 France	1984 Philippines	2002 Ireland
1953 Hawaii	1986 Uruguay	2003 Cameroon
1959 Puerto Rico	1990 Portugal	2005 Thailand
	1993 Czech Republic	2006 Nigeria
		2011 Vietnam
		2015 Poland









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Charis is a multinational network of Grace churches and developers [Canada, 1996], whose values and pursuit of biblical truth, biblical relationships, and the [Argentina, 1999]. The delegates of the 2008 International Conference affirm the following **Commitment to Common Mission** and encourage the participation of the Grace Brethren churches worldwide:

## Church planting

We affirm that the church is God's plan for this age and commit to mobilize our members and resources to plant new churches because:

- the Spirit of Jesus poured out upon the Church is the Spirit of Mission to the nations (Acts 2:1-42; 13:1-4)
- the Church is a fruitful community in which disciples are made (Acts 2:42-47; Eph 4:11-16)
- the Church calls the lost to be reconciled to Christ through its evangelistic efforts (2 Cor. 5:16-21)
- the Church displays the multifaceted wisdom of God (Eph 3:10-11)
- through the Church God is glorified in Christ Jesus (Eph 3:21)

Therefore, we call upon:

- every local church to reaffirm their God-given mandate to reproduce through a concentrated effort to make disciples and form new churches.
- every National Fellowship or Association of Grace Brethren Churches to designate 2010-2020 as the decade of multiplication in which every church will be mobilized to reproduce itself through planting one or more new churches.

## Leadership training

We affirm that a leader is a person who influences towards the fulfillment of defined objectives and is accountable to the health and multiplication of the church. We affirm that leadership training is the responsibility of the local church.

We call upon the churches:

- To develop culturally sensitive strategies and means to train leaders, creating a comprehensive set of tools to:
  - Proclaim the Gospel (from non-belief to salvation)
  - Teach the fundamentals (from baptism to baptism)
  - Enlist in ministry service (from baptism to service)
  - Train leaders according to gifting (from service to leadership)
  - Empower leaders to train others according to gifting (from leadership to coaching)
  - Encourage a life of wisdom (family & work ethics, etc.)
- To share these resources worldwide with appropriate training how to use them (objective, target, content, time, cost, required skill to teach them...).

## Integrated ministries

We affirm that God has created human beings with physical, emotional and spiritual needs and that the Church expresses the compassion of Christ in proclaiming the Gospel while caring for various needs of mankind.

We call upon the Church to bless believers, strengthen churches and reach the lost by showing the works which reflect true faith (Jam 2:26):

- Assisting those in need,
- Promoting economic, family, and personal development,
- Encouraging the development of businesses with a missionary focus (Business As Mission)

We recognize that this is still an investigative avenue for mission. We encourage churches to deepen their theological understanding (cf. Charis paper) and further refine the principles governing holistic ministries.

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October 2008 - Bad Hamburg, Germany

## Argentina

Marcelo González Andrés

Esteban Pizzi

## Brazil

Artur Soares Da Silva

Ivaldo Trindade

## Cambodia

Chay Chhoeum

## Cameroon

Santos Eke Toketchi

Delphi Wilinga

## Canada

Bartley Sawatsky

## Central African Republic

André Mbol

Simon-Pierre Nadjilao

Jérémy Ngazacou

## Chad

Yerima Betelemisya

Loula Bonfane Romtomine

Pierre Mbakoulou

## Chile

Juan Sáez

## France

Franck Segonne

## Germany

Rainer Ehmann

## Guatemala

Boris Orlando Peña

## Japan

Shu Aoki

## Mexico

Edgar Cruz Moreno

Arnulfo Vioyra

## Nigeria

Olson Orendode

Enoch Kaka Kuyammbaye

## Philippines

Ray Paz

## Portugal

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## United Kingdom

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# The Charis Commitment to Common Identity

## An Introduction

### History

The Charis Movement, comprised of leaders and churches commonly known as Grace Brethren, traces its family roots back to Germany, where in 1708 a small group of sincere Christ-followers committed to form a church that would be faithful to the teachings of the New Testament. Yet we recognize that our spiritual foundations are built upon the broader work of godly men and women throughout history who have faithfully labored to interpret and apply God's truth. While different expressions of our beliefs have been drafted throughout our history, we have consistently affirmed our unwavering loyalty to Jesus Christ, the Living Word, and to Holy Scripture, the Written Word, as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Throughout the centuries, our movement has known glorious times of progress and sad times of distraction over secondary issues. By the grace of God, today we are a global family of churches that shares a common commitment to understanding the Word of God (Biblical truth), to living as the People of God (Biblical relationships), and to fulfilling the Purpose of God (Biblical mission). This threefold commitment is shared throughout the geographically and culturally diverse congregations that identify with us.

### Format

The Charis Commitment to Common Identity is a summary of our biblical convictions, mutual commitments, and common practices. It is not intended to be a complete expression of what we believe and practice, nor is it intended to be the final expression of those beliefs and practices. Rather, it is a current expression of our ongoing quest to apply the unchanging truth of God's Word to the constantly changing realities and needs of our world. It is formatted around three "clusters" as follows:

1. The Center affirms our eternal loyalty to Jesus Christ, through whom we live and move and have our being; the Evangelical Core outlines the convictions we share with those in the stream of historic orthodoxy and global evangelical communities that possess a high view of God and the Scriptures;
2. The Charis Identity summarizes the perspectives and practices shared among Grace Brethren churches and leaders around the world.

### Uses

Our leaders and churches to use this document in the following ways:

- To guide the next generation to understand, identify and engage together with us;
- To guide disciples to grow and serve among us;
- To guide disciples who may wish to join us;
- To guide understanding and convictions of our leaders and members;
- To guide appropriately so those with whom we form partnerships;
- To guide churches or groups of churches should form a part of our global movement is a creation of man, and must be subject to the understanding of the Bible, which alone is the authority in Bangkok, Thailand.

# Global Presence of Grace Brethren Churches

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Argentina

Chile

Japan

Sudan

Bahamas

Czech Republic

Kyrgyzstan

Thailand

Brazil

D.R. of Congo

Mexico

Trinidad

C.A.R.

France

Nigeria

Turkey

Cambodia

Germany

Philippines

United Kingdom

Cameroon

Guatemala

Poland

Uruguay

Canada

Haiti

Portugal

USA

Chad

Ireland

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Vietnam