

# 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
<b>DEFINITIONS:</b>						
<p><b>Polity:</b> <i>Congregational</i> = major decisions effecting the local church (including ordination) are made by the congregation.  <i>Episcopal</i> = major decisions affecting the local church made by the denominational leadership; ordination approved by bishops.  <i>Presbyterian</i> = major decisions effecting the local church are made by the ruling elder; ordination approved by presbytery.</p> <p><b>Theology:</b> Categorizations of these distinctives are taken from a centrist Evangelical perspective. (See further definitions at end of chart.)</p> <p><b>Gender:</b> <i>Complementarian*</i> = the view that women may <u>not</u> be ordained nor have leadership positions over men.  <i>Egalitarian*</i> = 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><b>Baptism:</b> <i>Pedo/Covenant</i> = infant baptism practiced along with adult convert baptism.  <i>Credo/Believers</i> = believer baptism only.</p>						
<b>Acts 29</b>	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	<a href="http://www.acts29network.org">www.acts29network.org</a> Mark Driscoll, Co-Founder Scott Thomas, President Elliott Grudem, Director info@acts29network.org
<b>Advent Christian</b>	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 <a href="http://www.adventchristian.org">www.adventchristian.org</a> Clayton Blackstone 2141 Broadway Bangor, ME 04401 <a href="mailto:cblackstone@midmaine.com">cblackstone@midmaine.com</a>
						First Episcopal District:

<b>African Methodist Episcopal</b>	Episcopal	Mixed Conservative		Pedo-Covenant		Bishop Richard Franklin Norris 3801 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 215-662-0506 <a href="mailto:BishopNorris116@aol.com">BishopNorris116@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.ame-church.com">www.ame-church.com</a>
<b>American Baptist-USA</b>	Congregational	Mixed Lib/Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		TABCOM Tony Pappas, Supt. 20 Milton Street Dedham, MA 02026 781-320-8100 <a href="mailto:pappas@tabcom.org">pappas@tabcom.org</a> <a href="http://www.tabcom.org">www.tabcom.org</a>
<b>Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)</b>	Episcopal	Conservative	Complementarian Egalitarian as local option	Pedo-Covenant		The Rt. Rev. William Murdoch, Bishop 978-388-0009 <a href="http://www.allsaintsamesbury.org">www.allsaintsamesbury.org</a> Asst. to the Bishop, The Venerable Donald Roberts <a href="mailto:drobotts@allsaintsamesbury.org">drobotts@allsaintsamesbury.org</a> <a href="http://www.anglicanchurch-na.org">www.anglicanchurch-na.org</a>
<b>Assemblies of God</b>	Congregational	Charismatic	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Pentecostal Northeast MA Presbyter: Randal E. Smith, <a href="mailto:randal.e.smith@verizon.net">randal.e.smith@verizon.net</a> ; 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 <a href="mailto:ostanley@snedag.org">ostanley@snedag.org</a> <a href="http://www.snedag.org">www.snedag.org</a> ; <a href="http://www.ag.org">www.ag.org</a> ←
<b>Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP)</b>	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 <a href="http://www.arpchurch.org">www.arpchurch.org</a> .

						<a href="http://www.outreachnorthamerica.org">www.outreachnorthamerica.org</a>
<b>Bible Fellowship Church</b>	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 <a href="http://www.bfc.org">www.bfc.org</a>
<b>Brethren in Christ</b>	Presbyterian	Mixed Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Anabaptist; affiliated w/Mennonite Central Committee	Nat'l. HQ:  <a href="http://www.bic-church.org">www.bic-church.org</a>
<b>Charismatic Episcopal</b>	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 <a href="mailto:interny@iccec.org">interny@iccec.org</a> <a href="http://www.iccec.org">www.iccec.org</a>
<b>Christian &amp; Missionary Alliance (C&amp;MA)</b>	Presbyterian	Conservative	Complementarian in U.S.; in Canada women may be ordained.	Credo-Believers with immersion	Emphasis on healing ministry; Missions-focused; Pre-Millennial eschatology	Doug Bortner, NE Director & Candidate Development 973-412-7025 <a href="mailto:bortnerd@cmalliance.org">bortnerd@cmalliance.org</a> <a href="mailto:service@newenglandcma.org">service@newenglandcma.org</a> <a href="http://www.cmalliance.org">www.cmalliance.org</a>
<b>[Independent] Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ</b>	Congregational	Conservative; non-denominational association	Complementarian	Credo-Believers with Baptismal Regeneration	Origin: [Stone-Campbell] Restoration Movement.	<a href="http://www.christianchurchtoday.com">www.christianchurchtoday.com</a> Rev. Brent Storms The Orchard Group – church planting. <a href="http://www.orchardgroup.org">www.orchardgroup.org</a>
<b>Christian Church (Disciples of</b>	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers with immersion	Origin: [Stone-Campbell] Restoration Movement.	Lonnie Oates 718-949-5460 <a href="mailto:oatesathome@msn.com">oatesathome@msn.com</a>

