**Developing a Global Friendship**

**A Starting Point for Reflection**

The world is now available for friendship! With the speed of communication and it’s affordability you can now build a global friendship with relative ease. The question comes though where do you start? And who should you build a relationship with? The following questions serve as a starting point for reflection as you begin your journey….

1. What is your interest in developing a global friendship? Why are you doing this, and what is important to you as take this step? How has God nudged you to take this step? Is there a particular cause that is in your mind?
2. What gift/role do you have to offer a global friendship? Is there a role and/or training that you have here where you can be a peer to a global friend? Is there a role that you have that might exist in the life of a global friendship, where you can be peer support to one another?
3. What global friends has God already brought into your life? Think both around the world, and in your own local context? Who has come across your path either in this recent season, or in your life/career history that you can jot down as part of a list of individuals that you might say is of interest to you in considering for a global friendship?
4. What regions of the world interest you, if any? It may be that you are interested in a particular region of the world and would like to explore what is possible in that region. You may have been praying about a particular people. How does geography play a role in your reflection on global friendship? How interested and able are you to engage with different languages?
5. What role does vulnerability play in your heart for the world? Canada is an economically strong nation, and so many of us are limited in our exposure to vulnerability. Global friendship often involves engaging with people who are vulnerable, and so what capacity and experience do you have in working with vulnerable people? Where might you struggle in engaging the world in this area?
6. What financial and time capacity can you give to global friendship? It is helpful to live with a realistic sense of what is possible.