
A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: GUYANA

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Historical Overview of Guyana:

Governed by Dutch West India Company:	1621
Territory Ceded to Britain:	1803
Consolidated as British Guiana:	1831
Independence from Britain:	1966
Number of North American agencies in 1989:	24
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	23
Indicates European society*	

Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1621 - *Sometime after 1621 the Dutch Reformed Church began work among the white Dutch colonists but did little for the African slaves and Amerindians.
- 1738 - *The Church of the Moravian Brethren (Germany) arrived in Berbice, then under Dutch rule, and began the evangelization of African slaves on the coast and Amerindians in the interior.
- 1743 - Dutch Lutheran Church established at New Amsterdam in Berbice.
- 1803 - Britain occupies the former Dutch colonies of Essequibo-Demerara and Berbice (later called British Guyana).
- 1808 - *The London Missionary Society (Baptist) sends workers to Demerara (later known as British Guyana) and Tobago, and the following year one of them, Thomas Adam, relocated to Trinidad.
- 1815 - *Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society (England)
- 1825 - *Church Missionary Society, Anglican Church (England)
- 1835 - *Christian Missions in Many Lands (Plymouth Brethren in England)
- 1835 - *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, Anglican Church
- 1875 - Evangelical Lutheran Church in US, General Synod
- 1878 - Moravian Church in North America

- 1880 - African Methodist Episcopal Church, Missionary Society
- 1895 - *The Salvation Army (England)
- 1886 - *London Missionary Society (Baptist)
- 1896 - Presbyterian Church in Canada, Board of Missions
- 1899 - National Baptist Convention, Foreign Board
- 1900 - African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Mission Board (1911)
- 1906 - Seventh-day Adventist General Conference
- 1908 - Christian Church Mission Board
- 1915 - United Lutheran Church in America, Board of Missions
- 1924 - Wesleyan Church World Missions (1913)
- 1945 - Christian Catholic Church
- 1946 - Church of the Nazarene, World Mission Division
- 1949 - Unevangelized Fields Mission (UFM International, USA and Canada)
- 1954 - Baptist Mid-Missions
- 1956 - Church of God of Prophecy Mission
- 1957 - Assemblies of God Foreign Missions (1953)
- 1957 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1959 - Christian Church and Churches of Christ
- 1958 - Bible Missionary Church
- 1962 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board (now, International Mission Board)
- 1974 - Wycliffe Bible Translators (USA and Canada)
- 1986 - Pioneers
- 1988 - Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions
- 1993 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1992 - Canadian Baptist Ministries
- 1994 - Baptist International Missions
- 1994 - Walk Thru The Bible Ministries
- 1995 - Habitat for Humanity International

Date of Origin Unknown:

United Methodist Church
Youth With A Mission (YWAM) (USA and Canada)



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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