

## Become a Mission Partner



The idea of partnership comes from a nautical term that refers to the timbers used to support the mast of a sailboat where it enters the deck. The partner must be secure for the boat to function properly. When winds pick up it is the partner that stabilizes the mast and makes sure the deck holds firm. In the Virginia Synod, mission partners exist for a very similar reason – to make one another stronger; true partnership blesses both ministries.

### Three Principles of Mission Partnership

Mission partnership encourages ministries to build relationships with each other around three principles:

- **Prayer:** Strengthen the bonds of partnership by regularly praying for one another.
- **Presence:** Bless each other with your ministry stories and walk together whenever possible.
- **Resources:** Discover how sharing resources, wisdom, and experience can unlock new ministry opportunities.

### Expand Your Ministry's Impact

Mission partnership provides ways for your congregation to be “hands on” with the mission beyond your community. As a mission partner, you are making God’s love known beyond the walls of your congregation.

Your congregation can be a part of a rewarding partnership now! Send an email to the Rev. John Wertz, Jr. ([wertz@vasynod.org](mailto:wertz@vasynod.org)) to learn about possible partnerships or download the **Becoming a Mission Partner Toolkit** at:

<https://www.vasynod.org/ministries/mission-partners/>

## Mission Partner Highlight: All Places Together



**Connecting to God:** All Places Together will be a non-geographic community, based in Virginia, that will seek to gather individuals who are searching for God in the midst of the wilderness, individuals who deeply want to connect to something beyond themselves, and individuals who believe the love of Jesus is for all of God’s diverse creation.

**Authentic Community:** All Places Together will be a digital community that deepens relationships with God and empowers all involved to live out their faith in their daily lives, both online and offline. A community that strives for authentic diversity in participation and in those we partner with. A community that is open to questions. A community that collaborates.

**Worship without Walls:** All Places will begin as an Instagram account and podcast shared by the Virginia Synod and its people. The initial stories will focus on personal encounters with God, especially those that related to scripture. As the online following grows, All Places Together will add faith formation opportunities and an online worship experience. The online worship experience will be designed for the digital space, not a reproduction of an in-person, indoor worship experience. Worship will be biblical, interactive, and experimental.

**To Partner with All Places Together,** contact Pastor Colleen Montgomery at: [allplacetogether@gmail.com](mailto:allplacetogether@gmail.com)

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