

Steps in Forming New CPN Partnerships

US churches interested in pursuing a partnership with a Cuban IPRC church (Iglesia Presbiteriana – Reformada en Cuba) or midbody should be directed to the CPN Partner Mentor Committee for advice and guidance in moving forward. Initial contacts may originate with the PC(USA) Caribbean Regional Liaisons, CPN Steering Committee members, or presbyteries or churches with existing partnerships.

1. Potential US partners should complete the self-study exercise outlined in the Guidance for New Partnerships document, available from the Partner Mentor Committee.
2. Church-to-church partnerships
 - a. The Partner Mentor Committee notifies the appropriate IPRC presbytery leadership and the PC(USA) Caribbean Regional Liaisons of the interest of a potential partner.
 - b. The Committee requests the IPRC presbytery leadership to designate potential Cuban partners if none has already been identified.
 - c. With approval of the presbytery, a visit to a potential partner(s) is made to determine suitability of fit.
 - d. The Sessions of the IPRC church and the PC(USA) church approve the potential partnership, and
 - e. Are encouraged to develop and jointly sign a partnership covenant agreement outlining roles and responsibilities of both partners (examples available).
3. Church-to-presbytery, presbytery-to-presbytery, church-to-Synod, and church-to-Seminary partnerships
 - a. Equivalent steps to those in (2) above should be followed, with the exception that the governing IPRC authority is the Synod leadership.

Potential partners are encouraged to join the Cuba Partners Network (at any point in the process). Additional resource materials are available from the Partner Mentor Committee, which can be contacted at CubaPartnersNetwork@gmail.com.