

PCN Britain is a growing network of people, who belong to all denominations and traditions of Christianity, those who struggle with these traditions and those who seek to share an open and progressive understanding of faith. Our guiding framework comes from the eight points on the next page. We seek to explore with others a fresh Christian vision, which we hope will be a source of encouragement and support to churches. PCN Britain certainly doesn't claim to have all the answers but finds joy in travelling together on the journey. Above all we are passionate that Christian faith needs to be expressed afresh in this third millennium and that this faith leads to action as we seek to promote peace and justice in our world.

How PCN Britain might be of help

Discussion group material for church groups

We publish short study guides in collaboration with three other organisations. These come under the series title, 'Together in Hope'. Current titles include guides on the teachings and way of Jesus, making sense of Christmas and the meaning of the Resurrection. We hire out DVD-based study courses such as 'Living the Questions'.

A quarterly newsletter

Your church might like to receive copies of our newsletter, 'Progressive Voices', with articles and reviews from the perspective of progressive Christianity.

A network of over 50 PCN groups across the UK

Alongside church groups, PCN Britain can sometimes also offer individuals in your church the opportunity to join a PCN group in your area. These groups encourage honest and searching questions and provide a place of friendship for people who wish to celebrate a progressive Christian faith.

Promoting conferences

We organise conferences and gatherings for study and reflection and the opportunity to meet other progressive Christians. We can also offer speakers who would come to your church.

Putting churches on the map

We can help put your church on the progressive map and point people in your direction when we are asked to suggest a forward thinking, open church.

The Eight Points

PCN Britain takes these eight points not as a creed or statement of faith, but as an expression of how we wish to live as Christians.

We are Christians who...

1. Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
2. Recognise the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the gateway to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
3. Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
 - believers and agnostics
 - conventional Christians and questioning sceptics
 - women and men
 - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities
 - those of all races and cultures
 - those of all classes and abilities
 - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope;
5. Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
6. Find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty, more value in questioning than in absolutes;
7. Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people; protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation; and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Recognise that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.