

The history of the Charis Alliance



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Our church is part of a **vibrant global movement**. Ever wonder how it all began?

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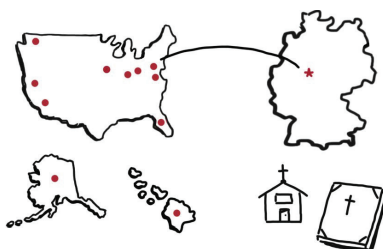
By the early 1700's, **churches across Europe were embroiled in conflict**. Many had lost sight of the reason Jesus formed His church – to deliver the message of grace and hope.

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However, in one corner of Germany, a small group of men and women recommitted to reading their Bibles and obeying its message. In 1708, **they took the bold step of forming a new church**, based upon the example they saw in the New Testament.

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This growing church drew the ire of the local rulers. To avoid persecution, **they emigrated to the Americas** and, over time, formed hundreds of churches.

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Yet something was missing. Among the final words of Jesus is the command 'to make disciples of all nations.' **Obeying Jesus means taking his message to others by crossing barriers** of geography, language and culture.

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For us, this began in 1900. Slowly at first, then with more speed, **we sent workers to many distant places**. Before long, these new churches were also sending out workers.

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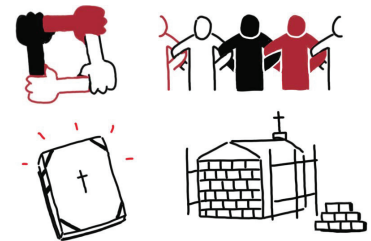
Recently, we named our movement: The Charis Alliance. **Charis means 'grace' in Greek.** Above all, we want to be witnesses to the grace of God, poured out upon the world through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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While we all share the same family history and core beliefs, we encourage our churches to **adopt methods appropriate to the culture where God places them.** So, what do we have in common?

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We share a commitment to Biblical Truth. The Bible determines what we believe and guides what we do.

We share a commitment to Biblical Relationships.

We respect and support one another. We work hard to obey Jesus' command to 'love one another as I have loved you.'

We share a commitment to Biblical Mission.

We are committed to planting new churches, training new leaders, and doing good in our communities.

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Yes, our church is excited to belong to **a family of churches that shares a common history, beliefs and values ...** a family of churches called the Charis Alliance.

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Today, we join churches around the globe in celebrating what God has done. And **we invite both your prayers and financial support** to bless the Charis Alliance. May our generosity today serve as fuel for our growing movement!



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