

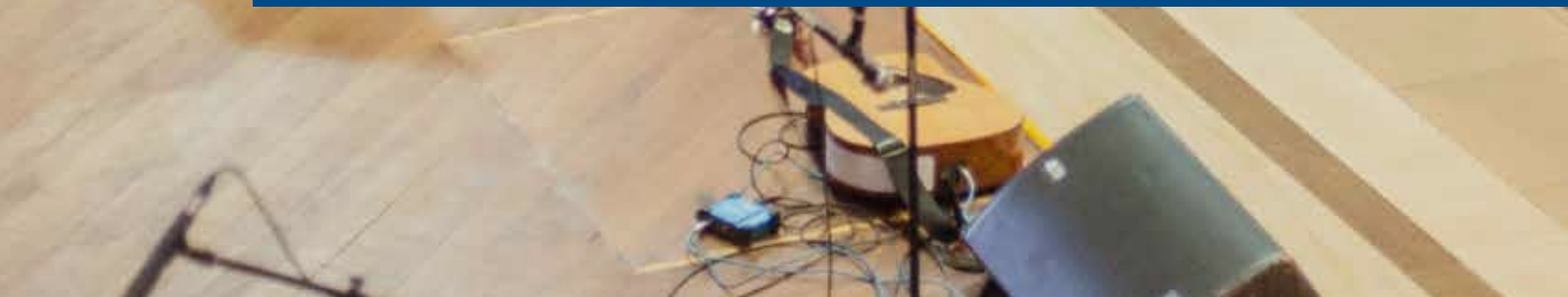


**LIFE IN ABUNDANCE**  
GLOBAL INSTITUTE



# **Life In Abundance Global Institute**

**Frequently Asked Questions**







# **Defeat Poverty. Restore Dignity.**

We empower local churches to serve the poor and vulnerable, creating sustainable transformation in their communities.





# Why an Institute?

The LIA Global Institute is integral to the LIA mission and program. It exists to promote wholistic innovation and to capacitate, empower, and support the Church as it fulfills the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) focusing on the least, the lost, and the last (Matthew 25:31-45).

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# What is the Institute?

The Institute is a unique space, rather than place, for mutual learning and the exchange of ideas to address the new realities of missions in the 21st century. It fulfills its purpose and calling through various platforms and vehicles. LIA's training centers play an important role, as do our virtual conferences, occasional webinars, and the growing annual Global Missions Conference. The Institute is also hosted in the US, Great Britain, or Europe by partners.





# What does the Institute do?

**Catalyst** for program innovation as to how to empower and capacitate the Church to serve the poor with wholistic impact.

**Think-Tank** where Global South and Global North Christian leaders explore:


- What appropriate partnerships must look like in this post-post-colonial world.
- Seeking God's guidance and wisdom for breakthrough ideas on emerging Challenges that are slowing down or thwarting the pursuit of wholistic impact.
- Publishing the outcomes of these deliberations.
- Supporting the Church in reclaiming her legitimate place and role in missions in the Global South and North.

**Megaphone** for the cause of missions and the growing importance of the role of the Global South Church, and specifically Africa, to ensure impact with fruit that will last. A priority is addressing the emerging realities and challenges on the missional landscape in Africa, which also have global implications.

**Develop an accredited certification program** for national ministries (churches, faith-based NGOs, and national mission agencies) that have the potential to deliver on their promise of wholistic missional development praxis. Through assessment and identification of growth areas, these organizations will have the opportunity to:

- Avail themselves of opportunities for improvement provided by the Institute.
- Build their capacity in order to meet an agreed upon standard acceptable to potential partners (churches, foundations, and other major donors) who want to partner with a smaller national organization in the Global South.
- The Institute will provide such qualifying organizations with a seal of approval and recommendation for partnership and support especially those interested in reaching unreached people groups.

**Strong partnerships with universities** in both the Global South and North will also produce educational opportunities that will lead to certificates and diplomas as well as hosting and facilitating the educational programs of other institutions that are theologically and philosophically aligned with the mission of LIA.



# Who does the Institute impact?

We want to serve and engage all interested in seeing the Church become what God has created it to be in serving the poor through wholistic ministry, resulting in wholistic impact. Participant-contributors are thought leaders and practitioners, many experienced in working in Christian minority settings, from mission agencies, NGOs, academia, missional churches, and Christian foundations.

**"I have come that they  
may have life and have  
it in abundance."**

**JOHN 10:10B**



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