

**Subject: Board of Trustees – Partnership Program**

**UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE  
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
Rev. Diane Borcyckowski**

**An Introduction to the Partnership Program**

The United Church of Religious Science (UCRS) Partnership Program is an ongoing program designed to foster mutual support and empowerment among our Covenant Community Members. It aims to assist Community Members in helping each other realize possibilities and meet challenges with sensitivity and responsiveness. The Program promotes the growth and development of our Churches, (national and international), Study Groups and Special Focus Ministries through circulating the wealth of our knowledge, insight and resources.

***Purpose***

The purpose of the Partnership Program is to bring forth a Spiritual Community that is truly a healthy family comprised of healthy Members who mutually love and care for one another.

The intention of the Partnership Program is to encourage vital and well-established Churches, Ministries and Groups ('Supporting Mentors') to take responsibility for the nurturing of evolving or fledgling Churches, Ministries or Groups ('Mentored Groups') by bringing the Mentored Group "under their wing" and establishing an in-depth, loving and supportive relationship . Once a Mentored Group has progressed to a point of vitality, strength and readiness, it then joins the ranks of Supporters and becomes a Mentor to another evolving or fledgling Church/Ministry/Group.

In some cases, Churches, Groups and Ministries are well-established and fundamentally healthy, but desire assistance in growth, prosperity and more excellence in expression of various areas or departments of ministry. These Groups shall partner with each other to share wisdom, prayer partnership, resources and ideas.

A Supporting Group may elect, or be requested, to foster a New Work, Special Focus Ministry and/or International Ministry in a strategically chosen area of the country or world.

Smaller Churches or Centers may team together in the support of a Mentored Group.

The Partnership Program envisions that every member of our Spiritual Community embraces its role in the Program as a Supporting and/or Mentored Group, thus fulfilling the Global Heart vision's emphasis on "the continuous and generous sharing of resources".

In essence, there are two formats in which "formal" Partnerships may occur.

### **I. Supporting Church & Mentored Group**

The already established, strong and vital Church mentors a fledgling or evolving Church, International Center, New Work, Study Group and/or Special Focus Ministry to achieve its vision and goals.

### **II. Mutual Mentoring and Support**

Evolving Churches, Centers, Study Groups or Special Focus Ministries mentor and support each other to achieve their visions and goals.

Details of the Program and how it operates are available in the Partnership Program Guidelines Workbook, which you may acquire by contacting the Director:

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Or you may retrieve the Workbook on this site by going to: [“Partnership Program Guidelines Workbook”](#) and print it out for your use.

When you are ready to begin your Partnership, please go to “Let the Partnerships Begin!” and answer some preliminary questions about your individual needs.

In Loving Partnership with You,

Rev. Diane Borcyckowski  
Partnership Program Director

## LET THE PARTNERSHIPS BEGIN!

Dear Ones,

The **Partnership Program Guidelines Workbook**, with detailed information about how to conduct a Partnership, is now available and will be mailed to each of you who are willing and ready to form a Partnership with another Church, (USA or International), Study Group or Special Focus Ministry, or who would simply like to peruse the information and share it with your potential team before making a commitment to the Program. You can also obtain a copy of the Workbook by going to the "[Partnership Program Guidelines Workbook](#)".

Some Partnerships have already been formed and are just beginning to plan their first meetings. Some Groups are referring the information about the program to their boards/core councils and potential team players to get their alignment first.

There are two ways to Partner:

**Mutually Supporting Groups:** Two Groups mentor each other and mutually share resources, insights, ideas and prayer.

**Supporting Mentor Group and Mentored Group:** One Group mentors another Group by providing resources, insights, ideas and prayer.

Ideally, each Group has a team consisting of 6 members: A Minister, Practitioner, Board/Core Member, Children/Youth Director, Music Director & Community Outreach Director. If you have enough team members, your Group can take on two or more Partnerships. Example: You can mentor a Group and be mentored by a separate Group. Or, you can have a Mutually Supporting Partnership and be a Supporting Mentor to another Group.

Of course, you can make the program fit your needs individually, as not all Groups require such large teams, and some may require additional team members.

**To get started in your Partnership**, I am requesting that you respond to the questions below by email to [n2trees@earthlink.net](mailto:n2trees@earthlink.net) or phone in your responses to me by calling toll free: (866) 338-1315. Or write to me at:

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I am looking forward to forming your Partnerships and supporting you in receiving the beneficial results of growth, prosperity and the fulfillment of your greatest vision!

In Loving Partnership with Spirit & You,

Rev. Diane Borcyckowski  
Partnership Program Director

## Requests for Partnerships

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you ready to create a partnership now? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Would you like to receive the Partnership Program Guidelines Workbook and peruse it first? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Your mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you like to have a personal conversation with me about the Partnership Program to glean more information or answer questions? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please provide your phone number (above) and times you can be reached here: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What type of Partnership are you looking for:

We are looking for a Mutually Supporting Partnership \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

We would like to be a Supporting Mentor \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How many groups can you support in Partnership? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the groups that you wish to support by name.

1.

2.

3.

We would like to be a Mentored Group \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please list the names of the groups that you wish to support you:

First choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional explanations or comments?

**Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Partnership Program!**