



Southeastern Jurisdiction

Partnership Ideas: A Beginning List

- Pulpit swaps
- Prayer partners
- Joint online Bible studies
- Leadership training
- Community outreach events
- Drama and music enrichment
- Joint mission teams

The Red Bird Missionary Conference is nestled in the southeastern corner of Kentucky in the Appalachian Mountains. It consists of 22 churches, 4 outreach centers, and 3 mission institutions seeking to be in ministry with their community by providing outreach and services that minister to the whole person.

A missionary conference serves in an area where local resources cannot meet the needs, therefore mission support from the whole Church is necessary.



Partnership Covenant

What if Mission stopped being about going somewhere to do something for someone else and then leaving without anything really changing? Instead, what if Mission is about building meaningful relationships over time that leads to true transformation of our communities? What if **true** partnership means recognizing that we all have God-given gifts to offer and all have needs to be met? What if it means listening to each other and sharing our ideas and resources in ways that serve the Kingdom of God here and now, and also honors the image of God in all of us?

This more holistic understanding of Mission and partnership is just what we have created between the Red Bird Missionary and the Alabama-West Florida Conferences. Join us!

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“One of the things that excites me about this partnership is the potential it has to show the connectational nature of the UMC at its best. A partnership between AWF and Red Bird that is built on genuine reciprocity, where everyone involved both gives something and receives something, has the chance to be a unique witness to the transforming power of God and to the connection.”

- Rev. Andy Gartman, Tabernacle UMC, Dothan, AL



As partners we set aside our own agendas and create a collective vision for the ministry together. As with any relationship, each participant brings God-given gifts, whether spiritual, physical or mental, tangible or intangible, which will be honored and appreciated equally.

We pledge not to do for the other what they can do for themselves. We gladly serve each other as Christ has served us, with humility, love and encouragement, building a strong foundation for ministry together.