

Dearest in Christ.
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Greetings to you in the wonderful name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sir, I want to draw your kind attention to the United Presbyterian Church history of Pakistan. Presbyterian mission in the area was started in 1854 by the United Presbyterian Church of North America. The first presbytery was formed in 1859 and the synod of Punjab in 1893, which was declared autonomous in 1961 under the name United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan.

The purpose of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan is to make the work of God known to all and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through word, thoughts and deeds. The church is organized in sessions (the basic unit which comprises a pastor and a few elders), presbyteries (which consist of at least ten sessions) and the general assembly, which is the highest authority and meets annually.

The United Presbyterian Church of Pakistan is actively engaged in evangelism, education, health care, literacy, agriculture and social welfare. Evangelization is done by pastors, evangelists and lay workers and includes the spiritual nurture of the members of the church, church planting and growth, and the building of churches and parsonages. The church's educational work suffered from the nationalization of the schools in 1972, but the church has established new primary, middle and high schools for boys and girls, and boarding houses for students.

The UPC runs two hospitals and provides health education for the people. It began the work of literacy in Pakistan which is now carried out by an NGO, and continues to cooperate with the government to promote literacy. The United Presbyterian Church is also the initiator of theological education in Pakistan, through a seminary for candidates for the ministry and extension classes for lay people.

Agricultural services focus on helping the peasants with techniques of production, preservation of seeds, fertilizers etc. Through its social welfare the church assists the needy, the sick, the disabled, the poor and oppressed. The UPC is also involved in human rights, especially women's rights, minorities and child labour. Its main priorities for the future are women, children, and youth

ministries. The church wants to care especially for rural communities in order that they may also enjoy the abundant life in Christ.

Kind Regards.

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