The Mission and Ministry Work Group of the Council of the Presbytery of Denver will review your request to form a Mission Partnership or Covenant Community (“Mission Group”) based upon the following information:

Date of Request:

Name of Mission Group:

Participating Churches (must include at least 2 for a Mission Partnership and 3 for a Covenant Community):

Name of Church:

Primary Contact Person:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

1. **Objective:** What is the objective of this Mission Group?
2. **Vital Congregations:** Strength and health of churches in the Denver Presbytery is vitally important. The Presbytery is interested in a structure that focuses the resources and energies of the Presbytery on the vitality of our congregations. How will this Mission Group accomplish this?

3. **Interdependent Partnership:** One of the unique characteristics of the Presbyterian Church is its connectional nature. The Presbytery is interested in a structure that nurtures and develops interdependent and mutual partnerships throughout the church. The Presbytery is interested in development of strong support and good communication between ministers, congregations, sessions, and presbyter commissioners. How will the participating congregations work with one another and grow their relationships?

1. **Caring Community:** The Presbytery is interested in structure that will foster caring and an open and diverse community. How will this Mission Group strengthen the participating congregations understanding of and experience of being a caring community? What immediate needs and whose needs will the group meet as well as how does this experience increase the racial and ethnic ministries and participation in churches and throughout the Presbytery?
2. **Responsive Mission:** The Presbytery is interested in a structure that is flexible enough for multiple expressions of mission. How were the needs for this Mission Group first identified? How will members of congregations participating in this know that this project is making a difference in or community and our world? How will that be measured?
3. **Leadership Development:** The Presbytery encourages and equips leaders for ministry and mission. Who are the identified leaders in this project? How did the vision for this group develop among these leaders? How have sessions and the pastor(s) of each congregation been involved in the project to date?
4. **Empowerment:** The Presbytery supports a structure that delegates to those committees, task forces and other entities closest to the point of action the authority to make decisions and the power to act. How will those whose needs are being addressed participate in the decision- making processes? Who in the participating congregations will make a decision about the use of resources? How will these decisions be determined?
5. **Participation with Presbytery of Denver:** How have the participating congregations been engaged with the Presbytery of Denver? Be specific (membership in committees, participation in Assemblies, etc.) and what percent of the annual budget of each congregation, participating in this Mission Group is given this year to Presbytery mission? If this is a global partnership, please describe the connection with the Presbyterian organization in that country and or the PC(USA) connection that is present in that region.
6. If there is other information that is pertinent to this request that you would like the committee to consider, please describe or attach that information.

# **Session Signatures**

The undersigned Clerks of Session and pastors, by this application, request the formal recognition/renewal (circle one) of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of the Presbytery of Denver Council, effective from the date

of the Council’s approval below, until

not to exceed two years.)

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The following sessions have approved participation in this mission partnership.

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| **Session Approval Date** | **Clerk of Session** | **Pastor** | **Congregation** |
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(2 or more signatures are required for a Mission Partnership, and 3 or more are required for a Covenant Community)

We, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to provide the Ministry and Mission Work Group with a 12-month report of our work contemporaneously with any funding request or, no later than November 1stof each year, and understand that the future renewal and/or budget requests will not be considered until these reports are received.

Signature of Contact Person Date

***Return to:*** *Mission and Ministry Work Group*

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