

EFFECTIVE MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS

ASIAN & NORTH AMERICA

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INTRODUCTION: *what does the word “Partnership” mean to you?*

TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS:

- *Transactional partnerships (we accomplish a task together)*
- *Resource partnerships (we share information/expertise)*
- *Relational partnerships (we work together as a team)*

RELATIONAL QUESTIONS THAT ARISE WITH CROSS-CULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS

- *How do we build mutuality & equality in partnerships?*
- *What complications arise if one group is providing funds?*
- *How do we measure partnership effectiveness?*
 - *Mutual accountability?*
 - *M-O-U’s?*
- *How we build trust? (And how do we recover if trust is broken)?*

CULTURAL QUESTIONS WITH ASIAN/NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIPS?

- *What should Asians know about the culture of North America in terms of money, relationships, individuality, accountability, communication styles (i.e., direct versus indirect), paternalistic attitudes, etc.?*

- *How do Asians help potential partners from the West understand the cultures in which they work?*
- *How do Asian leaders from Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist contexts approach partnership with people from North America (in contrast to Asian leaders from contexts like Singapore or the Philippines)?*

RESOURCE: *Mary Lederleitner, Cross-Cultural Partnerships: Navigating the Complexity of Money and Mission (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2010).*