

Malawi Partnership

Pittsburgh Presbytery - Synod of Blantyre
Partners since 1991

*"...that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's
faith." Romans 1:12*



**COVENANT OF PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN
SYNOD OF BLANTYRE CCAP
AND
PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY PC (USA)**

God's Word tells us that *"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their work."* It goes on to say that *"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken"*. We the representatives of Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Pittsburgh Presbytery, pledge ourselves to each other in a partnership of equals in which Jesus is the *"third strand"* who binds us together.

During the next three years we seek to express this partnership through:

- Exchange of missionaries
- Linkage of congregations
- Special gifts

Throughout this time we will seek to evaluate and strengthen our ties, and to be open to whatever further endeavours the Holy Spirit may lead us to in the days ahead.

A vision of the Partnership

The partnership will include:

1. Exchange of missionaries:
Missionaries may be pastors, elders, seminarians, or other Christians.

These trips will be facilitated within congregation to congregation partnerships in conjunction with Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Pittsburgh Presbytery Malawi Partnership oversight. Exchange trips will be continued on alternative years.

Each visit will have a defined purpose such as:

- Evangelism conference – including music, Bible study, preaching workshop, and pastoral counselling.
- Leadership Development – including opportunities for pastors, elders, church leaders and youth to acquire skills for leadership within the congregation.
- Citizenship – including human rights efforts and democracy education from a Christian perspective.
- Pastor and/or Seminarian exchange – may be organized around a meeting of the General Assembly PC (USA) or Synod of Blantyre CCAP.
- Stewardship
- Medical
- Manual labour /Mission projects

2. Linkage of Congregations

- We will encourage congregation to congregation partnerships within the Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Pittsburgh Presbytery.
- Covenant renewal – every three years all congregation to congregation partnerships shall be reviewed and, if applicable renewed. For those terminating partnership agreements, no new partnership agreement will be approved for a period of three years.

All exceptions to the waiting period must be approved by both Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Pittsburgh Presbytery Malawi Partnership executive committee.

- o Improved Communications – Efforts will be made to improve communications between partner churches.
- o Exchange – Congregations will be encouraged to plan visits, exchange information, and pray for each other.

3. Special Gifts:

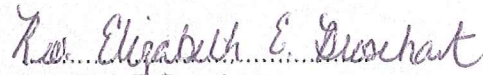
We recognize that there are many kinds of gifts that are exchanged within the partnership. Financial gifts from congregation to congregation or from individual to individual should be motivated by Christian stewardship and/or friendship. Gifts of more than US\$2,000.00 should be made using the following guidelines to ensure transparency and accountability:

- o Gifts larger than US\$ 2,000.00 must be transmitted between Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Pittsburgh Presbytery.
- o Notification of gifts shall be made to the beneficiary and copied to Synod of Blantyre CCAP Partnership Steering Executive Committee , Pittsburgh Presbytery Malawi Partnership Executive committee, the General Treasurer Synod of Blantyre CCAP and Financial Secretary of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Signed at St Michaels and All Angels CCAP Multipurpose Church Hall – Blantyre Malawi
This 10th July, 2011



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Synod of Blantyre CCAP




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Pittsburgh Presbytery Malawi Partnership

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Fletcher Nyirenda
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