

Covenant of Partnership

To and between the churches of God which are at:
Manyamula Presbyterian Church, Malawi, Africa, and
Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas, USA

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 1:3

Background:

God made a covenant with Noah, promising to keep Noah's family alive, and while the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease. *Genesis 8: 22*

God made a covenant with Abraham, that through Abraham all the families of the earth would be blessed. *Genesis 12:3*

The Lord God made a covenant with the people of Israel on Mount Horeb, through Moses, on the mountain in the midst of the fire, that Israel would be blessed above all people, if they kept God's commandments. *Deuteronomy 7:14*

God made a covenant with David to establish David's seed forever. *Psalms 89:4*

The Lord foretold a day when He would make a new covenant with Israel, when He would write the law in the hearts of the people of Israel. *Jeremiah 31: 33*

Then the Father sent Jesus to fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah, and to put the new covenant, upon the hearts of believers, through the redeeming death of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. *Hebrews 9:15*

The good news was not only for the people who lived in Israel. The good news was not only for the people who lived around the time that Jesus was on earth, physically. The good news of Jesus Christ is for all people, and for all time. Since we belong to Christ we are Abraham's seed, and heirs of the covenant. *Galatians 3:29*

The Church of Scotland, in its zeal for the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ, sent missionaries to both America and Africa. These missionaries planted and nourished both of our churches that have grown at Manyamula, Malawi and at Austin, Texas. (*continued, next page*)

Covenant:

Now, in the spirit of adoration and imitation of God's word, and works, we the congregations of Shepherd of the Hills and Manyamula, make this covenant of partnership with one another, to follow the commandments of the Lord, that we love one another. *John 13:34*

First, we agree to be friends, writing to and visiting one another collectively and individually;

Second, to pray for one another, by name, collectively and individually; exchanging our lists of cares and concerns;

Third, to learn about one another, including the health needs, the roles of men and women, the needs and aspirations of children, and the development of each church and its surrounding community;

Fourth, to develop plans to share resources, according to the abilities of each congregation; *1 Corinthians 16:2*

Fifth, to work and speak together to proclaim in all of the world, the good news of Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sin. *Matthew 28:19*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all! *1 Corinthians 16:23*



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11