

The PC(USA) in partnership

For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you — or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

— *Romans 1:11–12*

God invites all people to “feast at God’s table” through fullness of life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10). We come to this table where “God is host, and we are all invited by the Spirit to participate with humility and mutuality in God’s mission.”¹

Presbyterians yearn to be in communion with the global church, coming together as one body in Christ. Within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), believers are seeking to reach out across boundaries and engage in a worldwide and shared ministry. They find themselves humbled, strengthened and encouraged in their faithful living through partnerships with Christians in other contexts, countries and cultures.

This spirit of partnership with our siblings in other contexts led the 215th General Assembly (2003) of the PC(USA) to adopt a [partnership policy](#) inviting Presbyterians to “do mission in partnership” within and outside the United States.

Partnerships with others provide opportunities to express the unity of the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, to engage in God’s mission, and to see both scripture and the world with “new eyes” through the insights of others with different world views and faith experiences. Partnership has at its heart mutuality: giving and receiving, teaching and learning, listening and speaking.

How you can be a part of the PC(USA)’s global engagement

Support Global Ecumenical Partnerships — [Global Ecumenical Liaisons](#) (GELs) connect the world in faith and action. GELs are part of the Global Ecumenical Partnerships ministry in Presbyterian Life & Witness. They bridge communities across the United States and around the world, connecting people and strengthening new ways to engage in God’s mission. If you supported World Mission or one or more mission co-workers in the past, please consider supporting Global Ecumenical Partnerships, which continues much of the same work. You may do so by giving to Extra Commitment Opportunity account [E052199](#).

Enhance the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s global impact — [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) (PHP) is working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes, including gender and racial injustice, systemic poverty, climate change and environmental racism, violent conflict, lack of affordable housing, and more. Contribute to this work by making a gift to [H999999](#).

¹ “Together Towards Life: Mission and Evangelism in Changing Landscapes,” World Council of Churches Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, Sept. 5, 2012, p. 26.

Stand in the GAP with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) responds to environmental and human-caused disasters in the U.S. and worldwide by providing immediate and long-term support, empowering communities through training and guidance, financial support, capacity-building, and more. PDA also leads the church's migration accompaniment ministry and produces documentary films through Counter Stories Productions to address social justice issues. PDA invites Presbyterians to [Give](#), [Act](#) and [Pray](#) to demonstrate solidarity with those experiencing disaster or crisis.

Support a Mid Council Partnership – Is your Presbytery or Synod already engaged in an international partnership? Are there Diaspora congregations, immigrant or worshipping communities in your Presbytery or Synod? Your Presbytery or Synod offices and the Global Ecumenical Liaison team can help you to make connections with existing partnerships.

Consider Initiating a Partnership – If there are no current partnerships (or if existing partnerships don't feel like a good fit for your congregation), Global Ecumenical Partnerships can provide resources to help you discern how God might be calling you to connect with fellow Christians locally or globally. GELs may know of partners in their respective areas of focus that could be looking for partnerships, and they could help you to explore options.

Take Part in a Mission or Partnership Network – PC(USA)-related [mission and partnership networks](#) bring together Presbyterians who share a common international mission focus to build and maintain healthy partnerships and allow representatives of various PC(USA) partnerships to interact with partner representatives, share information, learn from each other, coordinate efforts and find ways to have greater impact together as a network. Each mission network or partnership network centers around a specific country, people group, or program area of ministry and is composed of Presbyterians who represent international partnerships established through their synods, presbyteries, congregations, or other PC(USA) entities. However, most networks welcome participation from congregations who have interest in their particular area of focus, so taking part can be one way of connecting and learning more. The GEP team can help to put you in touch with relevant networks.

Support Partner Ministries – Global Ecumenical Partnerships connects with more than 150 partners around the world. Your gifts to Extra Commitment Opportunity (ECO) accounts enable GEP to make grants to support life-changing ministries of many of those partners. You can direct gifts to specific partners or ministries, though the less restricted a gift, the greater scope for GEP and partners to match resources with current priorities. The GEP team can help you to identify appropriate ways to support global partners' work.

Be an Advocate for God's Justice – Your prayers, time and talents can strengthen efforts to promote justice, peace, and sustainable livelihoods around the world – all components of God's wholeness and fullness of life for God's people. Presbyterian Life & Witness offers various opportunities to learn about particular concerns or situations. Consider registering for the monthly [Presbyterian Advocacy Hour](#), offered by the [Office of Public Witness](#), and/or the bimonthly [Centering Partners' Voices](#), organized by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, to learn about contemporary concerns, enjoy fellowship with other people of faith, and explore ways that you can show solidarity with siblings struggling for justice, equity and inclusion for all members of God's family.