



## Our plans

- Development of background materials and education programs
- Offering Roma mission study day to presbyteries and congregations
- Roma mission hymn book
- Collecting Good examples and Best practices
- Mentor and Scholarship programs
- Prevention programs, trainings
- Promote job creation
- Programs promoting the healing of personality and personal relations.
- Programs promoting reconciliation; shaping attitudes of the majority and minority society, decreasing interethnic tensions.

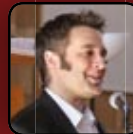


## Our vision

The congregations of the RCH will strengthen in their mission identity and become open and integrating communities which glorify the Lord and where reconciliation with God opens new perspectives for individuals, families and the wider community. As a result of this, social solidarity will be strengthened and tensions will be decreased in the majority and minority societies. The RCH with its ministry contributes to the improvement of people's quality of life in areas with serious disadvantages from a social, ecological and infrastructural points of view.

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# Roma Mission

of the Reformed Church in Hungary



*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH) as a sign and agent of God's Kingdom will be a church of personal and social transformation, a community where irrespectively of origin or race, people can experience the welcoming, reconciling and healing power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

To fulfill this mission, the RCH, through its national coordination office for Roma mission, offers help to congregations interested in serving among Roma.



## Our Aims

1. Congregations of the RCH shall be encouraged to proclaim the life-shaping message of the Gospel to socially marginalized groups, including the large Roma community.
2. Through the ministry of the church, Roma people shall experience God's restoring and healing love in all dimensions of their lives.
3. The RCH and its congregations shall work towards reconciliation between Roma and the majority population in Hungary.



## Roma mission in Congregations



*Baby and Mom groups and Certain Start Child houses give mothers an opportunity to experience fellowship with others, play together with their kids and to share issues and questions of concern — all in the company of specialists who are on hand to help.*

Besides RE classes, many churches organize afternoon clubs, kids clubs or invite Roma children for summer camps where in a loving atmosphere they can experience the power of community, acceptance and the love of God.

After-school programs can give regular, individualised help to develop children's skills and promote their integration within the community.



In everything it does, the RCH's Roma mission tries to promote reconciliation, health and fullness of life within Roma communities. Community work, Bible Studies and Evangelization weeks are all part of the ministry for adults which aim to improve the Roma people's quality of life.

## National Roma mission

How does RCH support congregations' ministry amongst Roma?

- Roma mission website
- training events for Roma mission workers
- mentoring for Roma mission workers
- pastors' continuing education in the field of Roma mission
- National Roma Mission Meeting
- Dress, school supplies and food aid through the Hungarian Reformed Church Aid
- Cooperation with HEKS (Swiss Interchurch Aid) in support of Roma youth
- "A way toward life" health screening program organized by Reformed Mission Center and Bethesda Children's Hospital
- Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network
- Reformed Network of Foster Parents
- Romology and Roma mission courses in higher education and universities
- Wáli István Reformed Roma Collegium — for Roma university students
- Reformed specialized schools
- preparing Reformed schools for integrated education and receiving Roma students
- representation on national Reformed events such as Starpoint Youth Festival, Unity Day
- Ecumenical and international cooperation.

