



In 2015, Pastor Ron Nelson, Co-Founder of Sowing Seeds of Joy Inc. (SSOJ) and at that time member of the National African American Missions Conference (NAAMC) Steering Committee, proposed the idea for a Missionary Certification Program (MCP) to equip applicants with the advanced skills to become engaged in long-term global missions. Under the auspices of Sowing Seeds of Joy, Inc. Ron and Star Nelson pioneered the effort for over three years, creating and developing the Missionary Certification Program which now offers six tracks of specialized focus: (1) Mission Mobilizer (2) Short-Term Mission Trips (3) Creative Arts in Missions (4) Short-Term Team Leader (5) Human Trafficking and (6) Trauma Healing. In 2019, Sowing Seeds of Joy, Inc. (SSOJ) in partnership with the National African American Missions Conference (NAAMC) under the umbrella of Boundless Ministries Inc., (BMI) formally established a partnership to work cooperatively on the MCP. This year we are pleased to announce the graduation of the inaugural class! As we transition with the enrollment of a new cohort of students; the Missionary Certification Program will be completely operated and managed by Sowing Seeds of Joy, Inc. (SSOJ) effective June 26, 2021 under the dynamic leadership of Ron and Star Nelson. We are pleased that our partnership created a new path forward in mobilizing more African Americans into global missions. We wish to thank the students and coaches of the first graduating class for their dedication, time, and energy in making this program a huge success. Sowing Seeds of Joy, Inc. (SSOJ) and National African American Missions Council will continue to dream and trailblaze paths forward in African American missions mobilization.

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