BARNABAS PARTNERSHIP

Agreement between

and

***PURPOSE:***

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a working relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to facilitate evangelism and church planting in the area of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***GOAL:***

The goal of this joint endeavor is that the new church development have the support (spiritual, relational and financial) of an existing congregation during its inception and formation.

***OVERSIGHT TEAM:***

Prior to the establishment of a governance structure, a team will be made up of representation from:

 Church Planter(s)

 Members of Core Planting Team

 Members of ‘Barnabas Congregation’

 At-large representative from the Conference

***STRATEGY:***

The strategy for this venture will be outlined in a Guiding Principles which contains specific parameters for this agreement. The Guiding Principles is understood to be a “working” document, reviewed quarterly by the Oversight Team, revised as needed and changes communicated to the Church Planting Commission. It is the responsibility of the Oversight Team to follow the guidelines until such time as By Laws are created.

***PERSONNEL:***

Any paid staff will be under the guidance of the Director of Church Planting and accountable to the Director of Church Planting and the Oversight Team. Initial compensation will be determined by the Director of Church Planting and approved by the Church Planting Commission. An annual review of compensation will be conducted by the non-staff members of the Oversight Team in consultation with the Director of Church Planting.

***FINANCES:***

The ‘Barnabas Congregation’ will provide support to the new church project through the Western District Conference at least once per year for a period of 3 years. Funds received by the conference will be disbursed as directed by the Oversight Team and reported quarterly to the Church Planting Commission.

***CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION ROLE:***

The Church Planting Commission will include this project in its reports and provide coaching to the Oversight Team. It will promote the project through communication with the entire conference. It will provide church planting resources and training for the Oversight Team as needed. Representatives from the Church Planting Commission will provide encouragement and linkage to the Western District Conference-at-large.

# PERIOD OF PARTNERSHIP

As outlined in the “Guiding Principles” document, the period of sponsorship will be for 3 years. This period will begin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Should circumstances prevent the Barnabas Partner congregation from fulfilling its commitment, notification should be given to the Oversight Team and the Director of Church Planting. At the conclusion of the agreed upon period of partnership, the Barnabas Partner congregation has the right to discontinue the relationship, though it is encouraged to renew its commitment through an ‘Antioch Partnership’ arrangement.

***REPORTING:***

The Oversight Team will provide the Church Planting Commission a copy of updates to the “Guiding Principles”. There will also be an annual statistic report provided.

***AMENABILITY:***

The Oversight Team will be responsible for the management and oversight of the project for the agreed upon period of partnership or until such time as By Laws and a governance structure is created.

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## Representative of Church Planting Project Representative of ‘Barnabas Congregation’

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## Date Date