

About the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Historic - Progressive - Unique

A Vision You Can Embrace

Our vision is to fill North America with churches which will be communities of believers captivated by the majesty of God the Creator and Redeemer; and (as a result) content to be servants of Jesus Christ and his followers and committed to bring the hope of the gospel to a world which has lost hope.

We want to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. Not only do we believe his written word and try to follow it as closely as possible, but also we make it our ambition to depend on Christ and love him. This motivation alone will produce a godly zeal to spread the gospel, build Christ's church, and promote exuberant Christian living.

Christ calls us to a living faith, expressed in deeds and words. We seek to obey what we profess to believe. We want to tell the world of the greatness of our sovereign Lord and to call all people to join in praising him. The grace and love of God compel us to live joyfully in all godly aspects and callings of life, as heirs with Christ of all creation and citizens of his kingdom.

Convictions You Can Trust

• We believe that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God, without error in all that it teaches.

• We believe that what the Bible teaches is summarized best by the Westminster Confession of Faith.

• We believe in the sovereign grace of God in creation and redemption, expressed by way of Covenant.

• We confess the life, death, resurrection, and second coming of Jesus Christ, the God/man, for the salvation of his people.

• We believe that it is the powerful Holy Spirit who brings men and women to faith in Jesus and gives them gifts for service in his church.

• We understand that justification is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

• We recognize the Church as the Body of Christ and the fellowship of God's people. To strengthen his church, Christ has given us the celebration of the Lord's Supper and covenant Baptism.

A Mission You Can Join

Our 1400 churches and missions in Canada and the United States support the following ministries:

• Foreign Missions

- 523 career missionaries serving in 58 countries
- 113 two-year missionaries serving in 23 countries
- 3100 summer missionaries 1998 (two-month, two-week)

• Home Missions

- 150 Anglo church planters
- 50 church planters working in multi-cultural/non-anglo populations
- 330 new churches started in the last 5 years
- 45 new churches started in '97
- 70 new churches started in '98

• Denominational Institutions

- Covenant College
- Covenant Theological Seminary
The PCA Is…
- Historic
- We are committed to the timeless message of the Bible, which was taught by the early church, and emphasized in the Protestant Reformation.

• Progressive

- We believe that God's unchanging message is so life changing, satisfying, and fulfilling that it must be communicated to each generation in contemporary language, forms, and styles.

• Unique

- Not only is this combination of historic faith with contemporary flavor unique, but so is the fact that the PCA is international in scope. We work with believers from many countries to plant churches around the world. We have cooperative agreements with almost 60 Christian denominations and organizations for a worldwide mission focus.