

# Eastern Mission

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the wake of the recent national events, a question has been lingering in my mind. The question is, *what is the role of the church in all of this?* There have been no shortage of people sharing their opinion. Some are calling the time in which we live, a turning point for the American Church, a time for decisive action. I don't necessarily disagree with that. But the question remains, what action are we being called to? Is it enough that the Church continues with the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or does a time such as this demand something more from the Church?

I'd like to call to our attention the Church's call to action that was given by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" Mark 16:15-16*

*"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." -Matthew 28:18-20*

The world is ever-changing, but we have been sent to proclaim amid the shifting sands of this world, the eternal gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church as a whole, and we, as the Eastern Mission are called to remain faithful to the proclamation of the gospel. **That is our call to action.** May God help us all!

In Christ,  
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