

Ministries Serving Existing Churches

Chaplain Ministries, led by Dave Peterson, provides a rich mission field with frequent occasions to share the Gospel and lead men and women to Jesus Christ. Chaplains possess the ability to change lives every day.

Since the spiritual needs of men and women in the military are so great, MNA Chaplain Ministries is dedicated to calling and equipping these strategically positioned ministers. In addition to providing official endorsement procedures for PCA chaplains, we give them guidance and spiritual counsel, enlist prayer and financial support from PCA congregations, serve as liaison with institutions and recruit new chaplains.

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English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministries, led by Nancy Booher, is an effective strategy for cross cultural missionary outreach in North America. MNA is committed to serving PCA churches and presbyteries as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission mandate right in our own back yards!

The demographic composition of North America is constantly changing at a rapid pace. As members of a society built upon the shoulders of immigrants seeking a new start, American Christians have often initially reacted in our human frailty to these changes with wonder, bewilderment, confusion and sometimes even fear.

ESL Ministries will work with churches to assist them in:

- Organizing an ESL program that will aid them in sharing the Gospel with the foreigners and strangers in their midst.
- Training teachers and leaders for their program.
- Examining and choosing appropriate curricula and materials.

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Mercy Ministries, led by Fred Marsh, serves to encourage and equip PCA churches and members to become involved with ministries to people who not only need the Gospel but who face circumstances of tangible need or difficulty. While these needs exist everywhere, they are often more prevalent in the concentrated populations of the cities.

Mercy Ministries serves the church in these ways:

- Providing financial assistance to encourage minority leaders to attend colleges, seminaries and other training programs. Funding for this assistance is provided by the annual Thanksgiving Offering, given by PCA churches and individual members.
- Coordinating leadership training and internship opportunities among churches who serve communities of need.
- Conducting (or helping sponsor or plan) conferences that provide mercy ministry leadership training and encouragement.

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Disaster Response, led by Ron Haynes, assists PCA churches and presbyteries in responding to disasters. Ron's mission is to answer God's call to minister in the area of disaster response and to offer an opportunity for the Presbyterian Church in America to give relief to those affected by a disaster, meeting their immediate needs, helping to rebuild their lives and sharing the love of Christ.

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MNA ShortTerm, led by Arklie Hooten, leads the development and implementation of a PCA/MNA wide vision of short term ministry opportunities within North America. Our purpose is to match churches who can send volunteer teams with mission churches and ministries who need services, such as help with community outreach, VBS, construction, and other help in communities of need.

We address opportunities for:

- Short-term groups who can serve in the ways listed above--and in additional ways too, as God leads.
- Recruiting families to move with church planters to join as lay people in new church plants.
- Encouraging retirees to work longer term--a year or two or more--with church planters, e.g., serving as a church administrator with a church planter.

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Capital Service, led by Chuck Garriott, is a ministry to people working in the state capitols of the US and Washington, DC. Chuck works to establish relationships with people in positions of power and to equip the PCA churches and presbyteries to share the Gospel with those who serve in government positions.

MNA Capitol Service seeks to expose those in the government community to the transforming truths of the Gospel. It provides members of government who make a profession of faith with encouragement and support in developing a biblical worldview, and it is instrumental in establishing and maintaining a biblical conscience among those who create and implement policy. The program provides a healthy, non-partisan means of connecting the church with members of government and promotes and facilitates intelligent prayer by the Body of Christ for those serving in government.

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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel.

Philippians 1:27 (ESV)

Our Vision

That God by His grace and for His own glory –through the cooperative prayers and efforts of PCA churches and presbyteries– will ignite a powerful church planting and vitalization movement, a movement that impacts all of North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and transforms the heart and face of the PCA. We long to see transformation in North America through people being saved, lives changed, disciples made, and needs met in the name of Jesus Christ.

As part of this vision we hope that, by God's grace, the PCA will look significantly different in ten years so that the denomination is:

- More diverse, with many churches planted and many people coming to Christ from among the various cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic groups of North America.
- A stronger presence in the city centers of North America–no longer primarily a suburban and rural denomination. Cities and their strategic importance can be defined by the following criteria:
 - ◆ *Concentrations of people*
 - ◆ *Centers of influence*
 - ◆ *Crossroads of society*
 - ◆ *Cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity*
- Geographically more widespread, with a significant presence throughout all regions of the United States and Canada.
- Composed of a greater number of churches that have been planted and are growing as a result of effective evangelism, and that the ministries of these churches reflect stronger mercy and community engagement, truly becoming salt and light.
- Characterized by greater vitality in all PCA churches–with many churches who have plateaued or declined becoming revitalized and recognized as "houses of prayer for all nations." (Mark 11:17).

