

Multi-Church Relational Covenant

Cooperative Parish between Wake Forest UMC & Village Church Rolesville

Preface:

A Cooperative Parish (can also be described as “multi-church”) is when local churches, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may enhance their witness to one another and to the world by showing forth the love of Jesus Christ through forms of mutual cooperation. Wake Forest UMC (WFUMC) and Village Church Rolesville (VCR) hereto agree to strategically partner in the following ministries in order to strengthen our missional impact for Christ in our community and world. In all areas of partnership we commit to proportionally share in the *planning, financial resources, staff resources, volunteer resources and prayer* so that we are able to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This is intended to be a “living document” that will be reviewed and updated annually by leadership of both Village Church Rolesville and Wake Forest UMC.

Ministries for Strategic Partnership:

Administration:

- We covenant to share in the Financial Manager Staff position and associated technology needs,
 - We recognize that each church will have separate bank accounts and finance committees.
 - WFUMC will provide the office space for this position.
- We covenant to share in the copier lease and supplies.
- We covenant that WFUMC will provide office space to the pastor of VCR. VCR covenants to supply the technology needed for this position.

Leadership:

- We covenant to have separate and distinct administrative leadership teams (Admin. Council, SPRC, Trustees, Finance, Lay Nomination). WFUMC and VCR will utilize and adopt a leadership structure in accordance with the Book of Discipline that is best for their context.
- We covenant to meet together with shared leadership annually each June to review this covenant.

Voices for Hope and Justice:

- We covenant to share in multi-church Voices for Hope and Justice Team

Vacation Bible School:

- We covenant to share in a multi-church Vacation Bible School operating under our current model. We agree to share with attendees a united message of invitation to our churches as a follow-up.

Trunk or Treat:

- We covenant to share in the annual Trunk or Treat with WFUMC serving as the host location. We covenant that WFUMC will use this event to invite people back to church specific ministry opportunities knowing VCR has other fall events in Rolesville to do likewise.

Ash Wednesday Service:

- We covenant to continue our annual Ash Wednesday tradition of worshiping together along with Wakefield UMC.

Closing:

All ministries and staff not included in this covenant are church specific ministries and not part of the Cooperative Parish Covenant Agreement. As the Holy Spirit presents new mission and ministry opportunities, we give ourselves permission to partner on a case by case basis with the support of both pastors and leadership.

Sign and Date:

WFUMC Admin Chair

WFUMC Pastor

VCR Lead Team

VCR Pastor