

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Lord Jesus Christ declares, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”

(Matt. 28:18-20). The Committee on Christian Education seeks to serve the Orthodox Presbyterian Church by providing resources and training for teaching about the only name by which men may be saved. From its work with local churches, to presbyteries, to the General Assembly, to its work with the program committees of Home and Foreign Missions, the CCE aims to be a servant that assists in advancing the total ministry of the OPC. The rest of this brochure details the ministries of the CCE as it desires to be faithful to the Lord’s Great Commission.



FOREIGN MISSIONS

These are wonderful days to be alive, and by His mercy, to be holders of the grand truths of the doctrines of grace, and to be in the service of the King.

Having received so much, it is our pleasure to share with others around the world the good news of repentance for forgiveness of sins through Him. May we never tire of preaching Jesus Christ to the nations!



Early on, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in obedience to her Master’s command, established the Committee on Foreign Missions to oversee and conduct the work of foreign missions on behalf of the young church. The goal of the work on each of our fully operational foreign mission fields remains the same today:

- The establishment of a healthy indigenous national church —**
- That is firmly and fully committed to the Reformed standards
 - That is self-supporting, self governing, and self-propagating
 - With whom the OPC may have fraternal relations
 - That is itself sending out foreign missionaries to other nations
 - Which no longer needs the services of OP foreign missionaries.

HOME MISSIONS

Throughout the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean there is a pressing need for ministers and congregations who will be faithful to God’s Word, and who are

willing to be brought close to those whom God is calling to be Christ’s sheep. That’s why The Orthodox Presbyterian Church starts fifteen to twenty new churches each year. The Committee on Home Missions



helps the presbyteries of the OPC to get new churches started, to find and train organizing pastors, and to provide hands-on assistance for those who are on the front lines of the struggle for the souls of men.

Worldwide Outreach of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

The Church’s Faithful Response to the Great Commission



THE THANK OFFERING

In 1949 the General Assembly of the young Orthodox Presbyterian Church determined to place before the churches a plan of setting aside the month of November as a month of a special thank offering for missionary work and Christian education, and the first Thank Offering was received. Some sixty years later, the Thank Offering has the same purpose: to advance the cause of Christ through missionary outreach at home and abroad and through Christian education.



SUPPORTING THE WHOLE WORK OF THE WHOLE CHURCH

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church strives to encourage the unity Christ gives to his people. In obedience to her Lord's Great Commission, she has established Committees on **FOREIGN MISSIONS, HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**, and **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** to encourage the whole church in her ministry to one another and her mission to reach the lost. In order to promote the church's unity, the General Assembly supports the ministries of these three program committees through **WORLDWIDE OUTREACH** (the combined budget to which all congregations are asked voluntarily to contribute). Each year's General Assembly approves a Worldwide Outreach budget for the following year based on the plans and needs of the three committees. Some congregations contribute monthly to the Worldwide Outreach budget, while others receive special offerings for that purpose. And almost all congregations give to the annual Thank Offering. Your gifts to Worldwide Outreach and your prayers for the ministry and missionaries of the church help us work together to reach the lost of this world and strengthen Christ's church.



OPC.ORG

The CCE maintains an Internet ministry through the OPC.ORG website. OPC.ORG provides not only educational resources for individuals to use, but also informs OPC members of current activities and events throughout the church.



Short-Term Mission Opportunities

Come and use the talents and skills the Lord has given you, including your abilities as a native speaker of the English language, to serve him on a foreign mission field. Volunteers are needed in China, Japan, Quebec, and Uganda. Contact OPForeignMissions@opc.org for more information.



Regional Home Missionaries

Gifted and seasoned ordained men are usually the first ones to meet and work with new groups. The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension helps field these Regional Home Missionaries in presbyteries throughout North America.

Starting Mission Works

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension works closely with the presbyteries and local sessions of the OPC to help make it possible for them to form core groups and new congregations throughout North America.

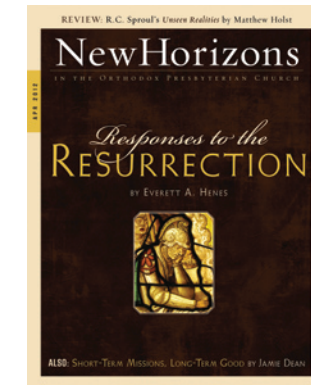
Pastoral Internships

Heeding 2 Timothy 2:2, "What you have heard from me...entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also," the CCE oversees OPC ministerial internships, providing financial assistance and guidance to churches and interns.



Church Buildings

The OPC Loan Fund provides loans to churches and mission works for building programs. And individuals and churches that want to see their money used to serve the Lord and build his kingdom may invest in this unique "savings & loan."



New Horizons

The OPC monthly magazine, *New Horizons*, promotes the teachings of Scripture and the OPC standards concerning Christian faith and practice. It also informs about OPC ministries at home and abroad. It is free to all members

Sending Foreign Missionaries

The Committee on Foreign Missions currently sends missionaries to ten fields: China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Japan, Korea, Quebec, Suriname, Uganda, and Ukraine. On each field, we labor toward the establishment of an indigenous Reformed church/presbytery.

Sunday School Materials

Great Commission Publications is the joint ministry of the Christian Education committees of the OPC and the PCA. Self-supporting, it produces Sunday school curriculum, catechism materials, music, the Trinity Hymnal, and adult discipleship studies.



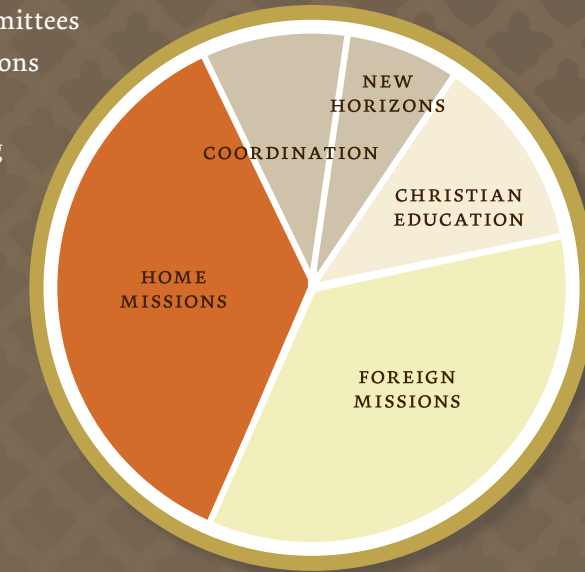
Ministerial Training Institute

The CCE-led Ministerial Training Institute seeks to aid men for informed and effective ministries in the church through seminary-level course instruction by OPC officers. These ten-week courses taught over the Internet conclude with an in-person training session.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR CHURCH SENDS MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE WORLDWIDE OUTREACH MINISTRY?

Your gifts to Worldwide Outreach are divided among the three program committees (Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, and Christian Education) according to the percentages and budgets set by the General Assembly. Those gifts also help to cover the costs of *New Horizons* and the costs of the Committee on Coordination.



HOW TO SUPPORT WORLDWIDE OUTREACH

As the bringing of tithes and offerings is a proper element of corporate worship, members and friends of OP congregations are encouraged to give towards the support of the ministries of the three program committees through the budgetary processes of their local congregations (in 2012 many OP congregations used a suggested amount of \$150.00 per communicant member). Writing "Worldwide Outreach" on either the memo line of your check (payable to the OPC or to your local congregation) or the offering envelope will ensure that your gifts will be divided among the work of the whole church in the ministries of Christian education and home and foreign missions. You may also designate your gift for the support of a particular Worldwide Outreach ministry by noting such on the check or envelope.

