

# **PC(USA) World Mission (PWM) – PC(USA) Mission Advocates (PMA) COVENANT**

## **Introduction**

*The Good News of Jesus Christ is to be shared with the whole world. As disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sent into the world to join God's mission. As individuals and as a church, we are called to be faithful in this discipleship. Our mission is centered in the triune God. Our mission is God-called, Christ-centered and Spirit-led. Our mission is both proclamation and service; it is the reason the church exists. (Gathering for God's Future, p. 1)*

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seeks to equip, connect and inspire Presbyterians as they reach out around the world to engage with others in God's mission. Towards these ends, Presbyterian World Mission (PWM) and Presbytery-appointed PC(U.S.A.) "Mission Advocates" (PMAs) will work in partnership with one another to assist congregations as they develop and deepen mission commitments. PWM and PMAs will equip each other and the church for transforming mission, connecting mission near and far.

*Both local and worldwide mission are part of the call we receive in baptism. People's lives are changed by mission experiences in another culture, whether local or international. Helping people link their reality to that of people throughout the world can deepen faith, shape vocational choices and change society. The home community has an important role in watering and nurturing seeds of faith, giving each person the opportunity to grow and change through God's mission. (Gathering for God's Future, p. 1)*

## **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) Mission Advocates' Commitments:**

### ***What:***

PMAs will engage in dialogue with the presbytery and congregations about the Mission Advocate position, intentionally promoting mutuality between presbyteries and between congregations, and also between congregations, presbyteries and PWM in order to serve as a bridge between the different entities.

### ***How:***

PMAs will do this to seek and develop information, knowledge, understanding and inspiration from PWM and within the presbytery about ways churches may engage in God's mission through a partnership model, and to engage with churches in the presbytery in mutual education about mission involvement and relationships, fundraising and mission interpretation.

## **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) World Mission Commitments**

### ***What:***

PWM will engage in dialogue with PMAs, intentionally promoting mutuality between presbyteries and between congregations by providing rich background of Presbyterian mission history and contexts, and cultivating a vision for mission in partnership.

### ***How:***

PWM will do this by supporting PMAs as they dialogue about "mission in partnership" with the presbytery and congregations and engage churches in the presbytery in mutual education about mission involvement and relationships, financial support for mission involvement and mission interpretation.