

# Where in the world is NPC?

A GUIDE TO  
MISSIONS OF  
THE NATIONAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH





**JESUS TOLD US** what is most important: that we love God with our whole being and love others as ourselves. Our worship, both corporate and individual, directs us toward God's goodness and our neighbors' need. Our experience of God's love, forgiveness, and grace shapes how we live, and impels us to engage in acts of service for people in our local community, our nation, and the world. We show love for God and for one another, because God first loved us in Jesus Christ. God is the source and strength for all our acts of service in and from the church.

In Christ,

**Dr. Douglas Learned**  
Executive Pastor



**MISSIONS AT NPC** is shaped by three core values: proclamation, presence, and partnership. Proclamation tells the story of the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Presence embodies that love and grace in myriad manifestations of compassion and social justice for those in need. Partnership acknowledges that we are a small part of the body of Christ in the world, and that he is known as we serve together and learn from one another.

The ethos of outreach for us is 'Church as a Mission': each member individually *engaged* in discipleship, *encouraged* to discover avenues of service using one's unique gifts and passions, *enabled* to enact God's love in the world. The following pages describe the partnerships we hold locally and globally... the places and ways we corporately seek to love God and love others.

## LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

### CENTRAL UNION MISSION

Washington, D.C.

[www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org)

Established in 1884, Central Union Mission is one of America's oldest social service ministries. It serves homeless men, families living in poverty, children from at-risk neighborhoods, and the growing Hispanic population of the city. Its mission is to glorify God through proclaiming and teaching the Gospel, leading people to Christ, developing disciples, and serving the needs of hurting people throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

**NPC contact: Serge Duss**

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR THE HOMELESS AT FRIENDSHIP PLACE

Washington, D.C.

[www.cchfp.org](http://www.cchfp.org)

Friendship Place provides the homeless in Northwest Washington, D.C. a continuum of care, including street outreach, case management, referrals, psychiatric care, medical care, benefits assistance, employment counseling, and transitional and permanent housing. NPC is one of twenty founding congregations, and currently provides financial and volunteer support.

**NPC contact: Joanne Leshner**

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY D.C.

Washington, D.C.

[www.dchabitat.org](http://www.dchabitat.org)

Habitat for Humanity of Washington, D.C. believes that everyone deserves a house they want to call home. That is why Habitat works to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy- and resource-efficient homes for people in need. D.C. Habitat, a Christian ministry, builds and rehabilitates homes in order to sell them to families who are ineligible for conventional financing.

**NPC contact: Linda Kim**

## **MARTHA'S TABLE**

Washington, D.C.

[www.marthastable.org](http://www.marthastable.org)

[www.marthastableblog.blogspot.com](http://www.marthastableblog.blogspot.com)

Martha's Table finds solutions to poverty in the short and long term. It responds to emergency needs with food and clothing programs and works to break the long cycle of poverty with education and family support services.

**NPC contact: Claire Levy**

## **THIRD STREET CHURCH OF GOD**

Washington, D.C.

[www.thirdstreet.org](http://www.thirdstreet.org)

Third Street Church of God is an African-American church in the heart of Washington, D.C. Just northwest of Union Station, the congregation reaches out to the Shaw community with Jesus' message of hope and healing.

**NPC contact: Gabe Chikes**

## **ONE MINISTRIES' UNIQUE LEARNING CENTER**

Washington, D.C.

[www.ulcdc.org](http://www.ulcdc.org)

For many, hope is fading. There is no thought about the future, only an effort to survive today. That's why UNIQUE Learning Center's ministry to children in the Shaw community of Washington, D.C. is so important. Through this ministry's deliberate effort to shape and transform young lives in the name of Jesus, hope is evident and the future looks bright. Unique Learning Center is now registered as a cause at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com).

**NPC contact: Steve Hannum**



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

### AFRICAN ENTERPRISE

South Africa

[www.africanenterprise.org](http://www.africanenterprise.org)

[http://twitter.com/michael\\_cassidy](http://twitter.com/michael_cassidy)

African Enterprise is committed to the transformation of Africa through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ministry teams work in ten countries through evangelism, reconciliation, leadership training, and community development. African Enterprise believes in the future of Africa under the grace of God, seeing Africa's potential to become the fulcrum of world mission in the 21st century.

**NPC contact: Irene Koerner**

### BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE/ HOPE EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

Bethlehem, West Bank

[www.bethbc.org](http://www.bethbc.org)

Bethlehem Bible College trains and prepares Christian servant-leaders for churches and society within an Arab context. Its graduates seek to model Christ-centeredness, godly humility, biblical wholeness, creative mercy, and justice in their jobs and ministries. The college offers programs in Biblical Studies and Christian Education, Tour Guiding and Media Studies as well as outreach to the community through the Shepherd Society, its humanitarian branch. President Dr. Bishara Awad has many years of experience in education and administration.

