

## Partnering Values:

1. **Commitment to People as the Church:** The partner church recognizes the priesthood of the believer, the gathering of believers as the body of Christ, and the motivation of expansion being people without a relationship with God. The partner church demonstrates this by mobilizing resources in the direction of people and limiting the size of its non-people oriented expenses.
2. **Balance of Autonomy and Oversight:** The partner church understands the need for accountability in leadership and requires necessary steps of the church plant to insure good Biblical stewardship. The partner church also recognizes the need of a sister community to develop its own identity for the purpose of serving its community. I.e. Not a carbon copy.
3. **Belief in the Power of Simple, Focused Ideas:** The partner church recognizes the value of clarity and focus of a carefully guarded mission. Its leadership should reflect the aversion to simply add programs to solve problems.
4. **Commitment to Mature, Christ-like People as THE Goal:** In addition to evangelistic conviction, the partner church should exemplify discipleship that leads to mature Christ-likeness.
5. **Similar Doctrine:** The partner church has core beliefs and Biblical convictions that are similar to and promote unity with the church plant. This similarity in doctrine should be centered on “non-negotiable items”. (I.e. Salvation, Deity of Trinity, Christology, etc.)
6. **Commitment to Reproducing Churches:** The partner church has structure in place, supports financially, or participates in a process to raise up leadership within its organization to expand the gospel and body of Christ.
7. **Flexibility In Expression of Communion and Baptism:** Specifically the practice of triune immersion, and three fold communion. Assuming doctrinal beliefs of both ordinances are the same.
8. **Commitment to Giving to The City:** The partner church desires to cultivate relationships with their city, give back to their community, and love their neighbor as much as they love themselves.
9. **Christ’s Name Supreme:** The desire of the partner church to lift up the name of Christ above institutional, organizational, and program goals.