

7-2 – City-Wide, Regional & National Collaboration

Working Paper for Regional / City-Wide GCN Facilitating Teams

Purpose

This Working Paper helps a regional or city-wide GCN Facilitating Team connect multiple Local GCNs, existing fellowships, networks, leaders and collaborative Activities & Initiatives across a geographic area. The purpose is not to centralize or control local expressions, but to strengthen relationships, shared learning, coordination and multiplication and to connect the regional reality with the National GCN Facilitating Team.

The Collaboration Flow

LOCAL	CITY / REGIONAL	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
Local GCNs, churches, ministries, workplace and society leaders	Regional / City-Wide Facilitating Team and round table	National Facilitating Team, Work Groups and national portfolios	Learning, partnership, tools, prayer and multiplication
Local realities, testimonies, needs and innovation →	Connect, contextualize, coordinate and multiply ↔	Align, equip, learn and connect ↔	Give and receive multidirectionally

1. Define the Geographic Field

Clarify the area the team is serving before building additional structures.

Question	Working Notes
Geographic scope: city, city-region, district, province/state/canton or other?	
Population / major population centers	
Key regions, districts, neighborhoods or underserved places	
Existing Local GCNs or GCN-related teams	
Existing pastors' fellowships, alliances, ministry networks, workplace networks and transformation networks	
Languages, people groups and other important geographic or relational realities	

2. Map the Existing Network

Start with what God has already established. Do not duplicate healthy relationships or structures.

Locality / Network	Existing Group / Local GCN	Key Contact(s)	Sphere / Focus	Relationship to GCN	Next Connection

3. Build the Regional / City-Wide Facilitating Team

Bring together relational connectors who can serve the wider area. The team should remain as simple as possible and as representative as necessary. Include women, younger/emerging leaders, different regions and people groups where possible.

Facilitating Contribution	Person / Co-Facilitator	Relationships / Area Served	Next Step
Team Leader & Multiplication			
Prayer & Evangelism			
Disciple Making			
Church Planting			
Workplace & Agriculture			
Society & Community			
Toolbox & Partners			
Focus & Project Teams			
National & Global Collaboration			

4. Establish the Regional / City-Wide Round Table

Invite appropriate representatives from Local GCNs and existing networks. A Local GCN may normally be represented by its Team Leader / Collaboration Facilitator, with additional facilitators or practitioners joining according to the focus.

Local GCN / Network	Core Representative	Additional Focus Representative	What They Bring	What They Need / Want to Learn

5. Assess the Regional Great Commission Reality

Area	What Is Already Happening / Fruit	Gaps / Underserved	Opportunities	Priority
Prayer & Evangelism				
Disciple Making				
Church Planting				
Workplace & Agriculture				
Society & Community				
Toolbox & Partners				
Focus & Project Teams				
Local GCN / geographic multiplication				

6. Collaboration Matrix – Connect Rather Than Duplicate

Use this matrix to see where collaboration is local, where several Local GCNs can work together, and where national or international connection adds value.

Priority / Opportunity	Local GCN(s)	Regional / City-Wide Role	National Connection	Tools / Partners	Activity / Initiative

7. Develop Shared Activities & Initiatives

Regional collaboration should lead to practical action where working together adds value. Activities may remain local, be coordinated across several Local GCNs, or become regional initiatives.

Activity / Initiative	Goal / Desired Fruit	Participating Local GCNs / Partners	Coordinator	Timeline	KPI / Learning

8. Multiply Local GCNs and Strengthen Geographic Coverage

Place / Area	Current Relationship / Network	Gap or Opportunity	Potential Facilitator(s)	Launch / Connect Approach	Target / Next Step

Two pathways are equally valid: (1) intentionally launch a new Local GCN where relationships and opportunity are present; or (2) connect an organically emerging or existing fellowship/network with the wider GCN process.

