**Partnership Guiding Principles**

The Church Planting Commission provides leadership and resources for church planting initiatives and fosters relationships with emerging Anabaptist/Mennonite groups.  The Church Planting Commission helps emerging groups and their leaders connect with the congregations, resources, staff, and structure of Western District Conference

In the spirit of this cooperative relationship, the supportive partner congregation commits to:

* Reaching across ethnic and geographic lines.
* Mutual encouragement between emerging and established congregations to remain faithful.
* Provides emotional and financial support to emerging congregations and their leadership.
* Gladly and in the love of Jesus Christ enter a partnership like the Jerusalem and Antioch congregations (Acts 19).
* This Partnership is for three years and can be renewed indefinitely in three-year increments.
* To identify a contract person to serve as liaison.
* Will receive regular communication news on emerging congregations.
* Are invited to have a place in the church to features stories and pictures of the emerging churches.
* Will make a financial covenant to resource new church development projects of WDC with monthly contribution of $\_\_\_\_\_\_ (amount to be determined).

Name of the Congregation

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Representative Date

Western District Conference, Church Planting Commission

August 24, 2017