

# **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, or as needed, by leadership of both Village Church Rolesville and Wake Forest UMC. The first review will be completed and adopted by June of 2025.

### 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.

#### Youth Ministry:

- We covenant to share in a multi-church youth ministry.
- We covenant to share in the Director of Youth Staff position and associated technology needs.
  - We recognize that this is currently a 24 hour a week position for youth but has benefits due to the additional WFUMC duties assigned and full-time position status.
- We covenant to share in confirmation.

#### Existing Multi-Site B3 group:

- We covenant to support the continuation of this small group with members from both VCR and WFUMC.

#### United Against Racism Team:

- We covenant to share in multi-site United Against Racism Team

#### Little Chapel Preschool:

- We covenant that WFUMC will have the first registration period, VCR will have the second registration period and then have registration open to the general public.
  - We recognize outside of the registration period this will be a WFUMC ministry.

#### 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 worshipping together along with Wakefield UMC.

Mission Projects:

- We covenant to have conversations about partnering on mission opportunities that present themselves but may not be annual events, such as Project AGAPE, Rise Against Hunger, etc.

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

 7-18-24

WFUMC Pastor

 7-18-24

VCR Lead Team Representative

 7/19/2024

VCR Pastor

 7-18-24

