

Guidelines for a Presbytery Ministry Partnership with the Synod of Living Waters

Definition: A Presbytery Ministry Partnership is a voluntary collaboration between two or more presbyteries, who covenant with each other and then with the Synod, to address common ministry goals or concerns.

1. A Presbytery Ministry Partnership is initiated by two or more presbyteries who share a ministry goal or concern. Additional presbyteries are then invited to join.
2. A Presbytery Ministry Partnership requires endorsement by a vote of each participating presbytery, and will include the assignment of a person or persons to represent the presbytery.
3. Each Presbytery Ministry Partner will be expected to contribute resources (cash and/or in-kind) to the Partnership.
4. A Presbytery Ministry Partnership is ordinarily open to any presbytery wishing to participate. Every partnership must be attentive to the needs of the multi-cultural concerns within the bounds of that partnership.
5. A Presbytery Ministry Partnership may be approved by the Synod for up to three (3) years. For continued funding in years two and three, written progress reports, with the budget included, will be required annually.
6. The Presbytery Ministry Partnership application deadline is ordinarily September 1. All applications will be reviewed by the Synod Presbytery Ministry Partnership Committee and presented with recommendation to the Synod at its annual meeting in January.
7. Criteria for Synod funding of Partnerships will be based on the strength of the application, the number of endorsed applications received, and the availability of funds. Every effort will be made to support Partnerships which follow the Guidelines.
8. Each Presbytery Ministry Partnership will include at least one Synod Commissioner who will be their liaison, with all travel expenses paid by the Partnership. Liaisons to campus ministry board partnerships are Synod-appointed board members with all rights and privileges.
9. All Campus Ministry Board Partnerships must provide with each partnership application or review form certification of insurance issued by their underwriter that indicates their independent board of directors is covered for not less than \$1 million general liability coverage which includes professional misconduct.
10. These Presbytery Ministry Partnership Guidelines may be amended by the Synod.

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