

# A GUIDE TO DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS

## Steps for Congregations Pursuing Amalgamation



### 01 CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS

Early in discussions about future congregational life, the congregation is advised to involve the Region in communications, and to consult with the Community of Faith Support Committee for resources to guide the congregation into the process.

The Pastoral Relations Commission will also become involved when there is any change in Ministry Personnel.



### 02 CONGREGATIONAL DECISION



Each involved Congregation meets separately to make a decision on a proposal to amalgamate.

The proposal needs to be approved by each congregation separately. This process may also require a change to your Community of Faith profile, and Living Faith story.

### 03 OFFICIALLY INFORM THE REGION



When the congregations have formally decided to amalgamate, a letter to this effect, quoting the approved motions, and including contact information for the Board Chairpersons (or equivalent), is sent to the regional council office.

### 04 COMMUNITY OF FAITH SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Committee of Community of Faith Support will meet with each of the congregations separately to gather opinions on the proposed amalgamation.



Then the Committee will make its recommendation to the regional council or its executive.

### 05 APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Council will consider the recommendation. Their decision, and the effective date, will be communicated to the congregations.



### 06 PROPERTY



If the newly amalgamated congregations determine that they have excess property, The Property Commission will assist in its disposal.

Don't forget to consider other assets & inventory which may need to be dispersed.

### 07 CELEBRATE YOUR NEW COVENANT

The Community of Faith Support Committee will be available to assist the newly amalgamated congregation with its next steps, including arrangement of a service to celebrate the new covenantal relationship with the regional council.

