

2:10 FOCUS Challenge

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

The 2:10 coaching process

You are invited to begin an exciting journey of discovering and fulfilling God's purpose for your church. The U.S. Engagement team of Converge International Ministries would love to walk with you through a simple, but profound process of finding and fulfilling your church's God-designed global role. Many are eager to increase their missions impact and effectiveness, but have few ideas of where to begin. Our team desires to serve you in discovering and utilizing your church's unique strengths and resources through the 2:10 FOCUS Challenge.

FOCUSing is a church's decision to **concentrate** their **passions** and **resources** to achieve **shared goals**.

HELP YOUR CHURCH MOVE...

FROM:

No missions, **haphazard** missions
or **reactive** missions

TO:

Strategic missions efforts with **clear, targeted goals** based on **prayerful, proactive choices**



PROCESS

Transitioning to a new approach in missions is not a matter of following a script or applying a set formula. It's a journey. A journey for which we would like to be your guide. We won't provide the answers, but we can help you discover God's specific plan for your church as you seek his guidance and plan for your church.

FOCUS leaders & teams

The Discover and Select aspects of FOCUS will be the task of your Selection Team. This group is made up of leaders and globally sensitive people from your congregation. It should represent a variety of ages, both genders and an array of perspectives.

A FOCUS Coordinator from your church will organize the logistics of the process.

A FOCUS Coach from the Converge U.S. Engagement team will guide you through the process. This person will help you stay on course, provide encouragement and give input based on their missions experience.

Once a FOCUS is determined, the FOCUS Team begins the journey of leading your church to accomplish the work to which God has called you.

Ready to get started?

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Do we have to abandon everything we've been doing in missions?

Absolutely not! Adopting a FOCUS means you are adding a concentrated initiative, not dropping involvement with ministries that are already valuable elements of your church's missions program. Most churches discover that their entire missions program benefits from the energy generated by their new FOCUS.

Must our focus be overseas?

The FOCUSing process is designed to help your church fulfill the Great Commandment to love God and your neighbor (Matt. 22:36-40) and the Great Commission to go into all the world with the good news (Mk. 16:15). Many of the FOCUSing principles can be applied to outreach of any type anywhere. However, in this process, we specifically address your cross-cultural missions mandate and the general, though not exclusive, context is your ends-of-the-earth, least-reached peoples involvement.

Must we choose only one focus?

The short answer is no. Because there are few FOCUS initiatives that can utilize all of a church's resources or engage all of its passion, many churches sooner or later adopt additional ones.

However, you will soon see that launching a FOCUS takes a lot of work. It is almost always best for a small or medium-size congregation to get one FOCUS well started before attempting to initiate others. Larger churches do have the capacity to engage multiple strategic initiatives, thereby engaging the maximum number of people. Your church may want to choose two or even more focuses. However, it is usually best even for a large church to introduce only one FOCUS at a time to your people.

Should we choose a focus location before we begin?

No. It is best to enter the FOCUSing process with an open mind, asking God to give your selection group a united vision for where he is calling you to FOCUS.

Looks nice, but how much will this cost?

By design, we are providing this coaching to our Converge churches at no cost. We simply want to serve pastors, churches, and missions teams in an effort to accelerate our efforts to reach the least reached. Our coaches willingly travel and provide the training at their own expense. Considering that, a church may choose to offer an honorarium at their discretion. The teaching is accompanied by the *Your FOCUS on the World* manual and each team member will need their own copy. Depending on quantity and shipping, manuals are under \$20 each.

Must we choose a Converge project or missionary as our focus?

The short answer is, no. However, we believe in the motto of "Better together." We do ask churches to "think Converge first," but certainly not exclusively. In the training, you will be introduced to national and district Converge initiatives. You will come away with a greater understanding of the Converge vision of *asking God for a gospel movement among every least-reach people group in our generation*. But in the end, we want God to direct your steps and lead you into the best possible FOCUS opportunity.

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