

## Main Line USA Protestant Ecumenical Denominations

Ecumenical churches are striving for a unification of beliefs and traditions, a desire to be inclusive and therefore a deterioration in their foundational and traditional beliefs (inherency of Scripture, etc.). Most belong to or are sympatric toward both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

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<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p># in USA 11mm</p> <p>John &amp; Charles Wesley 1738 Traces its roots back to John Wesley and the Great Awakening 1730's</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Non-Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>8.4mm US and 66mmWorldwide</p> <p>Martin Luther 1517 through the Protestant Reformation and the split w/Catholics</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>3mm</p> <p>John Calvin 1536 Membership in decline at about 5% per year.</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Non-Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>2mm 55mm Worldwide</p> <p>Founded 1534 by King Henry VIII as the Anglican Communion of which the Episcopal Church USA is a part.</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>1.5mm</p> <p>Founded 1907 as the Northern Baptists but dates back to 1612 and John Smythe an English Puritan – First Baptist Church in America 1639</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Non-Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>2mm</p> <p>Founded 1801 by Barton Stone</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Non-Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>936k</p> <p>Founded in 1910 by Thomas and Alexander Campbell</p> <p><b>Worship Style</b> Non-Liturgical</p> <p><b>God</b> Trinitarian</p>

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<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture is the “primary source for Christian doctrine” but not infallible.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Officially Scripture is the final authority on all matters of faith and morals. However many allow for biblical errors and cultural limitations. PEW study in 2008 70% did not think the Bible should be taken literally.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture is “the witness without parallel” of Christ... but in merely human words reflecting the beliefs of the time.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture contains truth but must be interpreted in light of tradition and reason.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture is the inspired word of God and the final authority in matters of faith.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture is the inerrant word of God.</p>	<p><b>Authority</b> Scripture is a witness to Christ, but fallible.</p>
<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>	<p><b>Sin</b> All humans are sinners</p>
<p><b>Sacraments</b> Infant Baptism &amp; Communion</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Eucharist – Transubstantiation and Baptism (including infant)</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Infant baptism and Communion</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Infant and convert baptism and Communion (transubstantiation).</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Baptism of believers by immersion and Communion</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Immersion baptism and Communion.</p>	<p><b>Sacraments</b> Immersion baptism and Communion.</p>

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<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Free will in all things for everyone (Arminian).</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Man in his fallen state have no free will with regard to salvation but does have free will in other matters.</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Man in his fallen state have no free will with regard to salvation but does have free will in other matters.</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Free will in all things for everyone (Arminian).</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Man is free to choose God or not.</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Man is free to choose God or not.</p>	<p><b>Free Will vs. Predestination</b> Man is free to choose God or not.</p>
<p><b>Afterlife</b> Literal Heaven and Hell</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> No millennial reign of Christ.  A real and literal Hell and Heaven.</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> Belief in a literal Heaven and Hell.</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> Belief in a literal Heaven and Hell.</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> Belief in a literal Heaven and Hell.</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> A real and literal Heaven and Hell.</p>	<p><b>Afterlife</b> Most believe in personal immortality but not hell.</p>
<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>	<p><b>Evangelism</b> Not emphasized.</p>
<p><b>Salvation</b> Grace alone through faith in Christ. Good works must be demonstrated as a result of this transformation.</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> Grace alone through faith alone based on Scripture alone, except that Baptism required for salvation. Good works are the fruit of faith</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone and not by works which are the result of Sanctification.</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> Christ died for our sins. Man accepts Christ's work when baptized. Salvation is a three leg stool Scripture, Tradition and Reason.</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> Grace alone, faith alone in Christ alone</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> Hear the gospel, repent, confess Christ, be baptized, and persevere in the faith.</p>	<p><b>Salvation</b> God saves us (possibly all) by his grace as we respond in faith.</p>

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<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            Man can reject God's draw.</p> <p>A believer can lose their salvation. Salvation is conditional on Sanctification.</p> <p>Scripture should be interpreted through today's culture.</p> <p>May 20, 2015 the UMC voted to change the church position on allowing clergy to be practicing homosexuals and to perform gay weddings.</p> <p>Trending more and more liberal.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            Varying views on same sex marriage but moving liberal including the ordination of professing homosexuals.</p> <p>Women can hold Sr. Pastor offices.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            Same sex marriages were approved in 6/19/2014 and their bilaws were formally changed on 3/17/15.</p> <p>In 2004 the church officially began a divestment in their support of Israel.</p> <p>Accepts the ordination of women and homosexuals for both Ruling Elder and Deacon.</p> <p>Accepts abortion and the public funding of same.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            Ordination of women is acceptable and Priests can marry. In 2009 gay bishops were allowed, as were same-sex unions.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            In 2005 the board voted to allow each congregation to decide on the ordination of Homosexuals and the performance of same-sex marriages.</p> <p>Is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest Christian demonization in the US.</p> <p>One of the most inclusive protestant bodies.</p> <p>Abortion is left to the individual.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            In 1972 the UCC installed the first openly gay minister in a main line protestant denomination. In 1975 the General Synod voted to denounce discrimination based on sexual preference. In 2005 they voted to affirm same sex marriage.</p> <p>One can lose their salvation.</p> <p>For many the use of musical instruments is prohibited.</p>	<p><b>Other Distinctives</b>            In July of 2013 they passed a resolution to allow LGBT members and and ordination as ministers. However, application of these guidelines are left up to each church.</p> <p>They have no denominational creed, providing freedom for each church to set its own standards.</p>

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Total Depravity - N	Total Depravity - Y	Total Depravity - Y	Total Depravity - N	Total Depravity - N	Total Depravity - N	Total Depravity - N
Unconditional Election - N	Unconditional Election - Y	Unconditional Election - Y	Unconditional Election - N	Unconditional Election - N	Unconditional Election - N	Unconditional Election - N
Limited Atonement - N	Limited Atonement - N	Limited Atonement - Y	Limited Atonement - N	Limited Atonement - N	Limited Atonement - N	Limited Atonement - N
Irresistible Grace - N	Irresistible Grace - Y	Irresistible Grace - Y	Irresistible Grace - N	Irresistible Grace - - N	Irresistible Grace - N	Irresistible Grace - N
Perseverance of the saints - N	Perseverance of the saints - N	Perseverance of the saints - Y	Perseverance of the saints - N	Perseverance of the saints - N	Perseverance of the saints - N	Perseverance of the saints - N