



May our God's Kingdom grow and may he receive  
all honor, glory, and praise!

*<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"  
-Revelation 7: 9, 10*

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## AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH PLANTER FUND (AACPF)

*A vision for the Richmond area and the  
James River Presbytery (PCA),  
initiated and managed by the  
Metro-Richmond Church Planting Network  
(MRCPN).*





## What is the AACPF?

It is a continuing fund and ongoing venture for the Richmond area to see the gospel go into African American communities. Planting churches has been the history of God's people since Jesus gave us the great commission to go into all the world and make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20).

## Why establish the AACPF?

Currently, of the 15 PCA churches in the Metro-Richmond area, two (13%) are specifically African American cross-cultural:

- Northside in Richmond
  - Has an African American Pastoral Internship program to develop African American pastors.
- Crown and Joy on the south side
  - Planted by an African American pastor

There aren't many African American Teaching Elders or Pastors in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The need for African Americans in leadership is more and more recognized across the PCA, so there is a lot of opportunity and competition for African American pastors. We need to be well funded to be competitive as these leaders seek God's direction and to provide a strong base of support for their church plants.



Along with the biblical mandate, we have the PCA's General Assembly overture of 2016 which recommits the PCA to racial reconciliation. Pastor and historian Sean Lucas said, "Our great hope in the PCA of 2035 would be a genuinely multiracial church, both in our local congregations and in our higher courts." We believe the AACPF fulfills both the biblical and general assembly guidance.

## How can your congregation participate with AACPF?

### Pray:

- ◆ Pray for your local church, that you will seek to fulfill the biblical mandate to share the gospel across social, economic and racial barriers.
- ◆ Pray for our denomination, that we will follow through on our commitment to look more like the church we see in Revelation 7.
- ◆ Pray for the AACPF, that we would have the funding to draw African American Pastors to our area and become a known, attractive destination for those interested in planting African American and cross-cultural or multi-ethnic churches.

### Give:

- ◆ Consider giving, either as an individual or a church, at a level appropriate for how God has blessed you materially.
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