**NPC contacts: Carolyn Gochenour DiCarlo and Jim Ransom**

### CHISINAU SEMINARY

College of Theology and Education

Chisinau, Moldova

[www.binook.com/moldovacte](http://www.binook.com/moldovacte)

<http://keysoffice.googlepages.com>

Chisinau Seminary (and partner, KEYS Ministries) educates national Christian leaders in theology, education, social services, and small business development for ministry throughout Central Asia and in Eastern Europe. The church is being equipped, strengthened, and encouraged in republics of the former Soviet Union, Romania and Slovakia to the glory of God.

**NPC contacts: Howard and Miley Tucker-Frost**



## **EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PC(USA)**

Osijek, Croatia

[www.evtos.hr/en/home](http://www.evtos.hr/en/home)

Evangelical Theological Seminary, founded by Dr. Peter Kuzmic in 1972, provides graduate and undergraduate training for pastors. ETS is the only evangelical graduate theological institution in Eastern Europe.

**NPC contacts: Howard and Miley Tucker-Frost**

## **FOUNDATION FOR PEACE**

Dominican Republic, Haiti, Kenya, and Jamaica

[www.foundationforpeace.org](http://www.foundationforpeace.org)

The Foundation for Peace is dedicated to education in the United States and to working alongside people in materially impoverished areas to provide educational support, healthcare access, economic opportunity, and hope. As a 'hand-in-hand' ministry, FFP, through these efforts, helps to enable personal success and community achievement, which, long-term, will result in sustainable and successful initiatives that relieve the effects of poverty, encourage personal growth, and overcome injustice.

**NPC contact: Charlie Glendinning**

## **HOLY LAND CHRISTIAN ECUMENICAL FOUNDATION AND HCEF SENIOR DAYCARE CENTER**

Birzeit, West Bank

[www.hcef.org](http://www.hcef.org)

HCEF is committed to the presence and well-being of Arab Christians in the Holy Land and to developing the bonds of solidarity between them and Christians elsewhere.

### **HCEF Senior Daycare Center**

The Center provides day care services including nutrition, social, cultural, psychological, physical, and medical



support services. There are no government programs to help the elderly because this care is normally provided by adult children. With difficult living conditions and unemployment, many of the younger Christians must move to other countries, leaving the elderly struggling to survive on their own.

**NPC contacts: Carolyn Gochenour DiCarlo and Jim Ransom**

## **MOLDOVA MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

Republic of Moldova/Washington, D.C.

Moldova Marriage Ministry (MMM) is a model member-initiated ministry involving a rich collaboration of NPC Marriage Ministry, discipleship, and Outreach. Building on the work of mission teams to Moldova in the '90s, the MMM team works closely with partner organizations to deliver and support Alpha's The Marriage Course to couples across Moldova, in response to requests to help strengthen marriages in this country.

**NPC Contacts: David Wallace and Phyllis Wolfe**

## **NEW HOPE INTERNATIONAL**

Eastern Europe

[www.newhopeinternational.org](http://www.newhopeinternational.org)

New Hope International's passion is to build bridges of ministry partnership that mobilize churches to win the next generation for Christ in Eastern Europe. Hank and Mona Paulson work in this organization to empower national teams in countries such as Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria, and Romania to share the Good News of Jesus with children, youth, and families through creative and effective use of resources, books, materials, expertise, and web-based platforms.

**NPC contacts: Howard and Miley Tucker-Frost**



## OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Birzeit, West Bank

[www.birzeitchurch.ps/en-index.php](http://www.birzeitchurch.ps/en-index.php)

A Roman Catholic community of Palestinian Christians, this church works to improve the education, housing, and other material needs of their Palestinian community, as well as enriching their individual spiritual lives. The parish offers a message of hope and reconciliation through Jesus Christ in this very troubled part of the world.

**NPC contacts: Carolyn Gochenour DiCarlo and Jim Ransom**

## UNSUNG HEROES

South Africa

Unsung Heroes, led by Lance Carr and Madoda Nzima, is a ministry which seeks to awaken South Africa to a new dawn of outreach to those who live in poverty, are infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, or have become orphaned. Unsung Heroes equips grassroots African ministries at a spiritual and organizational level to better serve South Africans who are in such great need. Unsung Heroes' passion is to follow the discipleship model of Jesus by engaging in the active and intentional mentoring of these community leaders who are unknown and unrecognized. They are the true Unsung Heroes, and they are the focus of this ministry.

**NPC contacts: David Wallace and Phyllis Wolfe**



## FAMILY MEMBER MISSIONARIES

### FRASER AND LIZ BENNETT

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dallas, Texas

[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

Fraser has served with Wycliffe since 1988. Prior to their marriage in 1994, Liz taught English in China (1988-1993). Fraser has researched languages in Southeast Asia and taught linguistics to new Bible translators in Thailand. In his current role as Language Programs Training Director, his job is to ensure that Bible translators, translation advisers, and the specialists who support them have the training they need. Fraser and Liz have five children, ages 12 to 1.

### STUART AND CATHIE SHOWALTER

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Burkina Faso, West Africa

[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

“We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own languages!” These words from the book of Acts in the Bible have finally reached the Kaan people of Burkina Faso, in their own language. The Christians among the Kaan anticipate the completion of the New Testament in the Kaansa language, a project underway since 1987.

## NPC MEMBER MISSIONARIES

### JOHN BERNBAUM

Russian-American Institute, Moscow, Washington, D.C.

