



A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: FRENCH GUIANA

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Historical Overview:

Discovered by the Spanish:	1544
Under Spanish and French control:	1604
Territory disputed by the Dutch, French and Portuguese until:	1676
Under French control:	1676

Number of North American Protestant Agencies in 1997: Indicates European society*	5
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Significant Protestant Beginnings or Other Key Events

- 1624 - First French Protestants arrive; this is considered to be the origin of the Evangelical Church of French Guiana, which was officially established in 1997.
- 1636 - *Roman Catholicism established by the Spanish and French; the Diocese of Cayenne was established in 1956.
- 1900s - *Early 20th century arrival of the Christian Brethren (the Open Plymouth Brethren)
- 1940 - Seventh-day Adventists
- 1982 - Southern Baptist Convention
- 1986 - The Evangelical Church of the West Indies (West Indies Mission, now World Team)
- 1988 - The Church of the Nazarene
- 1991 - Church of God of Prophecy

Date of Origin Unknown:





NOTES:

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
- (2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

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