

### **Annual UKirk Network Covenant**

Between UKirk Network Ministries and the UKirk National

#### **Our Common Vision**

Each UKirk Network Ministry exists so that all college students can experience and explore God's inclusive love and be empowered to discern their call as leaders in the church and the world.

#### **Shared Values of the UKirk Network**

Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), we are rooted in the Reformed Christian tradition and collaborate with other denominations in witness to Christ's ministry of love, justice, and peace. Therefore, we value:

- **Inclusivity**: Because of God's expansive love and UKirk's commitment to reforming in the Spirit, we welcome and celebrate human diversity and faith exploration.
- **Partnership**: On the national, regional, and local levels, we embody the ideals of our connectional church by intentionally collaborating with congregations, presbyteries, and synods, pastoral colleagues, and ecumenical and denominational partners to strengthen and expand the mission and ministry of the UKirk Network.
- Justice: We believe each student is called by God to use their gifts for the flourishing and restoration of the world. We also strive as organizations to align our common work with God's renewing power, so that individually and collectively we can be encouraged and empowered to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
- Imagination & Intentionality: UKirk Network Ministries undertake our work in a variety of contexts to proclaim the gospel creatively and provide a witness of love and grace to young adults on college campuses across the country.
- Faith Formation: Committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, UKirk supports the spiritual growth and discipleship of young adults, recognizing that beliefs and commitments are diverse. We nurture faith as a lifelong journey rooted in curiosity, courage, and community. We create space for people to explore, question, and grow—deepening their connection to the Sacred, to one another, and to their own unfolding call.

#### **Covenant Commitments**

**UKirk National** has a special mission to connect, equip, and empower local UKirk Network Ministries and the broader church to co-create beloved communities with students on campuses across the United States for the restoration and transformation of the world.

# By affirming this covenant, UKirk National pledges to be in partnership with UKirk Network Ministries by:

- Equipping UKirk Network campus ministers and chaplains with resources to enhance your ministry, offer support, and foster the building of relationships within the network.
- Advocating for the significance, value, and endurance of collegiate ministry.

- Helping your leadership teams to serve faithfully within your context. UKirk National will be diligent in communicating current trends and best practices, and providing networking opportunities.
- Supporting you in all seasons of ministry, especially in times of transition, in order to help you thrive.

The local **UKirk Network Ministry**, [name of ministry], shares the values of UKirk National, and strives to live out those values in our ministry at [location of ministry].

## By affirming this covenant, [name of ministry] pledges to be in partnership with UKirk National by:

- Annually educating our board and our student leadership team about our shared mission and values.
- Keeping our ministry information up to date on the UKirk National website: www.ukirk.org.
- Sharing program ideas, resources, and stories from our ministry by uploading them to the UKirk Community Resources portal on the UKirk National website.
- Connecting and collaborating with other UKirk Network Ministries regionally and nationally via virtual conversations and/or in-person events.
- Nurturing relationships with your presbytery leadership, ecumenical partners, and other sponsoring entities.
- Supporting the work of UKirk National with a financial gift.

Note: In order for UKirk National to be financially sustainable, we need annual support from our Network Ministry partners. We are inviting each network ministry to contribute to our mutual work through a gift to UKirk National, based on the following scale.

- Full-time ministries/ministers: \$150/year
- Half-time ministries/ministers: \$100/year
- Quarter-time or less ministries/ministers: \$50/year

Our priority is your participation in the network, so we are happy to work with you if the scale above is cost-prohibitive for your ministry. To give, click <u>here.</u>

If your ministry would like to contribute more and become a sustaining member, or you need to contribute an amount not listed above, you can select "Other" on the donation page or reach out to Executive Director Gini Norris-Lane.

#### Signed:

Name of the UKirk Network Ministry:			
Signer One:	Role:	Date:	
Signer Two:	Role:	Date:	

Signer Three:	Role:	Date:
UKirk National:	Role:	Date: