



POCONOS, PA

Pastor Rich Kuiken

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Warmest greetings from PA in the USA! I am writing to you as this exceedingly beautiful autumn color season in the Pocono mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania is rapidly drawing to a close, a rather fitting analogy for the “church planting status” of our Pocono Reformed Bible Church!

After serving as the senior pastor of the Pompton Plains RBC for 35 years, I can hardly believe that the past nearly 4 years have flown by so quickly here in NEPA! As I shared briefly at the *incredibly inspirational* “Missions Evening” at Synod Niagara 2022, my dear wife Margaret and I had absolutely no way of knowing whether our Pocono RBC church plant would “prosper” or “crash and burn”! But PRAISE BE TO GOD for the abundant blessings which HE has so graciously and continuously poured-out upon us spiritually, materially, and numerically! We also give all THANKS, PRAISE and GLORY to GOD for the fact that at its meeting of Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Classis Eastern U.S. of the URCNA gave “concurring advice” to the Overture submitted by our supervising Consistory of the Pompton Plains RBC regarding our organization and incorporation as a congregation within the URCNA! Consequently, PLEASE PRAY for plans being made over the next few months for the ordination and installation of our two Elders and two Deacons elect as well as for myself as the PRBC’S first non-church



planting Pastor. PLEASE ALSO PRAY that in His perfect providence, our good and gracious God would guide us to a church home of our own.

I simply cannot express adequately enough my/our DEEPEST HEARTFELT THANKS and MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION for all of your prayers ... for the several URCNA congregations which have taken “missions’ offerings” for us ... for those individuals or families who also have prayerfully and/or financially supported us ... for the faithful congregational support and Consistorial oversight of the Pompton Plains RBC ... and for the prayerful and financial support of Classis Eastern U.S. of the URCNA generally, as well as for the prayerful and financial support of the Church Planting Committee of Classis Eastern U.S. specifically.



Finally, dear friends, words fail me as I attempt to express how EXCEEDINGLY GRATEFUL I am to my dear friend and brother, Rev. Rich Bout, our former URCNA Missions Coordinator, without whose fervent prayers, wise counsel, consistent encouragement, timely visits and faithful friendship I simply would not have been able to function effectively as a church planter.



“Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.” (Psalm 115:1)

Sincerely in His Service,
Rev. Rich Kuiken

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT URCNAMISSIONS.ORG - ALL ARE WELCOME!

URCNA MISSIONS & PASTORS CONFERENCE

MARCH 27 – 30, 2023, D.V.

WHERE: Bonclarken: the beautiful conference grounds in Flatrock, North Carolina.

SPEAKERS: Kevin De Young, Chris Gordon, and Craig Troxel

THEME: “Equipping the Saints”



VANCOUVER, WA

Pastor Chris & Melissa Coleman



Last July I asked you to pray

that the Lord would provide a space where [Peace United Reformed Church](#) could meet for morning and evening services. In September of 2021, the Lord answered that prayer! Through providential relationships with a local business owner, we have been meeting in a large conference room of a manufacturing facility. The space works well for us and allows us to accommodate up to 90 souls. Thank you, Lord, for answering the prayers of your people!



First AM Service

who have been regularly worshipping with us. Please pray that the Lord would continue to work in their minds and hearts.

In the Fall of 2022, we also began a Catechism Program for our children and adults. After morning worship our children meet in age specific

Since beginning morning and evening worship our average morning attendance has been roughly 50 souls and evening attendance has been roughly 35 souls. We are so thankful for the continued growth of Peace URC!



Catechism Class

groups to learn the basics of God's Word and directed study through the Catechism. Our younger kids are using curriculum from Great Commission Publications and our older kids are using the Life in Christ curriculum from Reformed Fellowship. While the children are in class, I meet with the adults to discuss the morning sermon. So far, it has been a tremendous blessing for our children and our members.

Over the past year we have also been blessed to welcome four new families into membership. In early October 2022 we were blessed to bear witness to the reaffirmations of faith of Doug and Cheryl Rule. On the same Lord's Day, we also welcomed their teenage daughters into membership by adult baptisms. It was truly a joyous day for the life of our church plant. During the late summer months of 2022, we've also been encouraged with four families



Baptisms

While the Lord has been faithful to Peace URC, we have three needs you can pray for: (1) that the Lord would (one day) provide a permanent worship space, (2) that the Lord would raise up qualified and ready men to serve as Elders and Deacons, and (3) that our regular visitors would be encouraged to join a local expression of Christ's church.

You can also help spread the word about Peace URC by liking, sharing and following us on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE IN MISSIONS?

Cross-Cultural Mission Training (CCMT)

CCMT is an opportunity to experience evangelism and disciple-making in a foreign context. This one-month intensive program combines missiology, language, and cultural instruction with mentorship and field experience.

Missionaries and pastors from the URCNA and OPC will invest their time and expertise in you!

- WEEK 1:** Boot Camp with Missionaries
- WEEK 2:** Cultural Immersion
- WEEK 3 & 4:** Full-time On-field Service & Debrief

WHEN: May 12 – June 12, 2023
WHERE: Central Mexico
WHO: Young adults (18+)

For more information email us at: urcnamissions@gmail.com