



Partnerships in the Harvest

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At the end ...

- I pray that you will treasure the gift and blessing of partnership as we collaborate and join the Lord in what He is doing across the globe.

Digging deeper into Partnerships

1. Theological foundations

2. The practice

3. The Pitfalls

4. The Blessings

To me

- The PCC-KCC partnership goes beyond the paper.
 - It's relationships,
 - It's a commitment
 - It's a godly desire
- to see both congregations live out the Great Commission beyond cultural, geographical and political differences because we are one in Christ.

How do we define it...

- “A partnership is a temporary, renewable, formal association of two or more autonomous and like-minded Christian bodies who have formed a trusting relationship and seek to fulfil agreed-upon expectations by sharing complementary strengths and resources to reach their mutual goals.”

Luis Bush-a mission strategist

1. Theological foundations for partnerships

a. The prayer of Jesus: John 17:20-23

- Prayer of unity for all believers. This unity has a purpose
 1. Provide a convincing testimony and
 2. A believable platform for the gospel to be preached.
- Partnership between KCC-PCC is a picture of this unity
- *The visible unity of the true church of Christ is best expressed in loving, mutual service and great commission partnership.*

1. Theological foundations for partnerships
 - b. The mission of God (Missio Dei)-Matt 28:18-20

“... we can say that God’s mission is accomplished through his **Son’s life, death, and resurrection**. His mission is to save us from our sins and to restore his good creation which had been marred by sin.”

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Size of the task..

- According to Global Frontier Missions, it is estimated that of the 7.83 billion people alive in the world today, 3.37 billion of them live in unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- According to [Joshua Project](#), there are approximately 17,428 unique people groups in the world with 7,400+ of them considered unreached (over 42% of the world's population!).



Partnerships in missions emphasise the big picture and yet not miss out on the details. (It's) a comprehensive plan, and Coordination of resources with the goal of seeing a **viable indigenous church develop among unbelievers.**



Rev. Chua Yeow San
(Church planting movement in Singapore)




1. Theological foundations for partnerships
c. Unity & Diversity in the Body

True partnership is not simply a matter of equality. It is a matter of synergy.

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d. Paul's epistle to the Philippians

- What does complete unity look like between a Kenyan & American evangelical church?
- Partnership in what:
 - In the Gospel
 - In the Sufferings/hardships:
 - In the resources



2. The Practice

Should be H.U.G.E

I. **H**umble in obedience

II. **U**nited in purpose

III. **G**enerous in our collaboration

IV. **E**ngaged & committed to the commission


3. The Pitfalls to be wary off

- Over-reliance on the partnership's strength /numbers and resources instead of the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Changing goalposts in the middle of the plan.
- Over-commitment.
- Growing impatient for results
- Trying to copy and paste what has worked in other areas.

4. The Blessings of partnerships

Why Partner

1. Partnerships multiply our impact
2. Partnerships are efficient avenues
3. Partnerships are evidence of our transformation
4. Partnerships strengthens our witness.
5. Partnerships remind us that we are part of a larger body.

A person with long dark hair, wearing a white ribbed turtleneck sweater, is shown from the chest up. Their hands are clasped together in a prayer position. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with warm lighting and bokeh effects. The text "Let Us Pray" is written in a dark brown, elegant cursive font, centered over the person's hands.

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Pray