**Becoming a Local Mission Partner Toolkit**

1. Explore Potential Mission Partners at: <https://www.vasynod.org/ministries/mission-partners/>
2. Contact the Leader for a Mission Partner to learn more about their ministry and to share about your own ministry.
3. In conversation with leaders from both ministries, consider these questions:
   1. How does the ministry of our potential partner connect to our own?
   2. What do we hope to learn from the relationship?
   3. What gifts and resources could we share through the partnership?
   4. What gifts and resources would we like to receive in the partnership?
   5. Who, besides the pastor, will be responsible coordinating our ministry partnership?
4. Customize the Ministry Partner Covenant, Adopt, and Email a copy to Pastor John Wertz, Jr.: <wertz@vasynod.org>. *(See Pg. 2)*
5. Use the Action Plan for Successful Local Mission Partnership Launch (*See Pg. 3-5*)
6. Each year on the anniversary of the adoption of the Ministry Partner Covenant, affirm, amend, or celebrate the conclusion of the Ministry Partner Covenant.

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Mission Partner Covenant

We the people of (*Insert Church Name*) and (*Insert Mission Partner Name*) agree to walk together as partners in ministry for the next year beginning on (*Insert Date*).

As Mission Partners, we look forward to sharing:

* Prayer (The following are examples, list the specifics for your partnership)
  + Pray for one another weekly in worship
  + Hold a monthly Zoom prayer gathering to pray for your ministries.
  + Create and share Prayer Shawls.
* Presence (The following are examples, list the specifics for your partnership)
  + Plan a pulpit exchange to happen in the next six months.
  + Write an article every two months to be shared with your partner congregation highlighting an element of your ministry.
* Resources (The following are examples, list the specifics for your partnership)
  + Provide a shared digital Bible Study for both ministries with a leader from each ministry.
  + Collaborate on seasonal worship resources.
  + Skill laborers to assist with a project at one congregation.
  + $?? Per month/year in financial support provided from (*Insert Church Name)* to (*Insert Church Name).*

May God bless our shared ministry.

Ministry Leader (*Congregation #1*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Leader (*Congregation #2*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Action Plan for Successful Local Mission Partnership Launch**

**Prayer**

**Strengthen the bonds of partnership by regularly praying for one another**

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**Bless each other with your ministry stories and walk together whenever possible.**

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**Resources**

Discover how sharing resources, wisdom, and experience can unlock new ministry opportunities.

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