

DENOMINATIONAL CHART

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Denomination	Polity	Theological Distinctives (Liberal; Mixed; Conservative; Reformed; Charismatic; Pentecostal)	Gender* (Egalitarian or Complementarian)	Baptism* (Pedo/Covenant, Credo/Believers, Both)	Other Distinctives	Local/Regional Contact Information
DEFINITIONS:						
<p>Polity: <u>Congregational</u> = major decisions effecting the local church (including ordination) are made by the congregation. <u>Episcopal</u> = major decisions affecting the local church made by the denominational leadership; ordination approved by bishops. <u>Presbyterian</u> = major decisions effecting the local church are made by the ruling elder; ordination approved by presbytery.</p> <p>Theology: Categorizations of these distinctives are taken from a centrist Evangelical perspective. (See further definitions at end of chart.)</p> <p>Gender: <u>Complementarian</u>* = the view that women may <u>not</u> be ordained nor have leadership positions over men. <u>Egalitarian</u>* = the view that women <u>may</u> be ordained and/or have leadership positions over men. (*There are modifications and variations on each of these positions.)</p> <p>Baptism: <u>Pedo/Covenant</u> = infant baptism practiced along with adult convert baptism. <u>Credo/Believers</u> = believer baptism only.</p>						
Acts 29	Varies by church [Churches can be independent or other-denominationally affiliated]	Reformed Evangelical Missional	Complementarian	Depends on the congregation	A trans-denominational peer to peer network of missional church planting churches	www.acts29network.org Mark Driscoll, Co-Founder Scott Thomas, President Elliott Grudem, Director info@acts29network.org
Advent Christian	Congregational	Conservative/ Reformed	Generally Egalitarian but varies by congregation	Credo with immersion	Fellowship vs. denomination; soul sleep & destruction of wicked.	Dr. Gordon Isaac, Prof. of Advent Christian Studies, GCTS 978-646-4099 www.adventchristian.org Clayton Blackstone 2141 Broadway Bangor, ME 04401 cblackstone@midmaine.com
						First Episcopal District:

African Methodist Episcopal	Episcopal	Mixed Conservative		Pedo-Covenant		Bishop Richard Franklin Norris 3801 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 215-662-0506 BishopNorris116@aol.com www.ame-church.com
American Baptist-USA	Congregational	Mixed Lib/Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		TABCOM Tony Pappas, Supt. 20 Milton Street Dedham, MA 02026 781-320-8100 pappas@tabcom.org www.tabcom.org
Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)	Episcopal	Conservative	Complementarian Egalitarian as local option	Pedo-Covenant		The Rt. Rev. William Murdoch, Bishop 978-388-0009 www.allsaintsamesbury.org Asst. to the Bishop, The Venerable Donald Roberts droberts@allsaintsamesbury.org www.anglicanchurch-na.org
Assemblies of God	Congregational	Charismatic	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Pentecostal Northeast MA Presbyter: Randal E. Smith, randal.e.smith@verizon.net ; 10 Baltimore Street Lynn, MA 01904 tel: 781.599.6045 fax: 781.599.3325 cell: 781.632.5810	Southern New England Offices Superintendent Otis D. Stanley PO Box 535 Sturbridge, MA 01566 508-248-3711 ostanley@snedag.org www.snedag.org ; www.ag.org ←
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Cessationist	Dr. Alan Avera, Exec. Dir. Outreach North America 1 Cleveland St., Ste. 110 Greenville, SC 29601 864-232-8297 www.arpchurch.org .

