

Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ

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- Over 5,000 churches, 1.5 million members
- All organizations supported by individuals and local churches.

Organizations and Agencies - All Independent

- North American Christian Convention (www.nacc-online.org)
 - 2009 - "Still Amazed" - Louisville, June 30 - July 3
- Foreign Missions
 - Missionaries, over 1000, raise support among churches and individuals
 - Support Organizations
 - Good News Productions (www.gnpi.org)
 - Multi-media productions in over 100 languages
 - 10 locations worldwide, HQ in Joplin, MO
 - Pioneer Bible Translators (<http://www.pioneerbible.org>)
 - Uses Bible translation and literacy as strategies for church planting and growth.
 - 7 locations: Papua New Guinea, East Africa, West Africa, Northern Eurasia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Pacific Rim
 - Mission Services (www.missionservices.org)
 - Publishing, web hosting, Horizons Magazine (since 1951)
 - Serves 325 ministries in 85 countries, HQ in Knoxville
 - Team Expansion (www.teamexpansion.org)
 - over 300 missionaries working in 40 countries, planting 184 churches and baptizing over 8000 believers.
 - Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism (FAME, www.fameworld.org)
 - Partners with missionaries to establish clinics; HQ in Indianapolis
 - National Missionary Convention (since 1951, www.nmc-windows.org)
 - November 20-23, 2008, "Get Your Hands Dirty", Tulsa, OK
- Standard Publishing (www.standardpub.com)
 - Standard Sunday School / VBS Lessons (the most extensively used lessons in the U.S.)
 - Christian Standard (since 1866, www.christianstandard.com)
 - The Lookout (www.lookoutmag.com)

- Colleges
 - Currently 31 Bible Colleges, 3 seminaries, 1 Liberal Arts (Milligan), 1 university (Hope).
 - Atlanta Christian College (www.acc.edu), Johnson Bible College (www.jbc.edu), Milligan College (www.milligan.edu)
 - Crimean American College - (<http://www.iaccu.org/>) Georges Carrillet - Ukraine
 - Campus Ministries (including Georgia Tech, www.gtccf.org)
- Church Camps
 - 99 camps in 33 states (the first was in 1924 in Georgia)
 - Woodland Christian Camp, Temple, GA (www.woodlandcamp.org)
- Homes, Children and Retirement / Nursing (106)
 - Christian City (just south of Atlanta) serves 1100 children and elderly, 96 buildings, 500 acres (www.christiancity.org)
- Other Parachurch Organizations
 - Church Development Fund (www.cdfonline.com)
 - Currently paying 5.5% on new 10 month CDs
 - Loans for church buildings - including FCCR
 - International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) - (www.ides.org)
 - Disaster - Midwest US (floods), Myanmar (cyclone), Haiti (hurricanes)
 - Hunger - India, Zimbabwe, Phillipines
 - Development - tractors in Myanmar, water projects in India and Africa
 - Medical - Clinics and medical kits
 - Evangelism - mission support
 - Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped (<http://www.ccfh.org>)
 - Stadia - church planting, including Lifepoint CC in Alpharetta (www.stadia.cc)
 - Christ in Youth (CIY), (www.ciy.com)
 - events for Jr. High - College age - including week long retreats (Move)
 - targeting 100,000 kids per year, all over the country

Highlights of movement (video)

Strengths in the 21st Century

- Growth, Mega Churches, Colleges, Ministries
- Christianity is coming toward us theologically (will we no longer be unique?)

Issues in the 21st Century

- Diversity, reaching the lost
- Retention of good ministers and development of new ministers
- Worship styles
- Women's Roles