

**In recent years U.S. partners
have participated in:**

- Exchange visits to US & to Congo to demonstrate Christian unity & to inform & inspire our collaboration in God's mission,
- Mission co-worker support in Congo,
- Creation/repair/support of water supplies, literacy programs, farming programs & savings programs,
- Printing press repair & upgrade of supplies for radio program STUDIPROKA,
- Support of Congolese educators & medical leaders attendance at conferences for collaborative planning & training,
- Support of church member attendance at ecumenical meetings, conferences & training,
- Support of Seminary & Bible school training costs, including vocational training,
- Support of trauma healing programs in Central & Eastern Congo,
- Advocacy for free & fair elections in Congo,
- Building & repairing many schools, including some girls' schools,
- Building & repairing churches & hospitals,
- Subsidizing Bible & hymnal sales, making them more affordable,
- Buying textbooks for students & teachers,
- Providing scholarships for students from grammar school thru university programs.
- Creating internet cafes with computers,
- Providing medical & administrative training & supplies,
- Establishing endowments (Ex - Friends of IMCK) to support major educational programs,
- Providing/supplementing hospital mattresses, medical supplies & indigent medical care,
- Supporting programs for vulnerable women, children, particularly orphans & widows.
- Supporting Congo refugees in the USA.

The CMN conference in Knoxville, TN in October will bring together partners from the DRC and USA to plan specific actions to help heal the wounds of war and lay foundations for peace, as we face big changes in the Congo. Attendees will focus especially on empowering women and youth for leadership.

To register, go to <https://congopartners.org/register2019/>



The Congo Mission Network is made up of individuals, local congregations, presbyteries, and other U.S. groups who are working with the PC(USA)'s three Congo partners, the CPC, CPK and the (ECC) Church of Christ in the Congo.

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Congo Mission Conference 2019

October 17-19, 2019

First Presbyterian Church

Knoxville, Tennessee

**Program Theme: Claim a New Day:
Partners in Creating a New Congo**

**Join us, as we connect in support of
ministry and development in the
Congo. In partnership, we are each
blessed.**



**Building relationships
between Presbyterians in the
Democratic Republic of
Congo and the USA.**



A Brief History of Presbyterians in the Congo

In 1891 the American Presbyterian Congo Mission was established in the Congo by the Revs. William Sheppard and Samuel Lapsley. At that time, the country was brutally ruled by Belgium's King Leopold II; but later it became a colony of the Belgian state. In 1959 the Presbyterian churches in the Congo became autonomous, and the country gained independence from Belgium in 1960. Since 1891 Congolese and American Presbyterians have established many churches, schools, hospitals and community development projects in the country.



The Presbyterian Community in the Congo (CPC) is located in the south central region around the cities of Mbuji Mayi and Kananga. The Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK) is located in the Kinshasa region. The Church of Christ (ECC) is a union of 62 Protestant denominations in Congo. PC(USA) partners with CPC, CPK, and ECC.

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Worship: Congo church leader, Rev. Tshidinda Mamba, with USA church leaders, Rev. Dr. Brian Henderson & Rev. Patricia Jones in South Carolina



Clean water: People gather near Kananga for water from well drilled in water program.

Schools: (Above) Representatives of Congo Presbyterian Church & US Presbyterians meet for Build Congo Schools' strategic planning. (Below) Students sit in the new Zapo Zapo school built with this collaboration.



Nutrition Programs: Service programs vary from children in medical crisis, to orphans, to farming programs for adults.



Indigent Care: Many caught in the war need medical care, as did this man.

Bricks and Mortar: Below is a newly built chapel at IMCK, a medical teaching center. Many partnership efforts address renovating or building worship, education and health facilities.



Tumekutana, an African Women's Conference, occurs every 3 yrs to empower and connect local leaders. African women from Presbyterian and other Reformed Churches gather from over 20 countries to work together with US women.