

What is a Partnership Palooza?

The Administrative Commission for Transformation (ACT) is planning a "Partnership Palooza," a celebration of ministry partnerships, at the April 15 presbytery meeting. This event will lift up the joy of existing partnerships and, we hope, tantalize those interested in supporting or forming ministry partnerships.

Just what are these ministry partnerships! They are as unique as the churches that form them. Some partnerships are formed through shared mission passions or a desire to serve children; others make it possible for seminary students to get urban ministry experience. Partnerships provide "double enhancement" -- blessings of co-ministry and shared faith in action and prayer. In some cases partnerships may involve only particular segments of a church-- sometimes a committee or Youth Group "adopts" a project or a specific outreach such as providing prayer shawls, treat bags, volunteers, meals, etc. A partnership may also be pastors who covenant together for prayer and sharing.

Partnerships between and among churches are not for financial sustainability in a particular church, but rather are for life-changing experiences of witnessing to God's love. Often churches with an abundance of resources are partnering with churches in economically marginalized communities that work together to be stronger forces in the community. Partnerships begin when needs, goals or interests are identified by cooperating congregations.

ACT needs your help! Please share with us if you or your congregation has been connected in a partnership or would like to be. We want to recognize and celebrate your involvement at the April presbytery meeting. ***If you have been partnered in ministry, please email Cindy Miller with a brief description on the nature of the partnership and the names of the associated churches no later than April 1.*** The blessings of the partnerships will be included in an article that will be published in the electronic newsletter on April 8. We are planning a pre-presbytery Conference Hour on June 3 to share how-to's of partnerships, so there will be an opportunity to learn more.

Thank you for your efforts in bringing together brothers and sisters dedicated to making a difference for Christ's sake.



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