Jim Bland, MNA Coordinator

Church Planting

Church Planting, led by Ted Powers. In light of this vision and around these values, we pursue these activities:

- Communicating this vision throughout the PCA.
- Mobilizing the PCA for prayer.
- Coordinating the church planting efforts of PCA churches and presbyteries.
- Recruiting those who are gifted and called to church planting.
- Assessing potential church planters.
- Training those called, before and after moving to the field.
- Assisting in strategies and sharing expertise in the development of funding.
- Placing church planters in strategic sites.
- Coaching, encouraging and supporting church planters on the field.

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MNA Revitalization and Evangelism seeks to help fulfill our greatest need—more vital churches, alive with the presence of the Lord. Vital churches send out fruitful disciples who take the Gospel into the dark corners of our fallen world. They are healthy churches through whom the Word ignites the people to worship and serve God, and through whom effective ministry results in the addition of new believers and the planting of new churches.

Our goal is two-fold: (1) to assist in the planting of biblically healthy churches and keep them healthy by providing intensive, effective training and coaching for church planters; and (2) to offer direct services and referral to resources that address the needs of existing churches—those who want to ensure an ongoing vitality, as well as those who have plateaued or are in decline. We believe this ministry is a work of the Spirit of God.

To learn more about Church Planting or Revitalization and Evangelism, contact Ted Powers 630-910-0765 or tpowers@pccanet.org

MNA's Multicultural Commitment...The US and Canada today are composed of a multitude of nations from every corner of the globe. Probably no other area of the world brings together as many different nationalities and such varied ethnicities. And while all people groups, when they immigrate, retain some measure of their own historic identity, they also create unique subcultures as they become part of the ever-changing culture of North America.

As a result, the PCA faces exceptional ministry opportunities that hold the promise of transforming countless lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet these opportunities require fresh, creative approaches. At MNA, we have formulated a plan to meet that requirement. We are fully committed to multicultural ministry, through the following:

Conferences and other training events to strengthen church planters and other key leaders, as well as periodic gatherings for PCA leaders involved in ministry among African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Koreans, Brazilians and Haitians.

Counsel, support materials and other assistance related to the development of effective strategies for sharing Christ across cultural, socioeconomic and ethnic lines.

Assistance for presbyteries in devising strategies for multicultural ministry and in locating as well as developing qualified leaders for multicultural ministry.

Resources for non-PCA ethnic churches and leaders, allowing them to investigate and learn about the PCA and to connect with an appropriate presbytery.

Ministry Coordinators and Movement Leaders to work with churches and presbyteries in defining vision, goals and strategy, as well as in equipping leaders and assisting with conferences and other mission activities for these people groups.

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MNA Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP), led by Brian Kelso, was developed to help in facilitating the change of the face and heart of the PCA, to more fully accomplish our passion for the Great Commission and the Great Commandment in the rapidly changing demographic environment of North America. LAMP offers effective training for future ministers of the PCA from a broad range of economic and ethnic backgrounds.

Main Objectives:

- To maintain doctrinal integrity with a reformed distinctiveness.
- That training and supervision take place in the context of the local church, using a combination of both the classical classroom and mentoring models.
- To give a candidate the opportunity to maintain a consistent family life, full-time employment and ministry responsibilities in the local church while pursuing his theological education.
- To offer classes and training opportunities that are time and cost efficient for men in full-time employment.

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Church Planter Development, led by Jim Hatch, seeks to recruit and develop men called to church planting. While it is only the power of God's Spirit that builds a church, from the human point of view, church planters are the fuel that drives a church planting enterprise. Everything seems to depend on finding the right man for the right situation.

There are dozens of groups of people looking for a church planter in their community and dozens of communities proactively identified by presbyteries and church planting networks throughout the PCA. There are growing ethnic and immigrant people groups among whom we wish to minister and thus become a more diverse denomination as the many people groups of North America respond to the Gospel.

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Church Planter Coaching, led by Jimmy Dodd, trains PCA leaders in coaching and caring for PCA church planters, and provides personal coaching to church planters. On-site coaching and mentoring of church planters is absolutely critical to the life and health of our church planting ministry and to the church planter and his family as well.

In light of the needs facing church planters, these are our highest priority goals:

- Teaching coaching to strategic leaders at MNA-sponsored training events.
- Producing, with the Church Planting Coordinator, a strategic plan for beginning a comprehensive coaching ministry in the PCA.
- Meeting with presbyteries or church planting networks to implement a coaching ministry strategic plan.

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Church Planting Wives Ministry, led by Shari Thomas, is committed to caring for and coaching the church planting couple by developing supportive networks for the church planter's spouse.

The unique and challenging nature of church planting places intensified levels of stress on the church planter and his wife, and thus on their marriage. Without care and coaching, research shows that ministry marriages suffer and in turn have devastating effects on the minister's family as well as the church.

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