<b>Christ)</b>						
<b>Christian Reformed (CRC)</b>	Presbyterian	Conservative; Covenantal; Evangelical; Reformed	Egalitarian depending on Classis (area/region)	Pedo-Covenant	Calvin College & Theo. Seminary; middle of the Reformed spectrum	<a href="http://www.crcna.org">www.crcna.org</a> Rev. Jim Osterhouse, home missions <a href="mailto:osterhoj@crcna.org">osterhoj@crcna.org</a> ; <a href="http://www.crchm.org">www.crchm.org</a>
<b>Church of God in Christ</b>		Pentecostal Conservative	Complementarian although women may be licensed to preach		African American; outreach, evangelism & missions-minded	<a href="http://www.cogic.org">http://www.cogic.org</a>
<b>Churches of God, Gen. Conf. (CGGC)</b>	Presbyterian	Adventist heritage; Conservative	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Winebrenner Theo. Seminary; Travis Jarrett NewSong Comm. Ch. 65 Power Rd., Westford, MA 978.799.1125 <a href="mailto:travis@newsongs.org">travis@newsongs.org</a> <a href="http://www.newsongs.org">www.newsongs.org</a>	<a href="http://www.cggc.org">www.cggc.org</a> Rev. Michael Smith SENT NE Network (ERC) <a href="mailto:mike@lifequestcc.com">mike@lifequestcc.com</a>
<b>Church of God, Prophecy</b>	Episcopal	Pentecostal	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		NE Region: Cervin McKinnon New York 518-489-0753 Email: <a href="mailto:bishopmck@necogop.org">bishopmck@necogop.org</a>
<b>Church of the Brethren</b>		Brethren			Pacifist	NE District Linda Williams 500 E. Cedar St. Elizabethtown, PA 717-367-4730 <a href="mailto:Lwilliams_ds@brethren.org">Lwilliams_ds@brethren.org</a> <a href="http://www.brethren.org">www.brethren.org</a>
<b>Church of the</b>	Episcopal	Wesleyan/Holiness	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers	Holiness	Rev. Mr. Kim Richardson

<b>Nazarene</b>						Beverly Church of the Nazarene; 978-927-2314
<b>Church of Christ</b>	Congregational	Conservative	Complementarian	Credo-Believers with immersion	Restorationist; <i>a capella</i> worship	<a href="http://church-of-christ.org">http://church-of-christ.org</a>
<b>Conservative Baptist (CBA)</b>	Congregational		Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Pre-Trib. & Pre-Millennial eschatology	NE Region Randy Keeley (New York) 518-935-4619 <a href="mailto:randykeeley@missionnortheast.org">randykeeley@missionnortheast.org</a>
<b>Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC)</b>	Congregational	Conservative	Both; depending on congregation	Both Credo and Pedo	NEX [New England Multiplication] is the church planting arm: <a href="mailto:jpaul@freechristian.org">jpaul@freechristian.org</a> , 978.475.9500 (x102)	Rev. Terry Shanahan Northeast Regional Minister <a href="mailto:pastorths@aol.com">pastorths@aol.com</a> (603) 964-8500 <a href="http://www.cccusa.org">www.cccusa.org</a>
<b>Converge</b> (formerly Baptist General Conference: BGC)	Congregational	Conservative	Undeclared; open to Egalitarian but functionally Complementarian	Credo-Believers	Regional identity is <i>Converge Northeast</i>	Dr. Paul Hubley, Executive Minister 277 Main Street, 3F Marlborough, MA 01752 508-480-0787 <a href="mailto:norbaptrisha@aol.com">norbaptrisha@aol.com</a> <a href="http://www.northeastbaptist.org">www.northeastbaptist.org</a> <a href="http://www.bgcworld.org">www.bgcworld.org</a>
<b>Episcopal Church (ECUSA)</b>	Episcopal	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant		Diocese of Massachusetts: Bishop M. Thomas Shaw 138 Tremont St., Boston 02111 <a href="mailto:jdrapeau@diomass.org">jdrapeau@diomass.org</a> 617-482-4826 <a href="http://www.diomass.org">www.diomass.org</a> <a href="http://ecusa.anglican.org">http://ecusa.anglican.org</a>
<b>The Evangelical Christian Church in Canada</b>	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 <a href="http://www.cecconline.net">www.cecconline.net</a>
<b>Evangelical Covenant (ECC)</b>	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. <a href="mailto:Howard.Burgoyne@gmail.com">Howard.Burgoyne@gmail.com</a> 52 Missionary Road Cromwell, CT 06416 860-635-2691 <a href="http://www.eastcoastconf.org">www.eastcoastconf.org</a> <a href="http://www.covchurch.org">www.covchurch.org</a>
<b>Evangelical Free Church (EFCA)</b>	Congregational	Conservative	Complementarian	Both	Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; church planting	Mark Overmyer 603-731-5694 Ves Sheely, N.E. Supt. 860-678-1014
<b>Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)</b>	Presbyterian	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant	In communion w/RCA, PCUSA & UCC	Rev. Peggy Weurtele, regional coord. Philadelphia, PA 215-248-6318 <a href="mailto:peggysuew@aol.com">peggysuew@aol.com</a>
<b>Evangelical Methodist</b>	Episcopal	Conservative		Pedo-Covenant		<a href="http://www2.emchurch.org/exponent/index.php?section=1">http://www2.emchurch.org/exponent/index.php?section=1</a>
<b>Evangelical Presbyterian (EPC)</b>	Presbyterian	Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenant		<a href="http://www.epc.org">http://www.epc.org</a> Dr. Tom Petter, GCTS 978-646-4243 Dr. Donna Petter, GCTS 978-646-4117
<b>Foursquare Gospel</b>		Pentecostal	Egalitarian	Credo-Believers		Rev. John Hatcher 877-337-8157 <a href="mailto:snegland@foursquare.org">snegland@foursquare.org</a>
<b>General Assn. of</b>	Congregational	Conservative	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		Pastor Bradley Quick Elyria, OH

