

Congregational Partnerships

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MISSION PARTNERSHIP CATEGORIES

There are a number of useful categories to help us think about the level of partnership we would like to consider. Here is a list, with a short description of each, in ascending level of commitment and complexity:

- 1 Supporter is a general commitment to pray, encourage Witness workers and ministry partners, become informed, use the various Witness publications in your group, participate in delegate assemblies, discern and help make Assembly decisions. (No specific time commitment required)
- 2 **Worker Partnership** is a more specific commitment to partner with one or more Witness workers in their work in Canada or overseas. (A minimum 3 year commitment is suggested)
- 3a **Ministry Partnership** is a broader commitment to partner with a Witness ministry or project in Canada or overseas. (A minimum 5 year commitment is suggested)
- 3b **Congregational Partnership** is a partnership with a Mennonite or approved non-Mennonite congregation in Canada or overseas, for the purpose of engaging in God's mission together. (A minimum 5 year commitment is suggested)
- 4 **Participating Partner** is a full partnership with a chosen Witness ministry. It includes membership in decision making bodies and the invitation to help shape the ministry directly. A written agreement is required. (Normally requires a minimum 8 year commitment)
- 5 **Initiating Partner** is full partnership in initiating a ministry that does not yet exist. It involves the formation of a vision, testing it, developing the necessary relationships and connections and supporting the ministry. A written agreement is required. (Normally requires a minimum 8 year commitment)

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