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Two mission-driven organizations announce partnership

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T: +61 2.6723.2213 F: +61 2.6723.2204 Plough is pleased to announce a new partnership with Missio Alliance.

"As a non-profit publisher, Plough is dedicated to giving people tools to put Jesus' message into practice and to building networks of thinkers and doers, so we are very glad to be joining Missio as a partner," says Peter Mommsen, editor of Plough Quarterly magazine. "As a society, we're at a critical but exciting moment in which Christians must learn how to act as a creative minority just like the early church did – letting go of coercive power in order to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as a community. That's where the Anabaptist tradition, to which Plough belongs, can offer its wisdom and experience. At the same time, our calling is to seek unity with believers of all traditions as well as common ground with all people of good will. We're looking forward to joining with Missio in this work for the gospel."

The partnership grows out of Plough's sponsorship of Missio Alliance's "Awakenings" gathering, held this past April in Alexandria, Virginia. The response to Plough's publications from attendees showed a strong resonance between the two organizations, both of which are dedicated to advancing unity in the body of Christ and breaking new ground for the gospel through missional activities.

Missio Alliance's executive director J.R. Rozko confirmed the strong sense of partnership: "As the Christian world is increasingly inundated by tabloidesque publishing, Plough is a refreshing and needed gift. Their commitment to centering voices and stories - both historical and contemporary - that are diverse, thoughtful, and grounded is precisely why we are so excited to have them join our fellowship of Alliance Partners!"

Plough, the publishing arm of the Bruderhof communities since 1920, is an independent publisher of books on faith, society, and the spiritual life with branches in New York, the United Kingdom, and Australia. Plough also publishes Plough Quarterly, a magazine of stories, ideas, and culture to inspire faith and action.

Missio Alliance is a convictional fellowship of Christian institutions, churches, and leaders committed to exploring and engaging faithfulness in God's mission after Christendom.