<b>Regular Baptists (GARB)</b>		Fundamentalist				440-458-5128
<b>Independent Bible Churches</b>	Congregational	Conservative/ Fundamentalist	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		
<b>International Council of Community Churches</b>	Congregational					Rev. Michael Livingston, Executive Director 21116 Washington Parkway Frankfort, Illinois 60423 Email: <a href="mailto:icccml@sbcglobal.net">icccml@sbcglobal.net</a> (815)464-5690 (815)464-5692 Fax <a href="http://www.icccusa.com">www.icccusa.com</a>
<b>Korean Evangelical Holiness</b>		Pentecostal	Complementarian	Credo-Believers		Timothy Bell, Regional Director Shipperville, PA 814-797-2088 <a href="mailto:timbell@csonline.net">timbell@csonline.net</a>
<b>Korean-American Presbyterian (KAPC)</b>	Presbyterian	Mixed		Pedo-Covenantal	Korean/American; member of North American Presbyterian & Reformed Council	<a href="http://www.kapc.org">www.kapc.org</a>
<b>Lutheran Church Missouri Synod</b>	Presbyterian (but Congregational in many functions)	Conservative	Complementarian	Both	*“concordia” = walking together	New England District: Rev. James Keurulainen 400 Wilbraham Road Springfield, MA 01109 <a href="mailto:info@ned-lcms.org">info@ned-lcms.org</a> <a href="http://ned-lcms.org/">http://ned-lcms.org/</a> 413-783-0131
<b>Mennonite</b>		Mixed		Credo-Believers		Mennonite Conference Center 215-723-5513 <a href="mailto:info@easterndistrict.org">info@easterndistrict.org</a>

<b>Moravian</b>	Presbyterian	Mixed		Both Pedo & Credo		Rev. Gary Straughan President of Eastern District 800-732-0591 <a href="mailto:gary@mcnp.org">gary@mcnp.org</a> or <a href="mailto:edeb@mcnp.org">edeb@mcnp.org</a> <a href="http://www.moravian.org">www.moravian.org</a>
<b>National Baptist Convention (NBC-USA)</b>	Congregational	Mixed Conservative			primarily African American	Rev. Wayne Gadie Unity Baptist Assoc. 20 Hillside Ave. Malden, MA
<b>National Assn. of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC)</b>	Congregational	Mixed				National Office: 8473 South Howell Avenue PO Box 288 Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288 <b>Phone:</b> 1.414.764.1620 <b>Fax:</b> 1.414.764.0319 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:naccc@naccc.org">naccc@naccc.org</a>
<b>Orthodox Presbyterian (OPC)</b>	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 <a href="http://www.opc.org">www.opc.org</a>
<b>Plymouth Brethren</b>	Congregational	Mixed/ Conservative				<a href="http://plymouthbrethren.org">http://plymouthbrethren.org</a>
<b>Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)</b>	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Cessationist	<a href="http://www.pcanet.org">www.pcanet.org</a> 1700 North Brown Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 Telephone: 678-825-1000 Fax: 678-825-1001 Email: <a href="mailto:ac@pcanet.org">ac@pcanet.org</a>
<b>Presbyterian</b>	Presbyterian	Mixed		Pedo-Covenantal		