9. Connect Regional ↔ National Learning

What We Share Nationally	What We Need Nationally	National Work Group / Contact	Follow-Up
Regional testimonies and fruit			
Key gaps and underserved areas			
Effective tools / practices			
Activities & Initiatives with scaling potential			
Focus & Project Team opportunities			
New Local GCNs / emerging facilitators			

10. Suggested Collaboration Rhythm

Rhythm	Participants	Purpose
Ongoing / relational	Facilitators and connectors	Prayer, relationships, introductions, rapid coordination and encouragement.

Regional / city-wide round table – a few times per year	Local GCN representatives, regional facilitators, relevant practitioners	Shared prayer, learning, assessment, Activities & Initiatives and multiplication.
Focus-based meetings as needed	Relevant facilitators, Work Groups, Focus & Project Teams and partners	Develop a specific outreach, disciple-making, church-planting or transformation priority.
Regular national exchange	Regional / city-wide representatives and National Facilitating Team	Share learning, gaps, tools, opportunities, multiplication and national priorities.

11. 90-Day Action Plan

Action	Responsible	By When	Partners / Resources	Status / Next Review
Confirm geographic scope and core relationships				
Map Local GCNs and existing networks				
Strengthen / form Regional Facilitating Team				
Invite first regional / city-wide round table				
Complete initial regional assessment				
Select 1–3 collaborative priorities				
Launch / strengthen Activities & Initiatives				
Identify next places for Local GCN multiplication				
Share outcomes with National Facilitating Team				

12. Review & Multiplication Dashboard

Indicator	Baseline	Next Target	Timeframe	How Measured	Owner
Active Local GCNs / connected existing groups					
Geographic areas represented					
Regional collaborative Activities & Initiatives					
New Local GCNs / teams developing					
Leaders / facilitators being developed					
Tools / practices shared across localities					
National connections and shared learning					
Testimonies / measurable Great Commission fruit					

Closing Principle

Together we build a relational and multiplying fishing net to reach all people and make disciples across every place and sphere of society.

City-Wide, Regional & National Collaboration

Regional and city-wide **GCN Facilitating Teams** help connect Local GCNs, existing Christian networks and collaborative Activities & Initiatives across their geographic area. Their role is not to centralize or control local expressions, but to strengthen relationships, shared learning, coordination and multiplication.

In larger cities or regions, **multiple Local GCNs** can develop organically and remain connected through joint gatherings a few times each year. Existing pastors' fellowships, ministry networks, workplace groups and other Christian networks can also participate without needing to become one organization.

Representatives or facilitators from the Local GCNs can participate in a **city-wide or regional round table**. Additional facilitators and practitioners can join according to the focus—for example, Prayer & Evangelism for joint outreach, Disciple Making for multiplication, Church Planting for underserved places and people groups, or Workplace & Agriculture and Society & Community for transformational initiatives.

The **Regional / City-Wide Facilitating Team** helps to:

- connect Local GCNs, churches, ministries, networks and leaders across the area;
- facilitate regular relational exchange, prayer and shared learning;
- connect complementary Activities & Initiatives across local boundaries;
- identify geographic gaps, underserved places and opportunities for new Local GCNs;
- connect relevant Work Groups and Focus & Project Teams where wider collaboration is helpful;
- encourage successful local approaches to be shared and multiplied;
- connect the region relationally with the **National GCN Facilitating Team** and, where relevant, with other regions and international GCN relationships;
- bring local realities, testimonies, needs, learning and innovation back into the national process.

In this way, collaboration flows **Local ↔ City/Regional ↔ National ↔ International**. Wider GCN structures strengthen local action with relationships, tools, learning and resources, while local experience continually strengthens regional, national and global learning.

The goal is a relational and multiplying Great Commission network—a **fishing net of relationships and collaboration** that helps reach every person with the Gospel, make disciples, establish Christian fellowship in every place and people group, and encourage Kingdom transformation across every sphere of society.