



# Partnership Fund for Multicultural Church Growth

Dear Partners in Ministry,

God's Spirit is at work in the PC(USA) drawing together cultures, generations, and peoples from all nations! The transforming power of God's Pentecost vision for us all is flourishing.

You are probably experiencing this dynamic of new life and new vision in the Body of Christ. If you want to empower and be empowered by this growing ministry in the PC(USA) then please keep reading.

We have an exciting invitation for you. **It is a call for mutually beneficial partnership.** Imagine what we can do together if we pool even some of our resources to establish a fund that helps us respond better to the needs of our congregations. **With just \$100 a year from 2,000 congregations, we can form an endowment fund that can grow to approximately \$1,000,000 in only five years.**

The Office of Multicultural Congregational Support (OMCS) lists approximately 2,000 multicultural congregations in the PC(USA). Our goal is to have 2,000 congregations (about 18% of all PC(USA) churches) become partner members and annually contribute to this endowment fund.

Contributors to the partnership fund will not only bless other Presbyterian multicultural Congregations, but they will also be nurtured themselves by this fund. **Contributing partners will be the first beneficiaries of this fund by being eligible to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 starting in January 2015.**

These grants will support ministry in the following areas and more:

- ◆ Multicultural Internship Program
- ◆ Multicultural Youth/Young Adult programs
- ◆ Multicultural Leadership Development
- ◆ Pastoral sabbatical
- ◆ Multicultural resources and worship support (books, language tools, computers, etc.)

With the shifting economic times, we, the PMN and the OMCS, are ever mindful that traditional sources of funding are not as available as they used to be. This situation makes the partnership fund all the more critical for how we move forward.

Some of you have already responded to this invitation and became members; this serves as a reminder of your commitment and payment for 2011.

Thank you for prayerfully considering partnering with us in this exciting movement. Please fill out the attached sheet to let us know of your commitment. Thanks be to God for all the hopeful signs among us and for all the promise the future holds!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Marcia Mount Shoop, PMN Moderator

Rev. Raafat Girgis, OMCS Associate

Office of Multicultural  
Congregational Support



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



[www.pcusa.org/multicultural](http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural)  
100 Witherspoon Street  
Louisville, KY 40202-1396  
Phone: 1-888-728-7228 ext. 5233  
Fax: (502) 569-8600



# More Information about the Partnership Fund

- ◆ At the end of the fifth year and for each year after, we will be able to provide up to 50 congregational grants of \$5,000.00 each.
- ◆ Each year, another 50 congregations will be rewarded and this will continue each year as long as at least 2,000 member congregations continue their annual contributions to the endowment. With time, this number will grow and then the number of the beneficiaries will grow along with the amounts of the grant.
- ◆ In addition, each member congregation will receive other benefits, such as funding for their members who wish to participate in any of the multicultural ministries leadership training events.

## 10 years of Multicultural Ministry

- ◆ Ten growing and well-attended national multicultural conferences and pre-conference events that have provided leadership training, spiritual formation and networking to more than 7,000 pastors and lay leaders. The multicultural conference has grown from 85 participants in 2000 to approximately 500 in 2010.
- ◆ Three multicultural church institutes provide intensive “train the trainers” programs serving both east and west coasts of the USA.
- ◆ We provided more than 500 scholarships and congregational grants to support local programs and regional consultations. We provided funds to support five seminary student fellowships and at least 20 annual conference scholarships for seminary.
- ◆ We established the Presbyterian Multicultural Network and supported the establishment of nine regional multicultural networks. We hired five part-time field staff to help local congregations reach out to the diversity in their neighborhoods. On the global level, we reestablished the International Network Forum on Multicultural Ministries with ecumenical partners, ENFORM-International and ENFORM-North America.
- ◆ Through the last few years, we’ve provided generous grants to several congregations to initiate multicultural internships in partnership with seminaries and governing bodies, and we hope to do more of this as the funds become available.
- ◆ Four years ago, in partnership with the Synod of the Sun, we turned a regional multicultural youth conference with approximately 75 youth in attendance into a national multicultural youth conference with more than 200 participants. The conference is held each year at the Mo Ranch Conference Center.

### Office of Multicultural Congregational Support



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



[www.pcusa.org/multicultural](http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural)  
100 Witherspoon Street  
Louisville, KY 40202-1396  
Phone: 1-888-728-7228 ext. 5233  
Fax: (502) 569-8600

[www.pcusa.org/multicultural](http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural)

[www.PresbyterianMulticulturalChurch.net](http://www.PresbyterianMulticulturalChurch.net)



## Multicultural Partnership

**We pledge to contribute \$100 annually towards the Multicultural Church Growth Partnership Fund to mutually empower multicultural ministries across the PC(USA).**

Name of Church or Governing Body \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

We have resources or interests in the following:

Multicultural Internship Program

Multicultural Youth/Young Adult programs.

Multicultural Leadership Development

Pastoral sabbatical

Multicultural resources and worship support (books, media, language tools, computers)

Multicultural team training

Multicultural Consultation with our presbytery

Please elaborate on those that you checked:

---

---

---

Please share a multicultural ministry story or event on our websites. For more information about multicultural ministry in the PC(USA) please go to [www.pcusa.org/multicultural](http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural). You can review the PMN/OMCS Strategic Plan at [www.PresbyterianMulticulturalChurch.net](http://www.PresbyterianMulticulturalChurch.net)

**Please return the completed form**, along with your check, payable to *Presbyterian Multicultural Network* to:

Rev. Nibs Stroupe, PMN Treasurer  
c/o Oakhurst Presbyterian Church  
P.O. Box 310  
Decatur, GA 30031-0310