

## ***What is a Mission Partnership?***

The idea is for congregations to join together in a relationship that will bring mutual understanding, support, encouragement, spiritual growth and vitality to our common work together.

This model depends on congregations talking with each other, learning about each other's ministries, and then forming a relationship that will help them remain more connected. This is not "we doing something for them!"

Through this relationship, we know that our trust and knowledge of each other will grow, and most of all, we will support and honor the work and ministry of Jesus Christ in the Grand Canyon Presbytery.

Such partnerships may include sharing ideas, sharing resources, doing mutual work together, providing program support, doing educational events together — the sky is the limit!

What is important is that a careful assessment of needs and expectations on the part of all participants be done to assure the best possible results and experience.

## ***Other Mission Partnerships***

with Individual Missionaries and Mission Co-Workers

Some congregations wish to form a relationship with Missionaries and Mission Co-Workers related to the PCUSA in international ministries. In general, it is the feeling of SMCD that an outline for a covenant and relationship similar to that used by congregations would be useful in relationships between congregations and individuals. Follow the steps inside to help you in that process as well.

Additional information may be downloaded through the presbytery website:  
[www.pbygrandcanyon.org/committees/](http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org/committees/)  
*Stewardship, Mission, & Communications Development Committee*

- Identifying a Mission Partner – Q & A
- World Mission Program Unit – Partnership Step-by-Step Together

MISSION PARTNERSHIPS



A MODEL FOR SHARED MINISTRY



*Stewardship, Mission & Communications Development Committee (SMCD)*

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## ***Rationale for forming Mission Partnerships***

In order to enhance our mutual connections and relationships as Presbyterians in **Presbytery of Grand Canyon**, we provide this model as a guide to develop those relationships among our congregations.

We realize that not everyone will do a partnership the same way, but offer this model to assist all participants so that there can be some uniformity and consistency in the program.

The partnership for a congregation may build on an existing relationship with another congregation in the presbytery, or build on an international relationship with persons or ministries of the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**.

We hope that this program will promote better knowledge and understanding between the varieties of Presbyterians in **Presbytery of Grand Canyon**.

The SMCD Committee requests that funds used in partnerships not replace current or future funding toward the General Mission through the Presbytery, Synod or General Assembly.

## How do we get started?

**#1.** The primary thing to do is to take some steps to become acquainted with a potential partner through exchanges of letters, visits, e-mail contacts, pictures, telling your story and being together. All of this *needs to be on a "no obligation" basis*. The idea is to have each party understand the other's ministry, their needs and their vision for what might be in this relationship. If the relationship is between an urban and more rural church, then explore how you each understand your call and vision for ministry. With this exploration period you can begin to forge a more lasting covenant between the parties. Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

**#2.** Once you have decided to do this, then make plans to form an agreement or covenant that helps define clearly your joint intentions and expectations for the partnership; the needs and gifts of each; the ministries and activities you covenant to undertake together within the partnership; the resources that will be provided by each, and how you will communicate, make decisions and evaluate together how the relationship is going. Develop a plan; determine resources (people, finances, time, materials, etc.) preliminary time frame. *Then finalize a Covenant.*

- #3.** Elements of an Effective Covenant *could include:*
- A faith statement.
  - Purposes of the partnership.
  - *Mutual* expectations of the partnership, including a plan for regular evaluation of the partnership.
  - Duration of the agreement, perhaps a two-year commitment in the beginning.
  - Determine a plan for the organization of the partnership, a chairperson, secretary, record keeping, reports, goals and objectives.
  - A brief outline of the preliminary contracts that led to the covenant agreement might be in-



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- cluded, along with some initial activities to be shared.
- An outline of any financial components of the relationship.
  - Concurrence by all parties (signatures of the responsible persons on each side).
- #4.** Flexibility and Cooperation
- Be prepared to add to the partnership, as needed, with key people from other ministries, other congregations, etc. Again, let the Holy Spirit guide you.
  - Provide regular reports to each session by representatives.
  - Make reports every year (on the anniversary of the partnership covenant) to the Stewardship, Mission, and Communications Development committee of the Presbytery. The committee would like to use positive reports as an encouragement for others in such a partnership. A request for funding would also go through SMCD.

**#5.** Durability: We would hope for durable, effective relationships that will continue to serve all congregations in the Partnership for some time. Plan ahead so that you can take appropriate steps to continue the partnership after the initial period of the covenant. Part of this review would be to change goals and levels of participation by the partners as needed.

### General Facts

#### Native American Churches Presbytery of Grand Canyon

(Read clockwise from the top left of map.)

- **Leupp\***, est. 1924, 58 members, Calvin Kelly, CLP
- **Tuba City\***, est. 1918, 28 members, Rev. Norma McCabe, pastor
- **Kayenta\***, est. 1939, 19 members, Rev. Norma McCabe, pastor
- **Chinle**, est. 1921, 53 members, Rev. Constance McIntosh, pastor
- **Fort Defiance**, est. 1912, 60 members, Roger Davis, CLP
- **Ganado**, est. 1915, 20 members, Rev. Charles Proudfoot, moderator
- **Indian Wells**, est. 1923, 32 members
- **Fort McDowell**, est. 1924, 41 members, Rev. Floyd Hart, moderator
- **Salt River**, est. 1900, 84 members, Rev. Martha Sadongei, moderator
- **Lehi**, est. 1903, 41 members, Rev. Cynthia Jennison, moderator
- **Sacaton**, est. 1889, 125 members, Richard Blackwater, CLP
- **Blackwater**, est. 1894, 15 members
- **Goodyear Village**, est. 2002, 16 members, Rev. Tom Moranville, moderator
- **Vah-Ki**, est. 1902, 45 members, Rev. Sharon Selestewa, pastor
- **Gila Crossing\***, est. 1900, 39 members, Annette Lewis, CLP
- **Maricopa\***, est. 1902, 42 members, Bevin Lewis, CLP
- **Central\***, est. 1915, 53 members, Rev. Martha Sadongei, pastor
- **Parker Valley**, est. 1914, 22 members, Mary Danforth, CLP

\* Indicates existence of a current partnership.