

# United Kingdom Partnership

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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## A NOTE FROM THE PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Dear Friends,

As I begin my report, thank you for your friendship and financial support. It is fair to say that the United Kingdom Partnership (UKP) would not be where we are today, much less exist, if not for your friendship, prayer, and financial support. Frank Hitchings and I are forever grateful for your ongoing encouragement. Thank you!

I thought it would be helpful to provide a report concerning the status and progress of the UKP for the calendar year 2024. I want to break it down into several “Questions with Answers” for your reflection. You’ll find these throughout this report.

Your Partner in the Gospel,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ed Norton', written in a cursive style.

Ed Norton  
Coordinator of the UKPartnership  
Memphis, TN

*“For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.”*

Romans 11:36

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# WHAT ARE OUR GOALS?

Since our founding in 2013, the UKP has pursued four main goals:

- **Encouraging** indigenous, Reformed **church planting** throughout the United Kingdom
- **Ensuring** 100% of **every dollar given** goes to the church planter (absolutely no overhead fees, and any size church can get involved)
- **Developing** meaningful **relationships** between churches, pastors, congregations, and families
- **Holding** annual **partnership meetings**, alternating between the USA and the UK



**Our Purpose:** The UKP exists to connect confessionally Reformed congregations from the United States to indigenous Reformed church planters in the United Kingdom.

**Our Vision:** We long to see indigenous and Reformed churches planted and flourishing throughout the United Kingdom. We prayerfully look forward to the day when the British landscape is enriched with vibrant and healthy Reformed congregations.

**Our Mission:** We desire to provide relational, spiritual, professional, and financial support in order to strengthen the Free Church of Scotland, the International Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales, the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, the Birmingham Collective, the London Project, and the Gospel Coaching initiative.

# WHAT IS THE “STATE OF THE UKP”?

The UKP Is healthy, growing, and forward looking. In the early summer of 2024, the Alliance for Mission & Renewal ([www.a4mr.org](http://www.a4mr.org)) asked me to write and provide an article for their website that would introduce others to the partnership. A4MR published this article in September 2024. The article provides the most current information on the status and health of the UKP. You can find the article using this link: <https://a4mr.org/uk-partnership-is-on-a-mission-to-serve-pastors-and-support-churches-in-the-uk/>.

## HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

The Lord has graciously provided the UKP with the funds necessary for its logistical operation, and we have begun the initial phase of bringing the partnership to scale nationally. This funding has also facilitated the distribution of funds to church planting organizations in the UK.

**OVER  
\$5 MILLION  
GIVEN**

Since September 1, 2013, the Lord has provided \$5,100,000 through his people with every penny going directly, without assessment fees, to Reformed and indigenous church planting initiatives that extend throughout the UK.

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# WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL INITIATIVES THAT BEGAN IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024?

## *UKP Logistics: Growing the partnership across the country*

Formed in 2023 as a 501(c)(3), UKP Logistics exists to:

- **Increase awareness** of opportunities to plant Reformed, indigenous churches throughout the United Kingdom
- **Assist donors** (churches, individuals, families, and foundations) with knowledgeable advice of the UK church planting landscape, a 501(c)(3) vehicle through which donations can be made, and the free wiring of funds directly to UKP church planters

## *Receiving and Distributing Financial Gifts*

Mr. David Fowler (retired CPA) is the Secretary-Treasurer of the UKP and the former Director of Operations and Finance at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. David provides essential financial oversight and accountability for the receiving, accounting, and distributing of all funds related to the UKP and UKP Logistics.

For the health and growth of the organization, we have begun the process of producing a **Business Plan, Strategic Plan, Marketing Plan, & Case for Support**. As the plans progress, we hope to provide the resources to strengthen and scale the partnership. I look forward to sharing these plans with you soon and their implications for the ministry.

## *UKP Annual Meeting | November 2024*

The 2024 UKP Annual Meeting was held at Deer Creek Church, Littleton, Colorado, on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. We are glad to report the encouraging news of our time together.

85 individuals registered and attended the meeting. 19 participants traveled from the UK, along with 66 from the USA.

In total, 19 congregations participated who are already part of the UKP, and 13 US congregations are exploring potential membership with the UKP.

Currently we have 30 congregations from the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) participating in the partnership.

## *Adopt a Church Planter & His Family*

In 2024, the UKP, in conjunction with the Free Church of Scotland, field tested the new ministry, **“Adopt a Church Planter Family.”** The basic concept is that a US family would adopt a church planter in Scotland for \$5,000 per year. This ministry aims to develop spiritual friendships for mission, vision, encouragement, prayer, and financing. This initial offering was proposed to Dallas, Memphis, and Tupelo families. These families have come together to finance approximately \$40,000 for the new ministry.



# 2025 OBJECTIVES

- Hold the UKP Annual Meeting in the UK, **November 3-7, 2025**
- Introduce our **Business Plan, Strategic Plan, Marketing Plan, and Case for Support**
- Develop a new **UKP website**
- Expand the “Adopt a Church Planter Family” Ministry
- Add **7 - 10 new USA congregations** to our partnership
- Invest an additional \$1,000,000 over the next two years for UK church planting

## ANCILLARY MINISTRIES THAT SUPPORT THE UKP

The UKP is associated with two UK organizations that support the UKP’s purpose, mission, and vision. These ministries are beneficial in assisting church planters in their roles and responsibilities. The UKP has an ongoing collaboration with Gospel Coaching and The Aquila Foundation.

### *Gospel Coaching: Developing Leaders & Building the Church*

**Gospel Coaching** is an intentional, prayer infused, gospel conversation with focused discussions on the leader’s relational, personal, missional, and spiritual life, leading to clear objectives and appropriate strategies to fulfill their God-given mission. Reverend Matt Waldock, City Church, Manchester England, facilitates **Gospel Coaching**. The ministry exists to build a Gospel ecosystem for the healthy expansion of the Kingdom of God through church planting in the UK.

<https://www.cmmnet.org/pages/uk>

### *The Aquila Foundation*

As a registered Scottish charity in the UK, The Aquila Foundation provides a unique solution through lease-purchase agreements with Reformed, evangelical congregations. This initiative allows churches to gradually acquire ownership, foster growth, and enhance community presence. Through this support, congregations can focus on their mission and ministry, confident in the stability of their physical environment.



Gospel Coaching

The **UKPartnership** seeks to help foster and fund indigenous church planters in the United Kingdom who hold to the tenets of the Reformed faith. The original goal in 2013 was to provide \$1 million over the course of 10 years where 100% of every dollar given would go directly to church planters. Since 2013, Reformed US churches in the partnership have given over \$5.1 million for that purpose.

The UKP does not require a fee to join. It exists solely to connect Reformed US churches with Reformed U.K. church planters primarily from the *Free Church of Scotland, The International Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales, and The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches.*

*Please cut & complete the following form to communicate your support of the UKP and mail it to the address below.*

- I want to pray for the UKP and UKP Logistics. I want to be added to their email communication distribution list.
- I want to adopt a United Kingdom Church Planter and his family for \$5,000/year for a \_\_\_\_\_ year period.
- I want to adopt a United Kingdom Church Planter and his family for \_\_\_\_\_/year for a \_\_\_\_\_ year period.
- I want to support the growth of the UKP Logistics by providing \_\_\_\_\_/year for a \_\_\_\_\_ year period.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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