<b>Church of Korea</b>						
<b>Presbyterian Church in the USA (PCUSA)</b>	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	In communion w/RCA, ELCA & UCC; “ecumenical”	The Presbytery of Southern New England Rev. Dana Lindsley, Exec. Presbyter <a href="mailto:danalindsley@psne.org">danalindsley@psne.org</a> 123 Elm Street, # 200, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 860- 388-0874 Local pastor: Rev. Rob John <a href="mailto:robjohn@aol.com">robjohn@aol.com</a> 978-921-5245
<b>Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC)</b>	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
<b>Reformed Church in America (RCA)</b>	Presbyterian	Reformed; Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	In communion w/ELCA, PCUSA & UCC; the more liberal of the Reformed denominations; “ecumenical”	<a href="http://www.rca.org">http://www.rca.org</a>
<b>Religious Society of Friends (Quaker)</b>	Congregational	Mixed	Egalitarian			<a href="http://www.evangelical-friends.org">www.evangelical-friends.org</a> Dr. John P. Williams, Jr. – Eastern Region representative 330-493-1660
<b>Salvation Army</b>	Episcopal	Conservative	Egalitarian	Do not Baptize	Arminian; military organization & terminology “ <i>Articles of War</i> ”; strong hands-on	Lt. Colonels Fred & Barbara Van Brunt, Divisional Commanders 147 Berkeley St. Boston, MA 02116

					ministry or help and mercy.	617-542-5420 (operator) <a href="http://www.salvationarmyusa.org">www.salvationarmyusa.org</a>
<b>Southern Baptist (SBC)</b>	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 <a href="mailto:jwideman@bcne.net">jwideman@bcne.net</a> <a href="http://www.sbc.net">www.sbc.net</a>
<b>Sovereign Grace Ministries</b>	Presbyterian	Conservative; Reformed; Charismatic	Complementarian	Credo with Immersion	Church planting, voluntary apostolic, relational oversight of local church networks.	Bauer Evans <a href="mailto:bevans@crosswayma.org">bevans@crosswayma.org</a> (508) 226-5312 <a href="http://www.sovereigngraceministries.org">www.sovereigngraceministries.org</a>
<b>Transformation Ministries</b>	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 <a href="mailto:dsalico@transmin.org">dsalico@transmin.org</a> ; 800-299-3448 <a href="http://www.transmin.org">www.transmin.org</a>
<b>United Church of Christ (UCC)</b>	Congregational	Mixed/Liberal	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal		Rev. Jim Antal 1 Badger Road Framingham, MA 17020 508-875-5233 <a href="mailto:macucc@macucc.org">macucc@macucc.org</a> <a href="http://www.macucc.org">http://www.macucc.org</a>
<b>United Methodist (UMC)</b>	Episcopal	Mixed	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Wesleyan	Bishop Peter D. Weaver New England Conference 276 Essex Street 5th Floor Lawrence, MA 01840-1516 <a href="mailto:communicate@neumc.org">communicate@neumc.org</a>
<b>United Reformed Churches of North America</b>	Presbyterian	Reformed; Conservative	Complementarian	Pedo-Covenant	CRC roots	Federation Clerk Rev. Bradd L. Nymeyer 227 1st Ave. SE Sioux Center, IA 51250 <a href="mailto:statedclerk@urcna.org">statedclerk@urcna.org</a> Telephone & Fax: (712) 722-

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<b>Vineyard Christian Fellowship</b>	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 <a href="http://www.pathwayvineyard.com">www.pathwayvineyard.com</a> <a href="http://www.vineyardusa.org">www.vineyardusa.org</a>
<b>Wesleyan</b>	Episcopal	Conservative	Egalitarian	Pedo-Covenantal	Holiness emphasis Arminian	District Superintendent Rev. W. Paul James 793 Corinth Rd. Queensbury, NY 12804 <a href="mailto:ds@enynewesleyan.org">ds@enynewesleyan.org</a> 518-793-4565 <a href="http://www.enynewesleyan.org">www.enynewesleyan.org</a>
<b>Willow Creek Association</b>	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.”	<a href="http://www.willowcreek.com">www.willowcreek.com</a>

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 they are in favor of women in the pastorate; Complementarian would mean they are not in favor of it.

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