

***The Harvest Baptist Association of Texas and the Bay Lakes Baptist Association
of Wisconsin Partnership Agreement***

1. This partnership helps fulfill the Acts 1:8 emphases by helping our churches get involved in going to the “ends of the earth”.
2. This partnership adds value to our churches by:
 - a. Recognizing a long standing relationship between Minnesota/Wisconsin and Texas Baptists.
 - b. Providing opportunity for ministry and missions for our churches outside of our “comfort zone.”
3. The members if this partnership will be:
 - a. Harvest Baptist Association (HBA) churches
 - b. Bay Lakes Baptist Association of Wisconsin (BLBA) churches
 - c. Other Partners (BGCT, SBTC, MWBC)
4. The major goals of the partnership are:
 - a. To prayerfully assess the needs of the 22 churches and possible mission and ministry starts in the BLBA and link them up with partnering churches and ministries in HBA.
 - b. To prayerfully assess the needs of the 62 churches and missions of the HBA and link them up with partnering churches and ministries in the BLBA.
 - c. To support the work of the BLBA and HBA.
 - d. To encourage new church starts in BLBA and HBA.
 - e. To strengthen existing churches in BLBA and HBA.
 - f. The BLBA churches will provide visioning teams to work with HBA churches.
5. The initial duration of this partnership will be four years.
6. The PPG (Partnership Planning Group), will be made up of persons from HBA and BLBA who will be responsible to HBA and BLBA for planning, doing, and evaluating projects between HBA and BLBA.
7. Specific plans for the first year of the partnership:
 - a. Mutual prayer for the work of BLBA and HBA
 - b. Financial support from HBA to BLBA
 - c. Funding to help start a new work in BLBA
 - e. To provide teams as requested by the churches in HBA and BLBA.
8. The 2010 budget of HBA will include specific resources to assist in the HBA-BLBA Partnership.