

**A Partnership between
the Presbytery of Baltimore, PC(USA) and CEDEPCA
(The Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America)**

Called by God's grace into one family, commissioned by Christ to bear witness to God's reconciling love in the world, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live out and carry forth this reconciliation, the Presbytery of Baltimore and CEDEPCA hereby enter into a covenant relationship, seeking to partner with one another in our work of reconciliation.

Believing in the power of the Gospel to transform lives, the purpose of this partnership is to support and learn from one another in our common efforts to address issues of justice related to gender, race, ethnicity and class through biblical and theological education, compassionate accompaniment, and the provision of safe spaces for reflection and growth. The Presbytery of Baltimore recognizes that in order to enter into a joint ministry we rely heavily on CEDPCA's experience, knowledge and time to orient us and guide us.

Specifically, we make the following mutual commitments:

- We will pray for one another
 - Remembering one another in our corporate and individual prayers
 - Sharing specific joys and concerns as they arise
- We will visit one another
 - Sending a delegation from Baltimore to CEDEPCA at least annually
 - Sending a delegation from CEDEPCA to Baltimore at least bi-annually
 - Deciding together on specific travel plans according to our mutual goals
- We will communicate with one another
 - Sharing stories of life and faith for the sake of mutual encouragement
 - Reading one another's newsletters as they are made available
 - Setting aside time for face-to-face business meetings every other year to evaluate and plan together and on-line meetings at least once a year.
- We will advocate for one another
 - Supporting our mutual goals by reaching out to our local networks, partner organizations, denominational agencies, and governmental entities
- We will be transparent with one another
 - Sharing upon request relevant financial documents
 - Discussing regularly specific areas of focus for the partnership
- We will support one another
 - Maintaining an active partnership team with the Presbytery of Baltimore
 - Agreeing annually during our joint business meetings about specific goals for financial support from the Baltimore Presbytery
 - Being open to new ways in which we might share and learn from each other

This Partnership shall be extended for five (5) years beginning on this day, September 10, 2020. At the conclusion of this term, we agree to enter into a period of mutual discernment to seek God's guidance about the continuation of this partnership. We enter into this agreement freely, praying that by God's grace our relationship will be characterized above all by friendship, mutuality, transparency, and love.

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