

# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

## Between Henry County Baptist Association of Virginia and Energize Ministries

This Cooperative Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into as of [Insert Date], by and between:

**Henry County Baptist Association of Virginia**, a faith-based nonprofit association organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, with its principal office located at 3349 Kings Mountain Road, Martinsville, VA 24112 (hereinafter referred to as “HCBAV”),

**AND**

**Energize Ministries**, a nonprofit ministry organization headquartered at 4419-A Wallburg Rd. Winston-Salem, NC 27107, dedicated to providing encouragement and support to pastors and ministry leaders (hereinafter referred to as “EM”).

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, HCBA and EM share a common mission to strengthen, encourage, and support local pastors, ministry leaders, and churches through Christ-centered outreach, collaboration, and service;

WHEREAS, both organizations recognize the value of cooperative ministry to extend the Kingdom impact in Henry County and surrounding regions;

WHEREAS, both parties desire to enter into a formal agreement outlining their collaborative efforts and shared commitments;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, HCBA and EM agree as follows:

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### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework for cooperative ministry between HCBA and EM to provide mutual support for local pastors and ministry leaders through events, retreats, training, and outreach initiatives.

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### 2. Areas of Collaboration

The parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

**Pastoral Support:** Jointly plan and host events such as prayer gatherings, retreats, appreciation days, or sabbatical assistance for pastors and ministry families.

**Resource Sharing:** Share relevant tools, materials, and resources aimed at pastoral health, spiritual development, and ministry effectiveness.

**Community Engagement:** Partner in outreach efforts that support church leadership in the local community, including crisis support, counseling referrals, or ministry networking.

**Communication & Promotion:** Promote joint events and initiatives through newsletters, social media, websites, and other channels.

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### 3. Responsibilities

#### HCBA Shall:

Identify and communicate the needs of pastors and churches within the Association.

Provide logistical and administrative support for collaborative events when applicable.

Promote participation among member churches and leaders.

#### EM Shall:

Provide encouragement-focused programming, resources, and guest speakers as appropriate.

Assist with event planning, funding, and implementation for agreed-upon initiatives.

Offer access to EM's national network of pastoral care and support tools.

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### 4. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of **two (2) years** from the date of signing and may be renewed by mutual written agreement.

Either party may terminate this Agreement with **30 days' written notice**, provided all outstanding obligations are resolved in good faith.

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### 5. Financial Considerations

Each party shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed in writing for specific projects or events.

In cases of joint funding or grant applications, responsibilities shall be clearly defined in separate addenda to this Agreement.

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### 6. Independent Entities

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, or legal agency relationship between HCBA and EM. Each organization shall remain independent and fully responsible for its own operations and liabilities.

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## **7. Confidentiality and Mutual Respect**

The parties agree to uphold the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality, and mutual respect in all collaborative endeavors, and to address concerns promptly and prayerfully.

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## **8. Amendments**

This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both HCBA and EM.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Cooperative Agreement as of the date written below:**

**Henry County Baptist Association of Virginia**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

**Energize Ministries**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date: