



GLOBAL
MISSION
COMMISSION

Celebrate World Mission Sunday!

February 15, 2026

WHAT IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY?

Established by the **1997 General Convention** of The Episcopal Church, **World Mission Sunday** is observed annually on the **Last Sunday in Epiphanytide**—this year on **February 15, 2026**. However, congregations are encouraged to celebrate **on any Sunday that fits their calendar**.

The season of **Epiphany** celebrates the light of Christ shining in all the world—across cultures, nations, languages, and people. The visit of the **Magi** reminds us that this light is not bound by borders.

The season culminates in the **Transfiguration of Jesus**, who is revealed in glory before beginning the final leg of his earthly mission. As we pray in the collect of the day, may we be “**changed into his likeness from glory to glory**” (2 Cor. 3:18), becoming instruments of transformation in God’s world.

WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION CAN CELEBRATE

Promote Global Mission in Your Community

- **Highlight your international partnerships** – Invite parishioners to speak during coffee hour, announcements, or adult forums about mission initiatives they’re involved in.
- **Celebrate the global Church** – Ask parishioners from other countries to share about church life in their homelands.
- **Interactive Displays** – Feature a **world map** on your welcome table. Use sticky notes or pins to show your church’s connections abroad.
- **Share Mementos** – Encourage members to bring photos or souvenirs from mission trips or pilgrimages.
- **Post on Social Media** – Share stories, photos, and inspiration about your global outreach online. Repost content from others!
- **Engage Youth & Families** – Create games or activities about world cultures to involve young people in global mission.



Enrich Your Worship

- **Incorporate missional themes** in your liturgy and preaching.
- Use the **Collect for the Mission of the Church** (*BCP p. 206, Traditional; p. 257, Contemporary*).
- **Pray for missionaries and global partners** during the Prayers of the People.
- **Take up a special offering** for one of your congregation's mission partners or projects.
- **Invite a Guest Speaker** – Missionaries, ministry leaders, or partners can preach, lead a forum, or share reflections.

Would you like support?

A member of the **Global Mission Commission** would be delighted to visit your congregation to speak or assist.

Contact Canon Sam Owen at sowen@dioceseny.org

Grant Opportunities: Partnering for Global Impact

The **Sustainable Development Goals Fund (SDGF)** of the Diocese of New York is open for **new grant applications starting February 16, 2026**.

Support or Launch a Global Mission Partnership

- Since its inception, the SDGF has awarded **nearly \$500,000** to projects that promote global justice, sustainability, and dignity.
- Aligned with the UN's **17 Sustainable Development Goals**, this fund enables congregations, schools, and mission networks to be part of a worldwide movement to:
 - End poverty
 - Protect the planet
 - Promote peace and justice
- **[APPLY ONLINE HERE](#)**

Questions? please email sustainabilitygrants@dioceseny.org.

Explore More Global Mission Resources

The Diocese of New York is an active member of the **Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN)**.

Visit www.gemn.org for toolkits, stories, and guidance for global mission engagement.

- **Attend the GEMN Missio 2026 Conference**
Theme: Rooted in Christ & Dancing God's Dream
Dates: April 14–17, 2026
Location: Church of St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco
Hosted by: GEMN and the Diocese of California
[REGISTER HERE](#)



Let the Light Shine!

This World Mission Sunday, let us celebrate our connection to the global body of Christ and recommit ourselves to building just and loving relationships across borders — **sharing in God's mission of reconciliation and hope.**