Covenant
Between
New Faith Community Ministry Team of the
Oklahoma United Methodist Conference
And
Planter of a New Oklahoma United Methodist Faith Community

General Purpose: The purpose of this Covenant is to express the relationship and cooperation between the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference's New Faith Community Ministry Team and a planter of a new United Methodist faith community in Oklahoma and to achieve the objective of this relationship by establishing a new faith community to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

A. Parties: The parties of this covenant are the New Faith Community Ministry Team (NFCMT) of the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference (OKUMC) and The Rev. planter's name, planter of new faith community's name. Christian love, fellowship, harmony, and unity shall drive the relationship and cooperation between the two parties for the achievement of the stated purpose.

B. Parties' Commitments: NFCMT will proactively support planter's name, as a new faith community planter, as well as his/her family, with ample and appropriate spiritual, emotional, and professional support for his/her well being, leading toward the success of name of new faith community, its members, attendees, ministries, and programs. Examples of this support may include accountability groups, spiritual directors, training events, days off, and vacations.

C. As a tool toward the achievement of the purpose of this covenant planter's name agrees to the assistance of a Ministry Coach for at least twelve months and will work with that Coach as agreed upon between planter's name and the Director of NFCMT.

D. In recognition and cooperation of the financial and spiritual investment and support made by NFCMT and OKUMC of planter's name, and new faith community's name, it is expected that if for any reasons planter's name leaves the OKUMC he/she will refrain from creating or attempting to create, plant, establish, or continue any new faith community or worshipping entity within a sixty (60) mile radius of the new faith community's name's location(s) to which he/she is appointed, for a period of one year from the date planter's name's appointment ends as an OKUMC planter/minister. In addition, planter's name will in no way use the names and contact information of members and attendees of faith communities' name in the creation, plant, establishment, or continuation of any new faith community or worshipping entity anywhere.

In the event planter's name leaves the OKUMC, his/her final paycheck and/or any form of severance pay from the OKUMC as well as any of its entities will be delivered
to planter's name upon the return of personal and church items purchased or financed by the OKUMC. Access codes to websites, bank accounts, etc. and keys to buildings, storage units, properties, meeting locations, etc. will be returned immediately to the NFCMT office or District Superintendent's office at the end of planter's name appointment.

E. **Effective Date:** This covenant will become effective *date*.

F. **Contacts:** The key contacts of this covenant are The Rev. Chris Tiger, Director of NFCMT, contact information; The Rev. District Superintendent's name, District Superintendent of district name District, contact information; and The Rev. planter's name, contact information.

G. **Amendments:** Either party may request a meeting in writing to amend this covenant as needed if changes arise. The parties will revisit and evaluate this covenant to determine the need for any adjustments and to discuss extension of this covenant for a period of time to be decided by the parties.

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The Rev. Chris Tiger, Director NFCMT

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Date

The Rev. *DS name, DS, district name*

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Date

The Rev. *planter's name*

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Date