



PROVIDENCE – MADISON SISTER CHURCH RELATIONSHIP COVENANT DOCUMENT

As members of the MADISON SQUARE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH, 1441 Madison Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA and the PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH, Box 1076 Broad, Center and Ashmun Streets, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, we believe that God has given each of our congregations a unique opportunity to live out our Christian faith globally by entering into this church-to-church relationship between our two congregations.

As part of our common heritage, we share the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, for there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope that belongs to our call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:3:6).

Even though our congregations have relationships with churches in our respective denominations (the Christian Reformed Church of North America and the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc., of Liberia, West Africa), we believe that this cross-cultural relationship between our churches and peoples will expand our understanding of the local and global kingdom of God. This multi-cultural experience will deepen our love for all Disciples of Christ and enhance the ministries of both congregations.

In order to facilitate the growth and maintenance of our fellowship, we the Pastors, Elders, Deacons and Members of Madison Square Christian Reformed Church and the Pastor, Deacons, Trustees, and Members of Providence Baptist Church

HEREBY COVENANT TO:

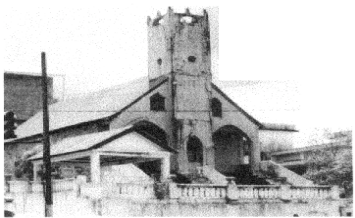
REMEMBER AND PRAY for each other corporately. Therefore, we designate the last Sunday of March, June, September, and December of each year, during which time we will offer prayers for each other= congregation, pastors, officers, members and ministries. ENCOURAGE the exchange of prayer concerns between the prayer ministries from both congregations.

EXCHANGE greetings in the form of letters and publications bi-annually (June and December) between the pastor and both congregations.

PROMOTE AND DEVELOP annually at least ten person-to-person relationships between the members of both congregations. Relationships are at the heart of our purposes for this fellowship. Therefore, it is our goal to bring people of different cultures together under the Lordship of Christ.

IMPLEMENT joint ministries yearly. To grow together in our vision and commitment to the Great Commission and to our Lord who gave it. To exchange visits of members and ministry leaders every year. This will serve to both bless and challenge the other congregation in how it understands God and God's call on it to serve and minister.

RENEW ANNUALLY (in June) this church-to-church relationship between Providence and Madison through this covenant document. In Christ we can be of mutual blessing to each other and hold each other accountable to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This annual renewal will be carried out in both congregations during the designated Sunday for mutual prayers in September.



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