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**Resolution for the Creation of a Covenant Partnership
Between the Kansas East Annual Conference and the Haiti District of the Methodist
Church in the Caribbean and the Americas¹**

Whereas, the mission of The United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” and

Whereas, the Haiti District of the MCCA seeks to “spread scriptural holiness across the land and to reform the nation,” and

Whereas, Jesus sent his disciples out in mission “two by two” (Luke 10:1-2, NIV);

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Kansas East Conference and the Haiti District of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas enter into a Covenant Partnership and mutually commit ourselves to:

1. Work together in a supportive and mutual relationship as the pastors, people, congregations, circuits, and districts.
2. Uplift one another in prayer on a regular basis.
3. Help people in the district and the conference to:
 - a. Learn about each other, including our history and culture, our blessings and challenges, our faith and life;
 - b. Embrace and claim the fruits of:
 - 1). Radical hospitality
 - 2). Passionate worship
 - 3). Intentional faith development
 - 4). Risk-taking mission and service
 - 5). Extravagant generosity
4. Encourage church-to-church, and pastor-to-pastor relationships for mutual learning, support, and growth.
5. Communicate and consult with the appropriate leaders, organizations, and groups in the conference and district to determine needs and to set priorities, aware situations can change dramatically and quickly.
6. Cooperate together in developing and implementing various projects and activities, including but not limited to:
 - Cooperate in the repair and enhancement of the Methodist Guest House in Port-au-Prince.

¹ This covenant shall be considered effective once approved or ratified by our Annual Conference and the Haitian District Conference. It shall then be in effect for at least four years, at which time it may be renewed for an additional four years.

- Cooperate in the repair and reconstruction of the New College Bird in Port-au-Prince.
 - Cooperate in the building of a parsonage/manse on the island of La Gonave.
7. Engage in Volunteer in Mission activities that build and strengthen healthy relationships.
 8. Develop procedures that will assist in the timely, accountable, and transparent transfer of funds for use in implementing the projects and activities made possible through this covenant.
 9. Report each year to our respective Conference and District about the activities and projects implemented through our mutual partnership.
 10. Advocate for the plight of the voiceless and poor, especially in Haiti.
 11. Cooperate and coordinate with other agencies, programs, or projects that share these and similar goals, especially UMCOR, UMVIM, GBGM and other interested Conferences and Churches.
 12. Recommend such other steps as may be necessary to establish this Covenant Partnership, including the creation of a task force, team, committee, or group in each Annual Conference and District Conference to coordinate its implementation and to provide such supervision as may be needed.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. - Galatians 6:2, 10