



## What is the Charis Alliance?

From our humble beginnings to our global footprint today, the churches of The Charis Alliance share a common quest—to faithfully and creatively represent God's Son and God's Word among the diverse cultures of our world. Our movement began in a small German village in 1708, when eight men and women committed to creating a church faithful to the teachings of the New Testament. Persecution soon forced us to immigrate to North America. Over the centuries, the movement morphed, divided and grew, so that today we are represented by churches and outreach efforts in thirty-one countries. While individual churches and groups of churches maintain their autonomy, The Charis Alliance provides a platform for these churches to pursue matters of common benefit and interest.

## What do we do?

In 2008, at an historic meeting near Schwarzenau, Germany (the birthplace of our movement), delegates from 15 countries met to explore ways to foster greater cooperation in ministry. The result was The Charis Commitment to Common Mission, which outlines our commitments to church planting, leadership development and 'doing good' in our communities. Whether on the local, regional, or international level, the members of The Charis Alliance seek to share their experience and resources, and to partner with one another in ministry.

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## What do we believe?

In 2015, at an historic meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, delegates representing 19 countries met to finalize a fresh expression of the core beliefs of our global movement. The Charis Commitment to Common Identity follows a unique format and is divided into three sections. Section One affirms our unity with the global Body of Christ. Section Two affirms our agreement with the main tenets of historic Christian orthodoxy and the global evangelical movement. Section Three summarizes some unique convictions and practices we've developed in our quest to faithfully live out the teachings of the New Testament in our world today.

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## Where do we live and minister?

Member Associations of the Charis Alliance are located in Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Central African Republic, France, Haiti, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, and the USA.

Observer Associations are located in Chile, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

Future Associations are planned for Cuba, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan, Thailand, Trinidad, Turkey, and Vietnam.