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## Partnership Covenant

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### *The Covenant - Description & Pledge*

Please read **1 Corinthians 12: 12-31** and discuss the following:

*The purpose of an In Mission Together (IMT) partnership is to develop a **healthy relationship** between brothers and sisters in Christ across cultures through God's grace that is **transformative and inspirational**.*

*The IMT program equips, facilitates and resources you and your church in developing **a collaborative partnership** which **builds strong relationships** over the long term and enables you to share in the historic development of a mission of the United Methodist Church.*

*The goal of the IMT program is to have **honest and open interaction** with your partner, **carefully listening to one another** as equal parts of the body of Christ. It's a **sacred covenant** between recipient and donor to support one another and participate **equally and proportionally - 50/50** - in a ministry or project.*

*The goal of the mission is the establishment of a **self-sustaining United Methodist Church** with holistic ministries **empowering people** in their context, community and country.*

*The partners **set aside their own agendas** and create a **collective vision** for the ministry or project together. As with any relationship, **each participant brings God-given gifts**, whether spiritual, physical or mental, tangible or intangible, which will be **honored and appreciated equally - 50/50** - in the covenant agreement.*

*This roundtable of **listeners and learners** embarks on a journey **with a vision for the mission as a whole** with God's help focusing not simply on the task at hand, but on the more significant impact of building strong relationships, **empowering local people** to improve their lives and develop their church.*

*We pledge **not to do for the other what they can do for themselves**. We gladly **serve each other** as Christ has served us, with **humility, love and encouragement**, building a strong foundation for the ministry together.*

*We create **mutual accountability and transparency** through **patiently engaging one another**. We will be **flexible and adaptable** enabling both partners to span language and culture **through God's guidance**.*

*The **ownership of the ministry or project** rests not with the donor, but the recipient. They are the leaders called by God to nurture the church in their community. The **donors are "working themselves out of a job," seeking neither credit nor control**, and all partners are sharing in the blessing of a job well done together!*

Please acknowledge your agreement with the covenant by your signature(s):