



Original Eight Points of Progressive Christianity - 1997

By calling ourselves progressive, we mean that we are Christians who —

1. Proclaim Jesus Christ as our Gate to the realm of God;
2. Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the gateway to God's realm;
3. Understand our sharing of bread and wine in Jesus's name to be a representation of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all sorts and conditions of people to join in our worship and in our common life as full partners, including (but not limited to):
 - believers and agnostics,
 - conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,
 - homosexuals and heterosexuals,
 - females and males,
 - the despairing and the hopeful,
 - those of all races and cultures, and
 - those of all classes and abilities,without imposing on them the necessity of becoming like us;

5. Think that the way we treat one another and other people is more important than the way we express our beliefs;
6. Find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty in the questions than in the answers;
7. See ourselves as a spiritual community in which we discover the resources required for our work in the world:
 - striving for justice and peace among all people,
 - bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Recognize that our faith entails costly discipleship, renunciation of privilege, and conscientious resistance to evil — as has always been the tradition of the church.

Eight Points of Progressive Christianity - Revised 2003

By calling ourselves progressive, we mean that we are Christians who:

1. Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
2. Recognize the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the way to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
3. Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
 - believers and agnostics,
 - conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,
 - women and men,
 - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
 - those of all races and cultures,
 - those of all classes and abilities,
 - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope,
 - without imposing on them the necessity of becoming like us;
5. Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
6. Find more grace in the search for meaning than in absolute certainty, in the questions than in the answers;
7. Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people, protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation, and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Who recognize that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.

Eight Points of Progressive Christianity - Revised 2011

By calling ourselves progressive, we mean that we are Christians who:

1. Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life;
2. Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey;
3. Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to:
 - Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics,
 - Believers and agnostics,
 - Women and men,
 - Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
 - Those of all classes and abilities;
4. Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe;
5. Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes;
6. Strive for peace and justice among all people;
7. Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth; and
8. Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love.