

“Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many.”

1 Cor. 12:12 (CEB)



Grace Presbytery
missional. relational. connectional.

As the church, we are called to glorify God and serve in the name of Jesus. We also know that as we live into this call today, we do so in a context that is different from the generations that came before us. As we face today's challenges and continue the work of Christ in the world, we must remember that we are Christ's church together. As Paul writes, "All the parts of Christ's body, the church, are one body."

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G-3.0101**



This idea is also emphasized in the polity of our church. G-3.0101 says, “The mutual interconnection of the church through its councils is a sign of the unity of the church.” Local churches, presbyteries, synods, and the agencies of the PC(USA) are together a witness of the unity of the body of Christ. We support one another, hold one another accountable, and strengthen our witness in the world.

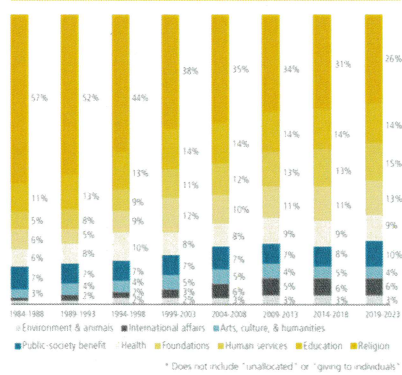


As the body of Christ, the councils and agencies of the PC(USA) are called into partnership to benefit the witness of the Living God in the world. A partnership is what we announce today.

Giving in the United States

Giving by type of recipient:
Percentage of the total in
five-year spans, 1984–2023*

(adjusted for inflation, 2023 = \$100)



Source: Giving USA



Why now? Because the US landscape of giving, stewardship, and mission sustainability is changing rapidly, churches need support to maximize missional impact. While the whole amount of dollars contributed to religious organizations continues to rise, people are increasingly shifting their impact dollars to other institutions. Between 1983 and 2023, religious giving went from 58% to 29% of total giving.

Our Goal

**Through connectional church
partnership with the
Presbyterian Foundation, make
Grace Presbytery the premier
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in the PC(USA).**



Today, we are pleased to announce that through our connectional church partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation we seek to make Grace Presbytery the premier stewardship practice presbytery in the PC(USA).

One Body, Many Parts

Building relationships between:

- . individual congregations**
- . congregations and presbytery**
- . congregations, presbytery,
and the PC(USA)**



Relationships are the heart of this work together. We will work to build relationships between individual congregations, congregations and Grace Presbytery, and congregations, presbytery, and the Presbyterian Church(USA). By building up our relationships, we will strengthen the Body of Christ to do the work of Christ here and now.

The Plan

Step 1. Listening Sessions

**Step 2. Financial Health
Analysis**

Step 3. Education w/ Experts

Step 4: Regional Opportunities

Step 5: Local Church Support



Most of us have been around long enough to see good ideas come and go, often before they ever get off the ground. The great news is that our partnership work starts today with our first listening session. In addition to this, the Presbyterian Foundation's new Church Financial Health Analysis tool is now available, and Ministry Relations Officer Josh Kerr is available to review the analysis with churches. We will provide expert-led seminars on issues such as Planned Giving, Generational Trends in Stewardship, and Church Property. Finally, we will offer extensive support and consultation to local congregations.

To What End?

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Why all of this effort? Why the heavy investment of time in resources in the stewardship and generosity practices of Grace Presbytery churches? The ministries of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission are strengthened within Grace Presbytery. We want you to have all of the resources you need to serve those you feel called to serve, to pass on that ministry to future generations, and to strengthen your collective work and witness as a presbytery.

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