

## Find a Place to be Effective and Progressive with Witherspoon

To join simply send in the membership form on the back of this panel. We'd like to get you involved in Witherspoon and connect you with other like minded Presbyterians in your area.

### Please check if you can help:

- I'd like to spread the word about Witherspoon. Please send me  brochures.
- I'd like to be a Witherspoon contact in my Presbytery.
- I'd like to help organize a local chapter.
- I can help at General Assembly.
- I'd like to help by:

### My special interests are:

*How can we help you?*

#### Why the Name?

We're named for Presbyterian minister and patriot John Witherspoon, first General Assembly Moderator and the only pastor to sign the Declaration of Independence. We are proud of our denomination's role in our democratic heritage and, with John Witherspoon, we believe our faith should be lived out in our society.

## Our Mission

By listening and learning from others, and by engaging in conversation with the church and the world, we witness to the reconciling gospel of God's radical love. Through our actions we seek to bring God's love and justice to a greater reality in our church and in God's world.

## For More Information

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### Or Visit our Website

[www.witherspoonsociety.org](http://www.witherspoonsociety.org)

**Welcome to our Whole Gospel Community!**

### *From the Confession of 1967*

**Already God's reign is present  
as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in all people.  
With an urgency born of this hope  
the church applies itself to present  
tasks and strives for a better world.**

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# The Witherspoon Society

*A Community of  
Progressive Presbyterians ~*

*~ Witnessing and Working  
for God's World  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

[www.witherspoonsociety.org](http://www.witherspoonsociety.org)

## A 30 Year History

The Witherspoon Society was formed in 1973 by a group of Presbyterians who shared a vision that justice should not be sacrificed for unity. Since then, Witherspoon members have been quietly and consistently working toward that vision — at the General Assembly, through local chapters, within congregations, and with personal witness in the world.

The Society continues to articulate this prophetic vision and to build a Whole Gospel community that reflects the reconciling Gospel of Jesus the Christ in a world and a denomination increasingly broken.

## Why Belong to Witherspoon?

- ✦ **theology:** Witherspoon seeks to revitalize the church's life and focus, so that it may be biblically and confessionally faithful in the world;
- ✦ **vision:** Witherspoon voices the prophetic vision of an inclusive church in a just society.
- ✦ **scope:** Witherspoon continues to focus on the broad range of justice issues — economic, social, environmental and national.
- ✦ **success:** Witherspoon has been quietly and effectively working for peace, justice and the inclusion of all God's people in the church and the world for 30 years.
- ✦ **program:** Witherspoon has developed a strong educational and theological basis to speak *to* issues of justice and *for* those traditionally not heard; and
- ✦ **commitment:** Witherspoon will advocate for all issues of justice as long as there is injustice. We figure that will keep us busy for a while.

## Into the Future - A New Program for the Next 30 Years

Now more than ever, Witherspoon is called to focus on our original goal, the larger vision of justice — national, economic, social, sexual and environmental.

### This is a time to build and expand on our witness and work for the new century by:

- ✦ continuing our presence at General Assembly: providing information to Commissioners; sponsoring educational events; honoring congregations and individuals who represent the Whole Gospel message; networking with youth; and of course, dancing!
- ✦ fostering ongoing partnerships with other justice, peace and environmental groups within the PC(USA); and
- ✦ supporting our website and *Network News* to spread the message.

### And we're going in ambitious new directions by:

- ✦ adding more local outreach, support and networking to chapters and individuals;
- ✦ sponsoring regional and national meetings to strengthen theological thinking and build connections among progressive Presbyterians;
- ✦ developing our website and other channels to share the progressive viewpoint in the wider church;
- ✦ working with youth and seminary students to engage them in the progressive work of our church; and
- ✦ networking with others for justice in the church and in the world.

## Join Today

### Membership

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 for 1 year (individual or household)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$90 for 2 years
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 for students/limited income
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 group membership for 1 year (10 copies of each issue of *Network News* to one address)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 for libraries
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm adding \$\_\_\_\_\_ as my extra contribution for Witherspoon's work.

*The Witherspoon Society is a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.*

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Synod \_\_\_\_\_

_____ New Member	_____ Renewal
_____ Lay person/elder	_____ Clergy
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