



Presbyterian Children's Homes and ServicesSM

A Renewal of the Covenant Partnerships between The Synod of the Sun, PCUSA The Synod of Mid America, PCUSA and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

The Synod of the Sun and the Synod of Mid America are Mid Councils of the Presbyterian Church USA with historic ties to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. On January 1, 2018 PCHAS of Texas/Louisiana and PCHAS of Missouri merged. As one agency serving children and families in need throughout Texas, Missouri and Louisiana, it now seeks to form a Covenant Partnership with both PCUSA Synods named above. In light of recent conversations about the roles of Synods and its Covenant Partners, it hopes this abbreviated Covenant Agreement will be warmly embraced by all parties.

The Synod of the Sun's mission is "We believe when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the Body of Christ. In our common calling, we impact lives together." Its philosophy of care is to be "connecting, equipping and empowering." The role of the Synod of the Sun is to support, encourage, and be a resource to its member presbyteries and Covenant Partners throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The Synod of Mid-America works to support and resource its presbyteries so they can better serve their congregations, and while also engaging in mission and ministry that is more expansive than one presbytery can do on its own.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) is a Presbyterian mission agency. Its purpose is to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. PCHAS' philosophy of care is to be family centered, strength focused, and goal driven. PCHAS offers a variety of residential and community-based services throughout Texas, Missouri and Louisiana.

The Synod of the Sun, the Synod of Mid America and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services hereby renew its Covenant Agreements and join together in God's work. The Synod of the Sun and the Synod of Mid America will continue to be a resource to its

presbyteries and covenant partners and PCHAS will continue to provide Christ-centered services for children and families in need throughout Texas, Missouri and Louisiana.

The covenant relationship renewed by this agreement is not a legal partnership and each party may establish and maintain mission partnerships with other agencies and denominations.

Synod of the Sun, PCUSA

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Synod of Mid America, PCUSA

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Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

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David Thompson, President