

MUTUAL MISSION AGREEMENT
Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba and
the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

The Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba and the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. reaffirm the Mutual Mission Agreement between our two denominations made in 1986. As sister churches within the body of Christ, we celebrate more than a century of work together in proclamation, mission, evangelism and reconciliation.

We thank God for:

- our unity in Jesus Christ and our common Reformed tradition;
- the bridges of reconciliation and dialogue that we have maintained through the years when our countries had no official ties; and
- the contributions given by each denomination in the joint work of proclamation, mission and our common life despite language, cultural, social, economic and political differences;

We recognize, however, that the dramatic and ongoing change in national contexts, as well as change within our churches leads us to the urgent need for a new agreement between us.

We declare that:

- we share together in “one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.”
- we share the mission of the Triune God (the *Missio Dei*) in Cuba, the USA, and the world.
- mission is always life-affirming, is based in transformative spirituality and is rooted in justice and love.

In the spirit of transformation, we affirm that:

- we are called by the Spirit to be peacemakers; together we discern issues of inequity and power that foster hostility and division and seek to create paths of reconciliation, friendship and understanding between peoples.

In the spirit of community, we affirm that:

- we are called to deepen the bonds of unity, faith, and common witness between our two churches. We are committed to continuing prayer for each other; to be open in offering hospitality for each other and humble in accepting it; through our partner congregations to the sharing of liturgies, sermons, and community services; and to accompany and work pastorally with migrants, immigrants and their families in both the USA and in Cuba.
- our relationship lives within the context of commitment and mutual cooperation within the ecumenical bodies to which we both belong; that we will relate to one another in a spirit of humility and mutuality seeking to share each other’s perspectives through study and dialogue.
- we will relate middle governing bodies, congregations, institutions and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and of the Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba on mutually-agreed upon guidelines.

- to the end of strengthening Christ's Church, we are committed to sharing our gifts and spiritual, human and material resources. We will work to achieve economic sustainability of the structures and institutions of our respective Churches

In the spirit of liberation, we pledge to advocate for more just governmental and social policies in both our countries; in the USA, more especially on US policies that negatively impact the lives of Cubans as well as the relationship between our countries.

We are committed to work in common challenges and new opportunities for mission engagement and advocacy such as:

- The environment, including issues of eco-justice and climate change
- Racial concerns
- Aging populations
- Gender diversity and discrimination
- The status of women in church and society
- Poverty and food security
- Economic self-sustainability
- Emigration, immigration, internal migration and social dislocation

In the spirit of Pentecost, we pledge to increase the capacity of our churches to spread the Good News through:

- Focusing on the centrality of Christ
- Shared studies and devotional materials
- Intercultural, intercontextual and interfaith dialogue
- Increased opportunities for exchange of seminary professors and students between the Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba and the Presbyterian Church (USA) and churches in other countries.
- Continued sharing in the rebuilding and restoration of church buildings and the Conference Center of National Activities of the Iglesia Presbiteriana-Reformada en Cuba
- Shared resources and persons to participate in mission in a third country, and/or the organizations and ecumenical organizations to which we belong.

We express joy in our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ and express through this new agreement our determination to continue to strengthen our common participation in the one mission of the Triune God, the *Missio Dei*, throughout the world. Acknowledging the need for review in a mutually agreed upon cycle, both delegations unanimously adopt this mutual mission agreement and recommend it to our Churches for adoption.

Approved by:

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