



# Evangelism

The call of evangelism is to witness to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior among those who do not yet know him. This witness takes many forms, as individual believers, congregations and the church as a whole respond to Christ's Great Commission to "Go, therefore, and make discipleship of all nations..." [Matthew 28:19] The gospel of Christ crosses boundaries of culture, nation, language, race, gender, philosophy, economic and political status.

As Cumberland Presbyterians, we affirm a "Whosoever Will" gospel that proclaims that all those who believe in Jesus Christ find salvation through him. [John 3:16] There is in this witness a Christ-inspired compassion, commitment to social justice and peace, concern for the whole person, for communities and nations, and for the natural world. It requires the individual Christian, the congregation, the denomination, and the church universal to faithfully represent in word and deed the mission of God made known in Christ.

Evangelism is living, showing and telling the Good News of Jesus Christ in witness to those who are not followers of him. It is also the call to continual evangelization within the fellowship of the church. The church that engages in evangelizing itself — bringing its attitudes, mission priorities, worship integrity and commitment to service under the lens of the gospel — is a church that will take seriously the evangelization of others.