

Association & Member Church Partnership Agreement (AMCPA)

May 25, 2023

Association & Member Church Relationship:

It is the intent and understanding that the relationship between the Association and its member Churches is built on a desire to share in ministry opportunities and to support one another in their ministry functions. It is understood that the Association is a ministry of all the member Churches and that the Association is operating a critical mission of the member Churches by investing in and educating young individuals by pursuing its mission of Sharing Jesus, Shaping Lives and Developing Leaders.

Relationship Understanding:

Member Churches understand and agree:

1. to pray for, promote, support, and invest in the Association consistently and to the best of their ability.
2. to welcome a team from the Association to present the status, vision and needs of the Association to a full mission board (Committee) and other church leadership at least two times per year.
3. to work with Association personnel to schedule opportunities for the Association to address the entire congregation with a short message at least two times per year.

The Association understands and agrees:

1. to educate students by doing its best to provide an exceptional experience built on Jesus Christ and His word in four areas of focus: Spiritual Growth, Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.
2. to invest in the member Churches through events like Lutheran High Sundays, and other Association Church activities as feasible.

Governance of the Association:

The Association is a ministry of the member Churches and is therefore governed by the member Churches in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association approved by the member Churches.

Representation:

1. Each Association member Church is considered a voting member.
2. Each Association member Church shall appoint **two** delegates to represent their congregation.
3. If an Association Church delegate does not attend any delegate meeting for a calendar year (without giving notice to the Association) the Association will inform the Association Church member and request that the delegate be replaced for the following year.

Financial Considerations:

The AMCP is built on a ministry relationship and is not driven by or focused on the financial aspects of the relationship. Each family who is interested in sending their children to one of the Association schools is a blessing from God. The Association will do all that it can to come to a financial agreement that will allow the student to attend. There will not be any predetermined partnership discount offered to families. There is not any predetermined amount that an Association member Church is required to pay to maintain voting membership in the Association.