

4. **Caring Community:** The Presbytery is interested in structure that will foster caring and an open and diverse community. How will this covenant community strengthen the participating congregations understanding of and experience of being a caring community? What immediate needs and whose needs will the partnership meet as well as how does this experience increase the racial and ethnic ministries and participation in churches and throughout the Presbytery?

5. **Responsive Mission:** The Presbytery is interested in a structure that is flexible enough for multiple expressions of mission. How were the needs for this covenant community first identified? How will members of congregations participating in this know that this project is making a difference in or community and our world? How will that be measured?

6. **Leadership Development:** The Presbytery encourages and equips leaders for ministry and mission. Who are the identified leaders in this project? How did the vision for this partnership develop among these leaders? How have sessions and the pastor(s) of each congregation been involved in the project to date?

7. **Empowerment:** The Presbytery supports a structure that delegates to those committees, task forces and other entities closest to the point of action the authority to make decisions and the power to act. How will those whose needs are being addressed participate in the decision-making processes? Who in the participating congregations will make a decision about the use of resources? How will these decisions be determined?

8. **Participation with Presbytery of Denver:** How have the participating congregations been engaged with the Presbytery of Denver? Be specific (membership in committees, participation in Assemblies, etc.) and what percent of the annual budget of each congregation, participating in this covenant community is given this year to Presbytery mission? If this is a global partnership, please describe the connection with the Presbyterian organization in that country and or the PCUSA connection that is present in that region.

9. If there is other information that is pertinent to this request that you would like the committee to consider, please describe or attach that information.

Session Signatures

The undersigned Clerks of Session and pastors, by this application, request the formal recognition/renewal (circle one) of the _____ Covenant Community of the Presbytery of Denver Council, effective from the date of the Council's approval below, until _____. (A time period not to exceed two years.)

The following sessions have approved participation in this covenant community.

Session Approval Date	Clerk of Session	Pastor	Congregation
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

(THREE OR MORE SESSIONS' ARE REQUIRED.)

We, _____, Covenant Community understand and agree to provide the Ministry and Mission Work Group with annual report of our work by January 30th of each year and understand that the future renewal and/or budget requests will not be considered until these reports are received.

signature of contact person

date

Council Signature

The Presbytery of Denver Council approves the formation/renewal (circle one) of the _____ **Covenant Community** that shall be effective from the _____ day of _____, 20____, until the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Presbytery of Denver Council Moderator

Date

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