Baptist General Conference (BGC)	Congregational	Conservative	Undeclared; open to Egalitarian but functionally Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Regional identity is <i>Converge Northeast</i>	www.outreachnorthamerica.org Dr. Paul Hubley, Executive Minister 277 Main Street, 3F Marlborough, MA 01752 508-480-0787 norbaptrisha@aol.com www.northeastbaptist.org www.bgcworld.org
Bible Fellowship Church	Presbyterian	Conservative; Reformed	Complementarian (but women can be deacons)	Credo-Believers	Calvinist; Premillennial	Jonathon Arnold 3000 Fellowship Drive Whitehall, PA 18052 jwarnoldsr@juno.com 610-838-3111 bfc@bfc.org www.bfc.org
Brethren in Christ	Presbyterian	Mixed Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Anabaptist; affiliated w/Mennonite Central Committee	Nat'l. HQ: www.bic-church.org
Charismatic Episcopal	Episcopal	Conservative & Charismatic	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant		Diocese of the Northeast: The Most Rev. Craig Bates, Archbishop 50 St. Thomas Place Malverne, NY 11565 516.599.3780 interny@iccec.org www.iccec.org
Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA)	Presbyterian	Conservative	Complementarian	Credo-Believers with immersion	Emphasis on healing ministry; Missions-focused; Pre-Millennial eschatology	Doug Bortner, NE Director & Candidate Development 973-412-7025 bortnerd@cmalliance.org service@newenglandcma.org www.cmalliance.org
[Independent] Christian	Congregational	Conservative; non-denominational	Complementarian	Credo-Believers with	Origin: [Stone-Campbell]	www.christianchurchtoday.com Rev. Brent Storms

Churches/ Churches of Christ		association		Baptismal Regeneration	Restoration Movement.	The Orchard Group – church planting. www.orchardgroup.org
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers with immersion		Lonnie Oates 718-949-5460 oatesathome@msn.com
Christian Reformed (CRC)	Presbyterian	Conservative; Covenantal; Evangelical; Reformed	Egalitarian depending on Classis (area/region)	Pedo-Covenant	Calvin College & Theo. Seminary; middle of the Reformed spectrum	www.crcna.org Rev. Jim Osterhouse, home missions osterhoj@crcna.org ; www.crchm.org
Church of God in Christ		Pentecostal Conservative	Complementarian although women may be licensed to preach		African American; outreach, evangelism & missions-minded	http://www.cogic.org
Churches of God, Gen. Conf. (CGGC)	Presbyterian	Adventist heritage; Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Winebrenner Theo. Seminary; Travis Jarrett NewSong Comm. Ch. 65 Power Rd., Westford, MA 978.799.1125 travis@newsongs.org www.newsongs.org	www.cggc.org Rev. Michael Smith SENT NE Network (ERC) mike@lifequestcc.com
Church of God, Prophecy	Episcopal	Pentecostal	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		NE Region: Cervin McKinnon New York 518-489-0753 Email: bishopmck@necogop.org
Church of the Brethren		Brethren			Pacifist	NE District Linda Williams 500 E. Cedar St.

						Elizabethtown, PA 717-367-4730 Lwilliams_ds@brethren.org www.brethren.org
Church of the Nazarene	Episcopal	Wesleyan/Holiness	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Holiness	Rev. Mr. Kim Richardson Beverly Church of the Nazarene; 978-927-2314
Church of Christ	Congregational	Conservative	Complementarian	Credo-Believers with immersion	Restorationist; <i>a capella</i> worship	http://church-of-christ.org
Conservative Baptist (CBA)	Congregational		Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Pre-Trib. & Pre-Millennial eschatology	NE Region Randy Keeley (New York) 518-935-4619 randykeeley@missionnortheast.org
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)	Congregational	Conservative	Both; depending on congregation	Both Credo and Pedo	NEX [New England Multiplication] is the church planting arm: jpaul@freechristian.org , 978.475.9500 (x102)	Rev. Terry Shanahan Northeast Regional Minister pastorths@aol.com (603) 964-8500 www.cccusa.org
Episcopal Church (ECUSA)	Episcopal	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant		Diocese of Massachusetts: Bishop M. Thomas Shaw 138 Tremont St., Boston 02111 jdrapeau@diomass.org 617-482-4826 www.diomass.org http://ecusa.anglican.org
The Evangelical Christian Church in Canada	Congregational	Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Roots found in the Christian [Disciples] Church 1804	Central Office 410-425 Lincoln Road Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2N9 519-880-9110 Bishop: Dr. D. Lavigne

