

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.



The Progressive Christianity Network Britain

where contemporary thought and understanding matter as much as scripture and tradition



The Progressive Christianity Network was established to...

Support people whose faith makes them feel isolated in their Christian communities; promote a fresh vision of Christianity.

Who we are

We are a network of people sharing and promoting open Christian understanding both within and outside the church, and which is open to liberating and radical ideas.

Our approach is ecumenical – we have members from all mainstream denominations, and the majority of our members are lay people.

What we do

Encourage and provide a forum for critical debate about all aspects of Christianity.

Provide support to our many local discussion groups throughout Britain with publicity, resources and speakers.

Host conferences and events throughout the UK.

Put the progressive church on the map – we signpost people throughout Britain to open and inclusive churches.

Co-operate with other like-minded organisations – working together where we can.

Our wider aims are to...

Share and encourage an open approach to faith that allows Christianity to have a role in the 21st century.

Promote a way of living within the wide and rich diversity of church and alongside other faiths.

Engage in discussion with church leaderships to promote agendas and understandings that are open, liberating and radical, allowing the church to be inclusive.

Develop a visible presence of progressive Christian congregations and communities.

Membership

Membership benefits include:

Four newsletters per year, plus other regular mailings.

Reduced ticket prices for events organised by PCNB.

An invitation to join a group local to you, or to start a new one – resourced by PCNB.

Our local groups are open to all, though we do encourage membership in order to resource the network.

How to find out more

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