

A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

between

_____ at _____
Church/Mission *City/Town*

and

the Department for Outreach of Lutheran Church-Canada, East District

Our Lord has told us “to make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We, the missionary/pastor and members of _____, take that mandate seriously. Therefore, in order that the Lord’s directive may be carried out in our midst and through the lives of others, we make this voluntary agreement with the Department for Outreach of Lutheran Church-Canada, East District.

We praise God for any growth in his Church for it results from the Holy Spirit’s activity in the lives of people (1 Corinthians 3:6). We thank God for the opportunity to work together in this endeavour. We pray God will bless these plans we have made trusting in his purpose and relying on his power.

We commit ourselves to implore God to use us to:

1. Develop a congregation at _____ of sufficient size and strength to sustain an effective Christian ministry to this community, striving to reach those who do not know Christ as Saviour and Lord.
2. Provide an increasing awareness of the worldwide mission of the Church that our efforts may include reaching beyond our mission/congregation in church planting and mission support.

So that these purposes may be accomplished, we the pastor/missionary and people of _____ Lutheran Church/Mission make the following commitments:

1. Relying on the Holy Spirit, we aim to set ambitious goals for the current year and for three and five years into the future (in writing, using the accompanying form) and strive to attain them through sound strategies and faithful training of the members of our mission/congregation in the following facets of congregational life.
 - a. Worship
 - b. Instruction
 - c. Fellowship
 - d. Evangelizing
 - e. Service
2. The pastor and leadership will review and submit to the Department an updated Partnership Agreement by November 1 of each year, and submit a mid-year review (including progress, challenges encountered, and requests for assistance regarding these goals) by May 1.
3. To complete the quarterly statistical report and the subsequent annual LCC Statistical report.

4. To provide our pastor and other leaders with the necessary means to lead the members of our congregation to grow: in their knowledge of God's Word, their faith in Jesus Christ, and their ability to serve in God's Kingdom;
5. To work with the following schedule of financial support from the Department for Outreach of the East District.

Year	Congregational Budget	Congregational Income	District Assistance
20__	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____
20__	_____	_____	_____

For its part the Department makes the following commitments:

1. To seek to provide the financial resources as identified above.
2. To provide other resources which assist the mission/congregation to accomplish their goals.
3. To make at least one on-site consultation per year.
4. To provide feedback on reports and requests.

The Congregational Budget and Income are estimates to be made definite each year, but the Financial Support is listed as the maximum allowable each year. We will follow the established policies and procedures of the Department for Outreach in applying for this financial support each year (see *Policy and Procedure Manual*).

Any amendments to this Agreement will be by the mutual consent of _____ congregation/mission and the Department for Outreach.

This Agreement has been read and approved at a meeting on _____
And signed on behalf of the participants by:

Congregational Chairman

Pastor/Missionary

Chair, Department for Outreach

Secretary, Department for Outreach

Goals and Plans

In connection with the Partnership Agreement for the year 20____, the pastor/missionary and congregation of _____ Lutheran Church/Mission have prayerfully set the following goals in the five areas below in which we plan to work on by the grace of God.

In point or narrative form please identify some concrete desired outcomes (such as actions, desired behavioural or attitudinal change, or numerical targets) for the future and reflect upon what the Lord has accomplished in your midst over the past year. Please use concrete/anecdotal examples.

Please indicate where you believe the District might help with resources, guidance or personnel.

If possible please use this form as a template for electronically recording and transmitting the following data.

- I. Worship through Divine Service, personal and family devotions:
 - A. Short Term (this coming year)
 - B. Medium-term (over the next three years)
 - C. Long-term (over the next five years)

- II. Instruction through catechesis, Christian education and training
 - A. Short Term (this coming year)
 - B. Medium-term (over the next three years)
 - C. Long-term (over the next five years)

- III. Fellowship through the gathering together of God's people in contexts in addition to the Divine Service
 - A. Short Term (this coming year)
 - B. Medium-term (over the next three years)
 - C. Long-term (over the next five years)

- IV. Evangelizing-Witnessing as a congregation and as individuals in the context of their vocations
 - A. Short Term (this coming year)
 - B. Medium-term (over the next three years)
 - C. Long-term (over the next five years)

- V. Service in the context of the congregation and in the community and church at-large
 - A. Short Term (this coming year)
 - B. Medium-term (over the next three years)
 - C. Long-term (over the next five years)