

## **Covenant Partnership between**

### **The Synod of the Sun, PCUSA and Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc.**

The Synod of the Sun is a Mid Council of the Presbyterian Church USA with historic ties to Dwight Mission.

On January 1, 2016 Dwight Mission reorganized as Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. and now seeks to form a Covenant Partnership the Synod of the Sun. In light of recent conversations about the roles of Synods and its Covenant Partners, it hopes this abbreviated Covenant Agreement will be warmly embraced by all parties.

The Synod of the Sun's mission is "We believe when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the Body of Christ. In our common calling, we impact lives together." Its philosophy of care is to be "connecting, equipping and empowering." The role of the Synod of the Sun is to support, encourage, and be a resource to its member presbyteries and Covenant Partners throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. is a Presbyterian related institution engaged in formal relationships with the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, the Indian Nations Presbytery, and the Cimarron Presbytery. It's mission is to Transform Lives Through Meaningful Relationships in a Sacred Space. Dwight is moving into its future by expanding year-round programming to include Continuing Education experiences, Peace & Justice experiences, Certification Programs in specialized ministry, Ministry Consultations, and Collaborations with ministry partners. Dwight is supporting this ministry expansion by renovating it's historic 1917 School House with new offices, new classrooms and a restored 200 seat auditorium. To meet the changing expectations of adult guests, Dwight has added several Tiny Homes and renovated several buildings from dorm lodging to adult lodging.

The Synod of the Sun and Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. hereby enter a Covenant Agreement and join together in God's work. The Synod of the Sun will continue to be a resource to its presbyteries and covenant partners and Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. will continue to provide a Presbyterian approach for camps, conferences, retreats, and educational programs. The covenant relationship established by this agreement is not a legal partnership and each party may establish and maintain mission partnerships with other agencies and denominations.

The Synod of the Sun and Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. embrace this covenant partnership and agree to mutually support one another's ministries. The Synod of the Sun, by signing this covenant partnership, agrees to pray for, advocate on behalf of and support Dwight Mission as it seeks to Transform Lives Through Meaningful Relationships in a Sacred Space.

The Synod affirms the mission of Dwight Presbyterian Mission, Inc. and encourages each of its member congregations to pray, advocate and support Dwight Mission's transformative ministry. The Synod will provide opportunities for Dwight Mission to share its ministries at Synod gatherings and through its print and electronic communications.

Synod of the Sun, PCUSA

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