

The Amistad Mission Statement

Amistad seeks to encourage, equip, and support the Presbyterian Churches of Mexico (INPM) and the United States (PCUSA), facilitating their joint ministry as witnesses and instruments of the Kingdom of God.

The Amistad Vision Statement

As a result of its ministry on the US-Mexico border, Amistad envisions:

- Growing, God-dependent **Presbyterian Churches** that are fulfilling their mission as bearers of the holistic Gospel to the people of their communities.
- **Pastors** who are motivated and empowered to effectively minister to and facilitate the ministry of the People of God on the border.
- **People** who, having been transformed by the power of Christ, are maturing in their relationships with God and with one another and using their spiritual gifts, learned skills, and natural abilities in ministry.
- **Communities** that are transformed into peaceful, prosperous, and God-honoring environments by the power of God working in them through the prayers, words, and deeds of the Presbyterian Churches of their communities.
- **Believers from both nations** living, worshipping, and serving as one body, that the world may know that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- **Political, cultural, socio-economic, and religious borders** torn down by the power of the Spirit as God's people unite their efforts to reconcile and be reconciled.

The Amistad Values Statement

The Amistad ministry is governed by the following beliefs:

- We affirm the authority of Scripture, the basic tenets of the Reformed faith, and the Statements of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- We believe that in Christ there are no borders (Ephesians 2:11-22).
- We believe we are called to work together as one body; recognizing and respecting our cultural and theological differences, but also embracing them as ways in which God wishes to challenge our own assumptions and understandings (1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Ephesians 4:1-16).
- We believe God can and will transform us as we worship and minister together along our common border (Ephesians 4:1-16).
- We believe that Christ can and will transform the lives of the people on the border and that this is the only way to bring complete transformation to our communities and nations (John 14:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- We believe that our best witness is our unity and love as the Body of Christ (John 13:34-35, 17:20-23).
- We believe we are the very hands and feet of Christ, called to follow His example of bearing the living Word to a broken and hurting world (James 2:14-26, 1 John 2:6, Matthew 10:7-8, John 14:12, Matthew 25:34-36).
- We believe the mission of the Church is to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed in forms culturally appropriate to the communities and people to which we seek to witness (Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 5: 13-16, Philippians 2:5-11, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23).
- We believe that we are called to honor civil law, though we believe also, that we, as Children of God, are called to seek the transformation of our communities and nations into God-honoring societies, speaking against any and all actions that oppress, harm, or otherwise undermine the dignity, worth, and rights of men and women anywhere. This demands our use of our prophetic role, speaking against injustice and sin in our midst (Ezekiel 2:3-5).
- We believe all believers and all communities of faith are gifted and called to participate in Christ's ministry in the world (1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Acts 1:8).
- We believe that to be partners in mission means uniting our efforts and resources to carry out a common mission in such a way that extends the Kingdom of God on earth and mutually empowers and edifies each of us (Ephesians 4:1-16).
- We believe that each community of faith is responsible to God for the city in which it lives and ministers (Jeremiah 29:7, Genesis 12:2-3).