

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

KANANGA PRESBYTERY CPC AND NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY PCUSA

September 17, 2019

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.” (John 15:12-17)

“He showed to you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8)

MISSION: To witness and celebrate unity--a gift of God's grace that extends across cultural, linguistic, economic and other barriers that divide us within the Body of Christ and across the human family.

MUTUAL GOALS: The partners agree to build and strengthen Christ-like relationships through:

- 1) Mutual encouragement, respect, love and understanding
- 2) Shared grace and thanksgiving—in worship, fellowship, and nurture
- 3) Practicing a deepened life of prayer, especially for the joys and concerns of the partners
- 4) Extending hospitality for exchange visits
- 5) Ministering to and inspiring one another
- 6) Maintaining open dialogue and transparency
- 7) Sharing of resources—human, cultural, financial and spiritual
- 8) Sharing experience and news from local churches and others
- 9) Mutual accountability

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work”. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

New Castle Presbytery (NCP) and Kananga Presbytery (KP) each bring different resources, gifts and experiences to this partnership.

Specifically, NCP agrees to:

- 1) Maintain and encourage sister church relationships
- 2) Channel NCP funding through KP mission funding team
- 3) Encourage equitable funding for un-partnered KP parishes
- 4) Promote the work and mission of this partnership with the intention of garnering additional interest and support from other churches in NCP, ecumenical partners, the wider PCUSA (e.g., Medical Benevolence Foundation, Congo Mission Network, our mission co-workers, CongoStoves and other organizations (e.g., Conserv Congo)

Specifically, KP agrees to:

- 1) Demonstrate strong ownership, commitment, and shared investment on projects
- 2) Provide regular progress reporting on funded projects
- 3) Discern and share how best to address the challenges facing the Kananga community
- 4) Share ministry success stories, methods, programs that could be helpful to NCP ministries

EVALUATION: Mutual evaluation will be on-going. Formal evaluation by both presbyteries will occur every three years. This partnership will continue until one or both presbyteries decides to terminate.

Executive Secretary, Kananga Presbytery

Missional Presbyter, New Castle Presbytery

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