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Dear Friend,

*...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesian 3:18)*

Greetings in Christ! I pray that as you enter these beautiful summer months that you will continue to know the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love, and I ask that you pray for us to show Christ's love in all we do through our ministries and in our churches, families, and communities.

Mission to North America celebrates and shares the gospel of Jesus Christ in the United States and Canada by coming alongside the local and regional church in church renewal, church planting, and missional partnerships. We go forward in confidence that Christ is at work, always; at work before us, beyond us, and despite us, as well as through us, to build his church, such that the gates of hell will not stand against it.

MNA seeks to connect every PCA congregation to church planting by encouraging prayer, giving, and networking. MNA promotes gospel unity and diversity in church planting efforts, raising up and recruiting church planters from different ethnic, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. In 2017 the PCA continued in its 15 year history of placing on the field one new church planter a week on average. Praise God for these seeds sown for the kingdom!

MNA seeks to come alongside churches in missional partnerships, answering the big questions of What works? And What makes a difference? Where does the church show up in times of crisis, for the needy, for the incarcerated, for refugees? How do we the church support our leaders and our military, how do we as individuals make a difference? MNA Disaster Response, ESL, Refugee and Immigrant Ministries, Chaplain Ministries, Metanoia Prison Ministries, Engaging Disability, Ministry to State, MNA SecondCareer and MNA ShortTerm – all address specific concerns in word and deed initiatives.

MNA encourages gospel renewal as a way of life among our members, congregations, presbyteries, and the entire PCA: renewal individually and collectively in our faith and repentance toward Christ; renewal in our love for Jesus, our worship, our community, our witness. We pray and labor to see our congregations become not only houses of prayer for all the people groups of our nations, but also gathering places for all to find forgiveness, rest, refreshment and purpose in Jesus, our true hope and life. **Will you commit to pray with us in a greater way toward these ends? Will you also commit to something very practical and tangible – the financial support of MNA? The Ministry Ask for MNA is \$26 per member per year in 2019, the same Ministry Ask as in 2018. Will you please prayerfully challenge your church leadership to give a 2018 yearend special contribution to MNA; and increase, to whatever degree possible, your 2019 support for MNA?**

I would count it a privilege to meet with your church officers to discuss this further if that would be helpful. **Contact me (865-237-8178 or [phahn@pcanet.org](mailto:phahn@pcanet.org)); MNA Associate Coordinator Fred Marsh (404-307-8266 or [fmarsh@pcanet.org](mailto:fmarsh@pcanet.org)); or Church Relations Director Stephen Lutz (828-242-1440 or [slutz@pcanet.org](mailto:slutz@pcanet.org)), if you want to talk further about any of our ministries.** You may also visit our website at [pcamna.org](http://pcamna.org). Thank you for standing with us in the advancement of the gospel and the church throughout the United States and Canada.

Warmly in Christ,



Paul Hahn  
MNA Coordinator

*PS: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)*

# 2019 PARTNERSHIP SHARES STATEMENT FOR THE PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINISTRIES

## PREFACE

The working definition under which the 2019 Partnership Share Budgets have been calculated is as follows.

*As a general statement, “Partnership Shares” describes the amount of money needed to cover the anticipated total expenses of a ministry minus earned income and minus funds designated to specific individuals who are missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and staff (unless the ministry also guarantees the full compensation of the employee), as well as specific capital funds or similar designated monies. This portion of the approved expense budget is dependent on contributions from the PCA churches and individuals. In every case the “Partnership Share” is permitted to be at least the General Administrative and Overhead portion of the particular ministry’s total budget.*

Two important numbers for each participating ministry are provided by the Partnership Share and Ministry Ask calculations. First, the numbers located in the column labeled “Per Capita Calculation” are obtained by a per capita giving formula, which divides the Partnership Share Fund amount for each General Assembly Ministry by the total number of communicant members last reported to and accumulated by the Office of the Stated Clerk.

A second set of numbers under the column labeled “Ministry Ask” is provided for churches. The “Ministry Ask” is the amount of money each Committee or Agency is asking the churches of the PCA to give if the church would like to give to PCA Ministries on a “per member” basis. The amount listed in this column is generally an estimate of what each Committee and Agency needs to receive from each *donor* church per member in order for the Committee or Agency to raise their full budget approved by the PCA General Assembly.

**These two numbers provide churches and individuals with important factors as they seek to decide how to give to the PCA General Assembly Committees and Agencies. All PCA Ministries struggle to raise Partnership Share funds, and none of the PCA ministries would be sustained without generous donors who give far beyond the Partnership Share. Please assist as generously as you are able.**

In short, the Partnership Shares calculation is based on the inaccurate assumption that all churches have the same giving capacity per member and that all churches will give to all Committees and Agencies. The Ministry Ask is a more realistic figure.

**2019 Budgeted Partnership Shares and Ministry Asks  
of PCA Ministry Partners  
by the Participating General Assembly Ministries**

Participating Ministries of the PCA	2019 Total Expense Budget	2019 Partnership Share Fund			Ministry Asks  \$ Per Member
		P.S. Fund	% of Total	Per Capita Calculation	
<b>AC<sup>1</sup></b>	\$3,042,600	\$1,951,000	6.69%	\$6.67	<b>\$8</b>
<b>CDM</b>	\$1,706,630	\$863,530	2.96%	\$2.95	<b>\$7</b>
<b>CC<sup>2</sup></b>	\$27,745,753	\$2,300,000	7.89%	\$7.86	<b>\$9</b>
<b>CTS</b>	\$9,370,980	\$2,100,000	7.21%	\$7.18	<b>\$10</b>
<b>MNA</b>	\$17,597,434	\$5,766,638	19.79%	\$19.72	<b>\$26</b>
<b>MTW</b>	\$68,445,800	\$9,627,406	33.03%	\$32.92	<b>\$30</b>
<b>RUF<sup>3</sup></b>	\$37,213,684	\$5,762,132	19.77%	\$19.70	<b>\$20</b>
<b>RH</b>	\$2,653,000	\$775,000	2.66%	\$2.65	<b>\$8</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$167,775,881	\$29,145,706	100.00%	\$99.66	<b>\$118</b>

The total number of Communicant Members according to the PCA Administrative Committee was 292,450 as of December 31, 2017.

**GENERAL NOTE**

Gifts designated “spread per Partnership Shares” (or some equivalent) and the totally undesignated gifts (which amount to less than \$3,000 a year) will be spread according to the “Ministry Ask” column (by percentages of the total).

**SPECIFIC COMMITTEE AND AGENCY NOTES**

1. The PCA Administrative Committee requests that you contribute on the basis of 0.35% of total tithes and offerings (excepting contribution to capital campaigns for such efforts as new buildings). Please support us in this way if you are able to do so.
2. By giving \$10 per member to Covenant College, churches qualify for the Church Scholarship Promise program at Covenant College.
3. The portion of RUF's budget that General Assembly approves is \$13,807,939. The rest of this amount comes from budgets of churches and presbyteries that sponsor RUF works.