

Rationale for the Covenant of Agreement Between the Presbytery of Carlisle and the Presbytery of Honduras

Members of the Presbytery of Carlisle began traveling to Honduras in 2006 to explore a partnership in ministry. We then planned at least one, often two, trips to Honduras each year. However, the partnership was never formalized until we began to put it in writing in 2019. The plan was to have each Presbytery, Carlisle and Honduras, formally approve the Covenant of Agreement. Then the pandemic changed everything, and it was five years before members of the Presbytery of Carlisle planned a return trip to the Presbytery of Honduras.

2024 seemed like a good time to renew, refresh, and celebrate our partnership! Therefore, we are once again working on formalizing our partnership in writing with the Covenant of Agreement. In the five years since we have been to Honduras, ministry there has changed somewhat. House-building is not the priority it was, although churches from Carlisle Presbytery would still be invited to build homes. And the establishment of the Buen Sembrador ministry in 2020 in response to Hurricanes Eta and Iota has brought about many more ways to be involved in partnership and ministry in Honduras.

It is our hope that new people within the Presbytery of Carlisle will be inspired to join our partnership with the Presbytery of Honduras!