The Lord Jesus Christ declares, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 have commanded you.” (Matt. 28:18-20).

The Committee on Christian Education seeks to serve the Orthodox Presbyterian Church by providing resources and training for teaching about the only name by which men may be saved. From its work with local churches, to presbyteries, to the General Assembly, to its work with the program committees of Home and Foreign Missions, the CCE aims to be a servant that assists in advancing the total ministry of the OPC. The rest of this brochure details the ministries of the CCE as it desires to be faithful to the Lord’s Great Commission.

These are wonderful days to be alive, and by His mercy, to be holders of the grand truths of the doctrines of grace, and to be in the service of the King. Having received so much, it is our pleasure to share with others around the world the good news of repentance for forgiveness of sins through Him. May we never tire of preaching Jesus Christ to the nations! Early on, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, in obedience to her Master’s command, established the Committee on Foreign Missions to oversee and conduct the work of foreign missions on behalf of the young church. The goal of the work on each of our fully operational foreign mission fields remains the same today.

In 1949 the General Assembly of the young Orthodox Presbyterian Church determined to place before the churches a plan of setting aside the month of November as a month of a special thank offering for missionary work and Christian education, and the first Thank Offering was received. Some sixty years later, the Thank Offering has the same purpose: to advance the cause of Christ through missionary outreach at home and abroad and through Christian education.

Throughout the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean there is a pressing need for missionaries and congregations who will be faithful to God’s Word, and who are willing to be brought close to those whom God is calling to be Christ’s sheep. That’s why The Orthodox Presbyterian Church starts fifteen to twenty new churches each year. The Committee on Home Missions helps the presbyteries of the OPC to get new churches started, to find and train organizing pastors, and to provide hands-on assistance for those who are on the front lines of the struggle for the souls of men.

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Worldwide Outreach of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church
The Church’s Faithful Response to the Great Commission
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church strives to encourage the unity Christ gives to his people. In obedience to her Lord’s Great Commission, she has established Committees for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Church Extension, and Christian Education to encourage the whole church in her ministry to one another and the mission to reach the lost. In order to promote the church’s unity, the General Assembly supports the ministries of these three program committees through Worldwide Outreach (the combined budget to which all congregations are asked voluntarily to contribute).

Each year’s General Assembly approves a Worldwide Outreach budget for the following year based on the plans and needs of the three committees. Some congregations contribute monthly to the Worldwide Outreach budget, while others receive special offerings for that purpose. And almost all congregations are asked voluntarily to contribute.

The Committee on Foreign Missions (Foreign Missions) oversees the worldwide foreign missions work of the OPC, while the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (Home Missions) oversees home missions work and the work of OPC congregations throughout North America. The Committee on Christian Education (Christian Education) oversees Christian education work throughout the church.

As the bringing of tithes and offerings is a proper element of corporate worship, and member and friends of OP congregations are encouraged to give toward the support of the committees of the three program committees through the budgetary process of the OPC (OP congregations need a designated amount of ten percent of each communicant member). Writing “Worldwide Outreach” on either the memo line of your check (payable to the OPC or to your local congregation) or the offering envelope will ensure that your gifts will be divided among the ministries of the three program committees. Your gifts to Worldwide Outreach are divided among the three program committees: Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Church Extension, and Christian Education (according to the percentages and budgets set by the General Assembly).

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Starting Mission Works

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Sending Foreign Missionaries

The Committee on Foreign Missions currently sends missionaries to work in fields in China, Ethiopia, Korea, Haiti, Japan, Kenya, Quebec, Suriname, Uganda, and Ukraine. Contact ForeignMissions@opc.org for more information.

Sunday School Materials

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