

U.S. Partners

- Congo Mission Network (congopartners.org)
- Build Congo Schools (buildcongoschools.org)
- Myers Park Pres. Church, Charlotte, NC
- First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, IL
- Lafayette Orinda Pres. Church, Lafayette, CA

Communaute Presbytérienne au Congo (CPC):

- Established in 1891 in the south central former "Congo Free State" (claimed by Belgium's King Leopold II)
- Now has approximately 3,475,000 members in 1002 parishes.
- Runs 3 pastoral training institutes, a training program for young leaders, and a training program for girls in English and computers
- Also runs 6 regional hospitals, 6 smaller hospitals and 8 health centers.

- **More U.S. Partners:** Newcastle Presbytery, Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, Friends of IMCK and many more U.S. churches and individuals who are actively involved

Communaute Presbyterienne de Kinshasa (CPK)

- Established in 1955 in Kinshasa
- Now has about 67,000 members in 284 parishes and worshipping communities located in 6 western DRC provinces.
- The CPK directly runs 7 maternal health clinics, and local parishes operate an additional 3 clinics.
- The CPK and CPC jointly run the Sheppards & Lapsley University near Kananga.

Presbyterian Partners in Mission

Presbyterian Church (USA):

- Established in 1983 with the merger of two Presbyterian Churches in the U.S.
- Has approximately 1,140,665 active members in 8,971 churches and worshipping communities
- Works with partners in 88 countries around the world
- Plays an advocacy role for justice, peace, and freedom through the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and the Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.

EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

Equipping Congolese Youth for the Future



CPC partners welcomed visitors to girls' schools from Myers Park Presbyterian Church in 2023.

2024 Annual Meeting of the Congo Mission Network

Building relationships between Presbyterians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the U.S.A.

Hosted by the
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
Charleston, S.C.

CPC

Communaute Presbyterienne au Congo

The CPC operates...

- 21 nursery schools serving 490 children
- 545 primary schools serving 175,850 students, approximately 47% of whom are girls
- 285 secondary schools serving 124,132 students, of whom approximately 45% are girls

Free education has led to overcrowded classrooms.



Creative learning can happen with adequate materials and new buildings.

CPK

Communauté Presbyterienne de Kinshasa

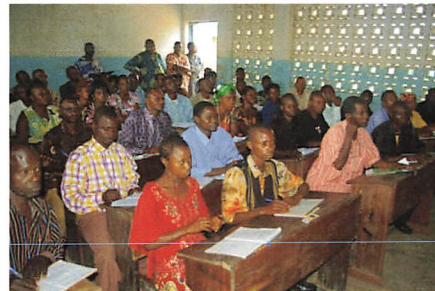
The CPK operates...

- 47 nursery schools serving 950 children
- 213 primary schools serving 67,523 students, 42% of whom are girls.
- 172 secondary schools serving 87,442 students, of whom approximately 39% are girls

Education Goals of the Congolese Government

In 2016 the Government of the DRC implemented a 10-year plan to improve education. The plan, to be evaluated in 2025, has the following objectives:

- Implement **universal access** to education. Primary schools are now free to all children.
- Provide better **teacher training** at all levels.



A teacher training session

- Develop more **accountability related to the management** of human and financial resources and infrastructure.
- Prioritize **girls' education**.
- Establish **technical and professional programs** in high schools to give graduates more marketable skills.



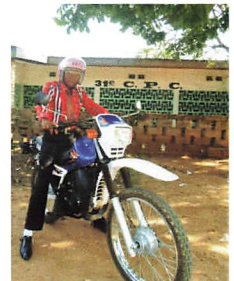
Students learning how to use a fold scope in science class



Examples of non-durable and durable schools. New schools are quickly overwhelmed, because there are so few.

Help Strengthen the Congo's Schools

- Build larger, durable schools (75% are non-durable).
- Provide textbooks (most teachers and students have few).
- Fund teacher training (most teachers need more skills).
- Fund motorcycles for school consultants to reach remote schools.
- Secure grants for school improvements.
- Advocate for education appropriations in the U.S. and Congo.



More textbooks, motorcycles and materials for technical training are needed.