

GUIDELINES FOR RELATED MISSION PARTNERS

It is the intent, hope, desire, and expectation of the Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries (CCPM) of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii that the Committee will partner not just with and across presbyteries, but with other Presbyterian partners who share a vision for a particular ministry.

Related Mission Partners are Presbyterian groups that are

- Located geographically within the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, PC(USA).
- Composed of persons who have a common interest, and whose mission is consistent with the mission priorities of the synod.
- Are not directly supervised by a governing body of the PC(USA), but determine their own governing structure, priorities, goals, objectives, membership, leadership and budget.
- Have agreed to provide to CCPM an annual report or similar document demonstrating that they are still pursuing goals and priorities that are consistent with the mission priorities of the synod.

Groups that wish to be recognized by the synod as Related Mission Partners shall make a request in writing. The partnership relationship may be initiated by an unsolicited request from the outside organization, or by an invitation from CCPM. CCPM will review such requests and make recommendations to Synod Assembly or Synod Council.

Approved Related Mission Partners may

- Receive support from the synod through the CCPM in various ways including funding, communication, or other support services.
- Request funding from the Synod, through CCPM, but being recognized as a Related Mission Partner does not assure financial support from the synod.
- Serve as a resource to the synod and/or its presbyteries, with mutual agreement.
- Be invited by CCOM to have representative(s) present at meetings of CCPM as observers.

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING RELATED MISSION PARTNERS

1. Any request for funding must be accompanied by a letter of endorsement that includes some commitment of resources (financial, in kind, or human resources) from at least two presbytery councils or other appropriate entity of the presbytery.
2. The proposal for funding, and the agreement, if funded, shall include
 - Description and schedule of work to be done.
 - Budget for the work, source of funds, and schedule of payments from the synod and other sources.
 - Identification of lead individuals(s) from the Related Mission Partner, with responsibility for oversight and to act as the contact person for CCPM.
 - Schedule to report activities, details of fund expenditures, and proposed completion date.
3. Upon receipt of the proposal, it shall be reviewed by CCPM or a Work Group of CCPM. If reviewed by a Work Group, the recommendation shall be made to the full CCPM.
4. A Related Mission Partner receiving funding from the synod will be expected to submit the agreed upon reports in a timely manner. Failure to submit reports within thirty (30) days of the agreed upon date may result in loss of future funding on that project, and/or partnering opportunities on future projects. If there are unexpended funds, CCPM will work with the partner group to determine disposition of those funds.