



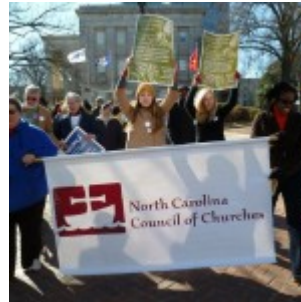
Become a Covenant Partner

For information on being recognized as a Covenant Partner, contact Aleta Payne at aleta@ncchurches.org or 919-828-6501.

We hope you'll join us in sharing a Progressive, prophetic vision of North Carolina that is just, peaceful and united.

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NCCC at HKonJ in Raleigh.



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NCCC's 2013 Legislative Seminar.

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Strength in Unity, Peace Through Justice

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Covenant Partners of the North Carolina Council of Churches

The NC Council of Churches is pleased to invite congregations, faith-based and secular organizations to participate in our Covenant Partners program, a relationship in our shared concern for issues of peace and justice. It is open to congregations that are affiliated with the Council's member denominations, congregations not affiliated with the Council (Christian or of other faiths), and organizations sharing our concern for specific issues.

In these difficult times for prophetic, progressive efforts for social justice, we need to be together and to be overt about our encouragement of one another. This is a tangible way for your organization to be in a covenant relationship with the NC Council of Churches, an organization with more than 75 years of history in the area of social justice in North Carolina.

WHAT WE ASK OF YOU:

- Your **commitment** to work with us on those of our issues of peace and justice which are of importance to your organization.
- A **liaison** from within your congregation or organization to facilitate collaborative work between the Council and your organization.
- **Annual financial support.** There's no specific amount that is required. We have Covenant Partners giving from \$100 to \$2000. One gives us their plate offering once a month.

WHAT WE OFFER YOU:

- **Participation** in our ongoing work for peace and justice. Currently this includes issues of climate change, health and healthcare, farmworkers, immigration, food and farming, legislative advocacy, Christian unity and interfaith dialogue. We can provide worship resources on all these issues.
- A quarterly **conference call** for CP liaisons. This will provide a chance to hear what's going on at the Council, to offer feedback from Partners, and to share information with each other about what you are doing.
- An **annual meeting** in your region especially for Covenant Partners.
- **Opportunities** to promote yourself as a Covenant Partner of the NC Council of Churches and by so doing to say to your community that you are engaged with the progressive, prophetic work of the Council. We'll provide you with a certificate as well as a logo which you can use in church newsletters and other venues.
- The **intangible benefit** of being in partnership, across the lines of denomination, faith and race, with the Council's ministry of social justice, compassion and peace.

WHAT THIS IS NOT:

- This is not **membership** in the Council. Congregations affiliated with our member denominations cannot be members of the Council under our current structure. Christian congregations not affiliated with our member denominations could request membership if they wished. Non-Christian congregations and other organizations cannot currently be members of the Council. Becoming a Covenant Partner is a formal recognition of our shared concern for issues of justice and peace, but without questions related to membership.
- Covenant Partners do not have official input into the Council's **governance**, which is currently limited to our member judicatories and member congregations. One corollary to this point is that Covenant Partners are not ascribing support for everything that the Council does. Rather, you are pledging to participate with the Council on that issue or those issues which are of importance to you.

