

PARTNERING IN MISSIONS – WHAT IS AHEAD

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Outline:

1. Introduction – state of partnering in the missions movement – how widespread is partnering in missions? We see cooperation in the various mission field in a variety of forms and degrees of development. Models and approaches vary according to different contexts. There is no one model that applies to every situation, but there are certain principles that have been proven valuable and will be presented.
2. Definitions – We must define our terms regarding partnering so that we can better understand each other. We will look at one proposed definition in depth to help highlight the important elements of most partnerships.
3. Challenges – we will look at what seem to be significant barriers for more and better collaboration in the global missions movement: Motivation, structures, language, methodologies, marketing.

Throughout the session we will invite and encourage participation from those in attendance. We want everyone to contribute to the discussion. we also want to know what issues are of particular concern for participants.