

Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in Ghana

Presbyterianism has a long history in Ghana, but the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) involvement did not begin until the latter half of the 20th century. The PC (USA) joins its Ghanaian partners, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana, in a holistic approach to ministry that includes education and leadership development, health ministries, community development, evangelism and new church development. Impressive growth and record poverty reduction over the past 20 years have made Ghana an African success story. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has grown between four to eight percent annually over the past decade and is expected to continue in coming years. This growth puts Ghana on track to reach the first Millennium Development Goal to cut poverty in half by 2015. Ghana is the world's second largest cocoa producer behind the Ivory Coast, and Africa's biggest gold miner after South Africa. In addition, Ghana is one of the more stable nations in the region and has a good record of power changing hands peacefully.

Presbyterian World Mission is working to build and strengthen congregational and presbytery partnerships with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Ghana, and two related institutions, Akrofi Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission, and Culture, and Trinity Theological Seminary, and supporting these partnerships to address the three Critical Global Initiatives that World Mission has lifted up: evangelism and leadership development, addressing global poverty, and peacemaking and reconciliation. These partnerships have done wonderful work in so many areas, such as building wells and community sanitation projects, helping female-led projects in fishing and agriculture, and developing leaders in health, education, and church growth and evangelism.

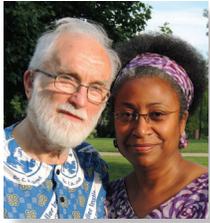


Working together with our partners in Ghana

Presbyterian World Mission is working with partners in Ghana to address our three critical global initiatives. Although our ministries with our Ghanaian partners are diverse, all of them serve to strengthen the witness of God's presence and make a transformational impact on the lives of the people. The three critical global initiatives include:

- **Addressing the root causes of poverty.** We facilitate the partnerships of PC(USA) presbyteries and congregations that are involved with Ghanaian presbyteries in ministries of education, health, water and sanitation, and community development ministries.
- **Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.** We are strengthening the capacity of our partner churches by helping them spread the Good News of the Gospel through evangelism and outreach programs, especially in the north of the country. We support the unique efforts the partners are undertaking to promote indigenous African theology, theological study in African languages, and theological discourse among African Christian women.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** We stand with our partner churches in their peacemaking programs and with them as they strive for greater Christian-Muslim dialogue and understanding.

Support your mission co-workers in Ghana



Dr. Ingrid Reneau Walls

As a research fellow at the Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture (ACI) in Ghana, Ingrid and her husband, Andrew, share in the ACI's work of stimulating theology in relation to African cultures and promoting Christian scholarship in Africa. Among the courses she teaches are academic writing and ESL, with a view toward strengthening and developing the scholarly works of the institute's mostly Pan-African student body. Ingrid also contributes to the institute's Christian scholarship through research on the primal cultures and Christianity in South Sudan's pastoralist communities and participates in graduate forums that explore the links between African and African diaspora cultures and Christianity and the impact of the primal imagination in the post-Christian West. Home ecclesiastical body: Shiloh Christian Fellowship, Oakland, CA; E200495, D507538



Rev. Joshua Heikkila

Josh is the PC(USA) regional liaison for West Africa, where he facilitates partner relationships, implements regional strategies, and supports the work of other mission personnel. "When we strive to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, our faith is deepened and strengthened, despite our cultural differences, and we become better disciples of Jesus Christ," Josh says. He works with partner churches in Ghana, Niger, Nigeria, and Togo. Home presbytery: Twin Cities; E200353, D507520

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