[www.racu.org](http://www.racu.org)

Dr. John Bernbaum is founder of the Russian-American Institute. RAI’s mission is to strengthen the Christian community in Russia through educational and cultural programs that encourage disciples of Jesus Christ to be “salt and light” in the marketplace and to be agents for building a just, secure, and peaceful society.

### MARY LOU LYON

CrossCare International, USA, Eastern Europe

[www.faithinthefamily.org](http://www.faithinthefamily.org)

<http://maryloulyon.com>

As a professional counselor, Mary Lou serves as a resource to pastors, missionaries, churches, and mission agencies in providing emotional and spiritual care for their ministries.

A special focus of her work is support for Christian workers in Eastern Europe. She travels to this part of the world, meeting with mission leaders, speaking at conferences, and providing individual counseling. The goal of her ministry is to help missionaries and Christian workers survive and thrive in the midst of the unique pressures they encounter.

### **PEGGY McCracken**

The Christian Embassy, Washington, D.C.

[www.christianembassy.com](http://www.christianembassy.com)

Peggy interacts with diplomats, wives of diplomats, and women who are chiefs of staff to members of Congress. Her purpose is to serve them, share the basic teachings of Jesus Christ, and encourage them to respond to his message of real and lasting hope.

### **KEITH PATMAN**

Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA, West and Central Africa

[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

Keith provides tools and training to African Bible translators. The main tool he is helping to develop is a series of translation guides to the books of the Bible, written in French, for those who are translating from French versions of the Bible into their own African languages. He is also currently involved in twice-yearly training workshops in Central African Republic for teams from four languages who are translating the Gospel of Luke.

### **STEVE AND JANICE QUAKENBUSH**

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Dallas, Texas

[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

[www.sil.org](http://www.sil.org)

Steve and Janice Quakenbush served in the Philippines from 1984-2008, primarily as part of a team that translated the Agutaynen New Testament, dedicated in 2004. Steve directed the work in the Philippines (1997-2001), and coordinated Academic Services for Asia (2004-2008). Today they are committed to providing academic resources and training for a worldwide Bible translation movement, so that peoples of all nations can have access to the Scriptures in a language that speaks to their hearts. Recently Steve began his new assignment as International Academic Services Director.



### **JOHN WAGNER**

Young Life, New York City

[online.younglife.org](http://online.younglife.org)

John and his family are well-known members of NPC. For years John has served as a valued NPC Ministry Associate and just recently accepted a call to New York City where Young Life will be bringing the gospel message of hope to young people in one of the largest cities in the world.

## **PC(USA) MISSIONARIES**

### **PC(USA) MISSION IN THE MIDEAST**

As part of its mission work with the PC(USA), NPC supports a missionary couple (names withheld for security reasons) who have been long-term missionaries in Berlin, Germany, but now minister in a Middle Eastern country. PC(USA) is concerned about Christians in this country and about the indigenous peoples there, and the couple has a ministry to both groups.

**NPC contacts: Howard and Miley Tucker-Frost**

### **DUSTIN AND SHERRI ELLINGTON**

Zambia, Southern Africa

[www.recweb.org/index.php?section=118](http://www.recweb.org/index.php?section=118)

Dustin and Sherri Ellington are missionaries to Lusaka, Zambia. Dustin is a professor of New Testament at Justo Mwale Theological University College (JMTUC) and Sherri is teaching the first year English course at the University. The

University trains, in English, pastors and leaders for several Presbyterian and other Reformed denominations in Africa. It also offers a Bachelor's Degree in theology, a Master's in biblical studies and hermeneutics, a Women's Ministry Certificate, and short-term training for evangelists.

**NPC contact: Jim Ransom**

## **McGILVARY COLLEGE OF DIVINITY/PAYAP UNIVERSITY**

Chiang Mai, Thailand

[ic.payap.ac.th/](http://ic.payap.ac.th/)

### **Rev. Dr. Esther Wakeman**

Esther is Vice President for Spiritual and Community Life at Payap, the oldest Christian college in Thailand. She and her staff are responsible for worship services, required chapel programs, small prayer groups, retreats, workshops, and pastoral care. She also oversees the new residential life program and is Interim Director of the Christian Communications Institute (CCI), which uses traditional and modern Thai art, music, dance, and drama to share the Gospel in schools and villages throughout Thailand.

### **Dr. Satanun Boonyakiat**

As Dean of McGilvary College of Divinity, Dr. Boonyakiat helps this institution continue its 100-year legacy of training for ministry in Thailand and Southeast Asia. For over a decade, NPC's Southeast Asia team has partnered with McGilvary through financial support, English tutoring in Thailand to faculty and students, hosting Thai faculty members in the U.S. for language immersion, and mentoring Southeast Asian pastors and leaders pursuing advanced degrees in the U.S.

**NPC contacts: Claude and Betty Bennett**

A world map with a light blue background and white landmasses. Fifteen orange dots are scattered across the map, representing various global locations. The dots are located in North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

*"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  
commanded you; and lo, I am  
with you always, even to the end  
of the age." MATTHEW 28:20*



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