						www.cecconline.net
Evangelical Covenant (ECC)	Congregational	Mixed/ Conservative	Egalitarian	Both (pastor must teach & perform both)	North Park Seminary; Pietist tradition; variety of styles/practices	East Coast Conference Superintendent Rev. Howard Burgoyne, Assoc. Supt. Howard.Burgoyne@gmail.com 52 Missionary Road Cromwell, CT 06416 860-635-2691 www.eastcoastconf.org www.covchurch.org
Evangelical Free Church (EFCA)	Congregational	Conservative	Complementarian	Both	Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; church planting	Mark Overmyer 603-731-5694 Ves Sheely, N.E. Supt. 860-678-1014
Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)	Presbyterian	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant	In communion w/RCA, PCUSA & UCC	Rev. Peggy Weurtele, regional coord. Philadelphia, PA 215-248-6318 peggysuew@aol.com
Evangelical Methodist	Episcopal	Conservative		Pedo-Covenant		http://www2.emchurch.org/exponent/index.php?section=1
Evangelical Presbyterian (EPC)	Presbyterian	Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant		http://www.epc.org Dr. Tom Petter, GCTS 978-646-4243 Dr. Donna Petter, GCTS 978-646-4117
Foursquare Gospel		Pentecostal	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		Rev. John Hatcher 877-337-8157 snegland@foursquare.org
General Assn. of Regular Baptists	Congregational	Conservative Fundamentalist	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		Pastor Bradley Quick Elyria, OH 440-458-5128

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Independent Bible Churches	Congregational	Conservative/ Fundamentalist	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		
International Council of Community Churches	Congregational					Rev. Michael Livingston, Executive Director 21116 Washington Parkway Frankfort, Illinois 60423 Email: icccml@sbcglobal.net (815)464-5690 (815)464-5692 Fax www.icccusa.com
Korean Evangelical Holiness		Pentecostal	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		Timothy Bell, Regional Director Shipperville, PA 814-797-2088 timbell@csonline.net
Korean-American Presbyterian (KAPC)	Presbyterian	Mixed		Pedo-Covenantal	Korean/American; member of North American Presbyterian & Reformed Council	www.kapc.org
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	Presbyterian (but Congregational in many functions)	Conservative	Complementarian	Both	*“concordia” = walking together	New England District: Rev. James Keurulainen 400 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01109 info@ned-lcms.org http://ned-lcms.org/ 413-783-0131
Mennonite		Mixed		Credo-Believers		Mennonite Conference Center 215-723-5513 info@easterndistrict.org
						Rev. Gary Straughan

Moravian	Presbyterian	Mixed		Both Pedo & Credo		President of Eastern District 800-732-0591 gary@mcnp.org or edeb@mcnp.org www.moravian.org
National Baptist Convention (NBC-USA)	Congregational	Mixed Conservative			African American	Rev. Wayne Gadie Unity Baptist Assoc. 20 Hillside Ave. Malden, MA
National Assn. of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC)	Congregational	Mixed				National Office: 8473 South Howell Avenue PO Box 288 Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288 Phone: 1.414.764.1620 Fax: 1.414.764.0319 Email: naccc@naccc.org
Orthodox Presbyterian (OPC)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Member of N. American Presbyterian & Reformed Council and the Intl. Council of Reformed Churches; cessationist	The Orthodox Presbyterian Church Box P Willow Grove, PA 19090-0920 215/830-0900 www.opc.org
Plymouth Brethren	Congregational	Mixed/ Conservative				http://plymouthbrethren.org
Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Cessationist	www.pcanet.org 1700 North Brown Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 Telephone: 678-825-1000 Fax: 678-825-1001 Email: ac@pcanet.org
Presbyterian Church of Korea	Presbyterian	Mixed		Pedo-Covenantal		

Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	In communion w/RCA, ELCA & UCC; “ecumenical”	The Presbytery of Southern New England Rev. Dana Lindsley, Exec. Presbyter danalindsley@psne.org 123 Elm Street, # 200, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 860- 388-0874 Local pastor: Rev. Rob John robmjohn@aol.com 978-921-5245
Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC)	Congregational	Mixed Liberal	Egalitarian	Both	African American Civil rights & social justice	Dr. Tyrone S. Pitts 601 50th Street, N. E. Washington, D. C. District of Columbia USA 20019 (202) 396-0558
Reformed Church in America (RCA)	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	In communion w/ELCA, PCUSA & UCC; the more liberal of the Reformed denominations; “ecumenical”	http://www.rca.org
Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian			www.evangelical-friends.org Dr. John P. Williams, Jr. – Eastern Region representative 330-493-1660
Salvation Army	Episcopal	Conservative	Egalitarian	Do not Baptize	Arminian; military organization & terminology “ <i>Articles of War</i> ”; strong hands-on ministry or help and	Lt. Colonels Fred & Barbara Van Brunt, Divisional Commanders 147 Berkeley St. Boston, MA 02116 617-542-5420 (operator)

					mercy.	www.salvationarmyusa.org
Southern Baptist (SBC)	Congregational	Mixed/ Conservative	Either; varies by congregation	Credo-Believers with Immersion	Dispensational	Baptist Convention of New England Jim Wideman, Exec. Director 508-393-6013, ext. 224 jwideman@bcne.net www.sbc.net
Sovereign Grace Ministries	Presbyterian	Conservative; Reformed; Charismatic	Complementarian	Credo with Immersion	Church planting, voluntary apostolic, relational oversight of local church networks.	Bauer Evans bevans@crosswayma.org (508) 226-5312 www.sovereigngraceministries.org
Transformation Ministries	Congregational	Conservative	Egalitarian; may vary by congregation	Credo-Believers	An association of churches focusing on Leadership, Church health & Kingdom Expansion	Dr. Dale Salico 970 E. Village Oaks Dr. - Suite 101 Covina, CA 91724 dsalico@transmin.org ; 800-299-3448 www.transmin.org
United Church of Christ (UCC)	Congregational	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal		Rev. Jim Antal 1 Badger Road Framingham, MA 17020 508-875-5233 macucc@macucc.org http://www.macucc.org
United Methodist (UMC)	Episcopal	Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Wesleyan	Bishop Peter D. Weaver New England Conference 276 Essex Street 5th Floor Lawrence, MA 01840-1516 communicate@neumc.org
Vineyard Christian Fellowship	Congregational	Pentecostal; Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Roots: Calvary Chapel & John Wimber; <i>Quest for the Radical Middle</i>	Eastern Region Overseer Rev. Phil Strout Pathway Vineyard Church 9 Foss Road P. O. Box 1610 Lewiston, ME 04241 207-784-9500

						www.pathwayvineyard.com www.vineyardusa.org
Wesleyan	Episcopal	Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Holiness emphasis Arminian	District Superintendent Rev. W. Paul James 793 Corinth Rd. Queensbury, NY 12804 ds@enynewesleyan.org 518-793-4565 www.enynewesleyan.org
Willow Creek Association	A network of 12,000+ churches from 90 denominations and 35 countries.	Evangelical	Non-specified	Non-specified	"...what unites...is a passion for God and a pioneering spirit."	www.willowcreek.com

Further Definitions:

The terms "Conservative", "Charismatic" and "Pentecostal" carry with them the assumption that these denominations are also Evangelical.

* Egalitarian or Complementarian. In denominations, particularly with a congregational system of polity, the emphasis or practice of a given view varies from congregation to congregation. For our purposes here the focus of these views has to do with a denomination's stand on women in leadership, particularly ordained pastors. Egalitarian would mean yes, Complementarian would mean no.

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