



Covenant Partnerships

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel...."
(Philippians 1:3-5; ESV)

Three Types of Covenant Partners

We are seeking partners, united in doctrine and in the work of planting new churches.

There are three kinds of TCTN Membership:

1. **Church Planter Membership** is for a church planter who has been assessed, approved, and is being coached for church planting ministry by TCT leadership.
2. **New Church Membership** is for a church plant that has gathered an attendance of more than 40 people, and collects an offering of over \$1500-2500 per week.
3. **Parent Church Membership** is for like-minded churches whose elders embrace the TCTN Affirmation of Faith as well as a shared vision for planting churches domestically and around the world. Parent Churches submit to TCT assessment to be approved as either 1) a church planting residency center or 2) a sending church, which will either supply potential church planters or church plant team members from its membership to plant TCTN churches.

Covenant Partnership Agreement

Whereas, our pastor has been approved by *Treasuring Christ Together Network* (TCTN), and whereas we, the governing elder board of our local church, desire partnership with TCTN, we, therefore, gladly express our commitment to these defining covenant affirmations:

1. We joyfully embrace the *TCTN mission, vision, and dimensions of church life*.
2. We joyfully embrace the *TCTN Affirmation of Faith* as an expression of our biblical and theological convictions.
3. We joyfully commit to active engagement in church planting as a Church Planter, New Church, or Parent Church:

a) As a Church Planter:

I will commit to being coached 6 times per year (minimum) by a TCT approved coach and attend the annual TCTN National Pastors & Wives Retreat.



b) As a New Church or Parent Church:

- (1) We will send representative leaders to scheduled TCTN gatherings and engage in relationships of mutual encouragement, accountability, coaching, and leadership development.
 - (2) Our lead pastor will commit to providing coaching 6 times per year (minimum) and attend the annual TCTN National Pastors & Wives Retreat.
 - (3) We will aim to recruit, identify, and develop potential church planters and leaders for TCTN.
 - (4) We will serve on TCTN national assessment teams to assess other planters.
 - (5) We will contribute from our church budget:
 - (i) No less than 1% (or \$12,000 whichever is less)¹ to TCTN's **Strategy Fund** in order to support national TCTN activities such as training, ministry visits, ministry to planters and wives, network development, and the annual pastors' and wives' retreat.
 - (ii) No less than an additional 9%, totaling 10% (a tithe) to help fund the local, regional, national and global work of church planting via the relationship of our choice, with special priority given to TCTN church plants. (For example, this means, a church with a \$200,000 annual budget is encouraged to donate no less than 9%, or \$18,000, to church planting work in general, whether inside or outside of TCTN giving, and contribute 1%, or \$2,000, annually to TCTN's **Strategy Fund**.)
 - (6) We understand that any gifts we may desire to give to the network above the standard 1% of our annual budget or above the \$12,000 maximum, whichever is smaller, may also be given to TCTN, but must be designated either to the TCTN **Strategy Fund** or to the **Supporting Churches Fund**. The **Supporting Churches Fund** will be disbursed exclusively and directly to TCTN-approved national or international church planters in direct support of church planting efforts.
4. Our own local church elders will oversee this relationship with TCTN and retain authority over our church finances in the working out of this covenant.
 5. We will notify our church congregation of our partnership in TCTN and if appropriate, seek church endorsement of this partnership. We will aim to communicate appropriate TCTN ministry updates to our churches on a regular basis.
 6. Upon termination of this partnership with TCTN for any reason, we resolve to part company on the best possible terms, guided by biblical peacemaking principles and engaging in actions such as mediation and arbitration as needed to resolve differences, reconcile believers, and part on good terms, lest we bring reproach upon the name of Christ.

¹Although the standard expectation for membership is 1% of the member church's budget, necessary exceptions may be discussed with the TCT Regional Lead and considered for membership by the Lead Team on a case-by-case basis.



The following information is being requested to ensure TCTN financial accountability, and enables the TCTN Lead Team and Executive Director to form an accountable annual budget, which will be provided to all member planters and churches annually:

The total dollar amount of \$_____ will be contributed to TCTN by our church this year.
Contributions will be made on a Monthly Lump Sum basis starting on the date _____.

The above total dollar amount represents _____% of our annual church budget.

Pastor _____ Date _____

Elder Chairman or Representative _____ Date _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

City, State, Zip _____