

Possible Gifts that can be Shared with Partners

The following list is intended to stimulate our thinking as to gifts that can be shared or exchanged as we work at entering into healthy two-way partnerships that God can use for our mutual transformation. Please accept it as a starting point and build on it further as you discover other gifts.

- **Prayer.**
The art and discipline of prayer helps us engage with each other across thousands of miles and across wide cultural differences. There are things to learn about prayer and worship that our partners can teach us. Let us learn together.
- **Understanding/Discernment.**
Walking in solidarity with each other calls us to struggle and rejoice, to listen and to see as our partners see. Where there is struggle often a different perspective on a situation can lead to new possibilities and to new ways of coming at the problem. Let us share our thoughts/advice with each other.
- **Challenges.**
As we learn to know and trust each other, we will be free to challenge each other to greater commitment, to greater faithfulness, and to greater effort in the service of God's Mission. Let us inspire each other to faith and faithfulness.
- **Finances.**
Sharing financial resources can be a way of being involved with each other ideas and opportunities. In a context of careful discernment let us find healthy ways of sharing financial gifts that build the kingdom of God and empower one another in service.
- **Biblical lessons and understandings.**
Our different cultural backgrounds help us read the Bible from different perspectives. This shapes how we hear God's Word and apply it in our lives. Let us enrich our understanding by hearing God's word together.
- **Perspectives on God.**
Adding the understanding of God that Sisters and Brothers from other cultures bring can enlarge and influence how we appreciate the fullness of God. Let us share how we understand God.
- **Passion for faith.**
Christians from other cultures, especially from places where it is challenging to be a Christian, have much to teach and model. Let us explore what faith means for us.