

# What Makes a Good Journey?

Churches in healthy relationship together for the sake of the Kingdom of God

## Why Does the Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey Initiative Exist?

**Because the Body of Christ** acknowledges the truth that we are better together. We acknowledge the need and desire within our Fellowship to bridge cultural boundaries and strengthen the influence of the gospel in differing cultures, together.

And because a PAOC Indigenous and non-Indigenous Church both acknowledge their desire to journey together, to experience an expansion of Christ's Kingdom and ministry endeavours within their part of the nation of Canada.

# What Are the Journey Expectations?

### The Journeying Churches Will:

- Develop an in-person relationship (visit within the first year of partnership)
- Maintain consistent contact for the purpose of prayer and encouragement with their partner church.
- Provide complimentary ministry, in keeping with their church's capacity, as deemed appropriate by their partner church (special ministry teams, leadership training, cultural orientation etc).
- Adopt a posture of learning from one another.

### The Districts:

- Are made aware of all expectations.
- Advise and evaluate the partnership of the churches.
- Establish the first contact between the partnering churches to lay out the partnership agreement.
- Determine the churches to be partnered within their District.
- Re-evaluate after a one-year agreement for a long-term partnership.

Indigenous Guiding Group's philosophy for creating new points of mission, in cooperation with the appropriate district, is as follows:

- Need: A real demographic need is identified.
- o Leadership: An approved visionary leader is in place to do the work.
- o Finances: A support base exists for the financial needs of the new work
- Constituency: A committed core of believers is supporting the leader and their vision as workers and investors.
- o *Partnership:* Another church has established a long-term alliance with the new work for support in prayer, finances, and friendship.

# Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey Agreement

PARTNER CHURCH	INDIGENOUS PARTNER CHURCH
Church Name	Church Name
Church's Address - Street	Church's Address - Street
Town/City Province	Town/City Province
Postal Code	Postal Code
() Phone Number	()Phone Number
Email address	Email Address
Primary Contact Person / Missions Coordinator (μ	print) Primary Contact Person / Missions Coordinator (print)
Signature	Signature
more fully set forth as follows:  Church to Church Partnership New Church Plant Existing Church Youth Pastor Youth Group Communication Director Rural Area Church Support Cultural Church Evangelism Support	District of the Partner church according to the terms and conditions
Financial Support  o Monthly support:  O Yearly Support:	
Ministry Sponsorship	Specify ministry:
	Name of individual:
☐ Mission Canada Worker Sponsorship	Name of Worker:
This Partnership will begin on	, 20 and will continue until, 20

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**Assistant Superintendent** 

Superintendent

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**Print Name** 

Date