



**SYNOD
OF THE SUN**

**Covenant Agreement:
Solar Under the Sun**

Partnership Covenant between Solar Under the Sun and Synod of the Sun Covenant

Covenant description:

The covenant between Solar Under the Sun and the Synod of the Sun describes the partnership between the two organizations, including the vision, mission approach, and priorities by the partners, as well as the partners' respective roles and mutual expectations.

Partner descriptions and responsibilities:

1. Solar Under the Sun

Solar Under the Sun (SUS) is a covenant partner of the Synod of the Sun (Synod), a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

SUS will work with willing partners in the Synod of the Sun to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to end energy poverty by providing technical training, educational resources, and best practices in mission partnership.

Mission and Values

Solar Under the Sun is dedicated to ending energy poverty by providing comprehensive training and resources, empowering communities in partnership across cultural and national boundaries, and sharing the light and love of Christ with the world.

- A. Empowering -- We work to end energy poverty through partnerships that grow the knowledge and capacity of communities.
- B. Integrity -- We commit ourselves to build relationships rooted in honesty, cultural awareness, and the love of neighbor.
- C. Stewardship -- We recognize that any solutions to energy poverty must be achieved through care for creation and the careful use of the resources entrusted to us.
- D. Faith and Love -- We serve our neighbors in response to our faith in Christ's call to love one another.

2. Synod of the Sun

The Synod is a network of Presbyterians within the four states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. As part of its overall mission, the Synod desires to support and promote SUS as a covenant partner by:

- A. Supporting: Providing support for SUS, through appointing a representative to the SUS board of directors in order to foster the existence and growth of SUS and its programs.
- B. Promoting: Share the mission and program of SUS with the churches and partners of the Synod and encourage participation and financial support by all the presbyteries and churches within the Synod.
- C. Advising: Providing input, advice, and direction as needed from time to time, in order to further the mission, goals, and programs of SUS, and to improve the effectiveness of SUS' programs and activities.

This covenant is to be approved by SUS and the Synod and is to be reviewed and renewed every 3 years by each body. Each body shall keep an original copy of the covenant.

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From **Presbyterians do Mission in Partnership**

A policy statement from the 215th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA):

“The discipline of partnership assumes that mission can best be done by joining hands with those who share a common vision. Partnership in mission involves two or more organizations who agree to submit themselves to a common task or goal, mutually giving and receiving and surrounded by prayers so that God’s word can be more faithfully accomplished. Theologically and biblically, partnership is based on the fundamental belief that God’s love for the world is greater than any one church can possibly comprehend or realize.”