




A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: HAITI


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Historical Overview of Haiti:

Became Spanish Colony:	1492
Became French Colony:	1657
Under Control of French West Indies Company:	1664
Ceded by Spain to France in the Treaty of Ryswick:	1697
Slave Revolt against French colonial structure:	1791
Independence from France declared:	1795
Independent Republic established under President Toussaint Louverture:	1804
Concordat with Rome established:	1860
American military occupation:	1915-1934
Duvalier dictatorship:	1957-1989
Number of North American agencies in 1989:	121
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	79
Indicates European society*	



Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1795 - *Prior to this date, the Roman Catholic Church had become established during the Spanish and French colonial periods, 1492-1795.
- 1807 - *British Methodist pastors arrived to serve the English-speaking black population (English Wesleyan Mission, now the Methodist Church of Great Britain); the Methodist Church of Haiti is now part of the Conference of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas.
- 1816 - *Wesleyan Methodist Mission Society responded to Haitian presidential request sending two pastors
- 1816 - *Quaker evangelistic campaigns conducted by Etienne de Grellet and John Hancock.
- 1820 - American immigrants (some Protestants) responded to President Boyer's request for colonizers.
- 1823 - Baptist missionaries began work, later withdrew (Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society)
- 1861 - Protestant Episcopal Church begun under Rev. James T. Holly with 110 Afro-American immigrants from the USA.
- 1874 - Apostolic Orthodox Anglican Church of Haiti (under Bishop James T.

Holly) becomes autonomous province of the Protestant Episcopal Church; it reunited with the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1917.

- 1905 - Seventh-day Adventist General Conference (incorporate an independent work that began in 1879)
- 1920 - Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the Negro Baptist Churches in the USA.
- 1923 - American Baptist Home Mission Society (American Baptist Churches in the USA), associated with the Baptist Convention of Haiti (formed in 1960); since 1939 the American Baptists have cooperated with the Haitian Baptist churches founded by the English and Jamaican Baptist missions.
- 1927 - Society of St. Margaret (Episcopal service agency)
- 1931 - Church of God of Prophecy Mission
- 1934 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1936 - World Team (formerly, West Indies Mission), affiliated with the Evangelical Baptist Mission of South Haiti
- 1943 - Evangelical Bible Mission, Inc.
- 1943 - Unevangelized Fields Mission (UFM International) – Evangelical Baptist Mission of Haiti (incorporates the earlier Baptist work by Mr. Pierce in Port-de-Paix and the World Gospel Crusade in Port-au-Prince)
- 1946 - Child Evangelism Fellowship
- 1949 - Wesleyan Methodist Church World Missions (incorporated the work of the Hepzibah Faith Mission that began in the early 1940s)
- 1949 - Baptist Mid-Missions (1934)
- 1950 - Church of the Nazarene, World Missions Division (incorporated an earlier work that began in 1946)
- 1952 - The Missionary Church, World Partners (incorporated the early independent work in Pignon led by Eli Marc and a group of churches that split from the UFM in 1949)
- 1954 - Janz Teach Ministries, Canada
- 1957 - Assemblies of God, General Council (incorporated the work of independent Pentecostals in the hills around Miragoane that was founded in the 1940s)
- 1958 - Mennonite Central Committee
- 1958 - OMS International, Inc. (incorporated the work of the independent East West Indies Bible Mission that began in 1946), affiliated with the Evangelical Church of Haiti.
- 1959 - Greater Europe Mission, Canada
- 1960 - Baptist Convention of Haiti formed by the American Baptists and other affiliated groups; however, a group of Baptist churches in the Jacmel area did not become part of the Convention; these independent Baptist churches were later organized as the Jacmel Baptist Churches.
- 1960 - World-Wide Missions, affiliated with Eben-Ezer Church of God
- 1962 - World Gospel Mission
- 1963 - CSI Ministries
- 1964 - Missionary Flights International
- 1966 - Have Christ Will Travel Ministries
- 1966 - International Child Care
- 1966 - United Pentecostal Church International
- 1967 - Churches of God, General Conference
- 1967 - Macedonian World Baptist Missions
- 1968 - Friends for Missions, Inc.
- 1969 - For Haiti with Love, Inc.
- 1969 - Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Missions
- 1970 - Ministries in Action

- 1970 - Global Outreach Mission, Canada
- 1972 - Haiti Gospel Mission
- 1974 - Presbyterian Church, USA
- 1975 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church in America
- 1976 - International Pentecostal Holiness Church
- 1978 - Baptist International Missions
- 1978 - Southern Baptist Convention (International Mission Board)
- 1979 - Gospel Outreach, Ltd.
- 1979 - Mission Possible
- 1981 - International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
- 1981 - Habitat for Humanity International
- 1981 - Medical Ambassadors International
- 1981 - Missionary Aviation Fellowship
- 1982 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1982 - Harvest
- 1982 - International Partnership Ministries
- 1983 - Childcare International
- 1983 - Hope for the Hungry
- 1983 - New Missions to Haiti
- 1985 - Christian Reformed World Missions
- 1985 - Rehoboth Ministries, Inc.
- 1985 - STEM Ministries
- 1986 - Elim Fellowship World Missions
- 1986 - FOCAS
- 1987 - World Concern
- 1988 - Global Strategy Mission Association
- 1988 - Reciprocal Ministries International
- 1989 - Global Missionary Evangelism
- 1989 - International Teams of Canada
- 1991 - Christian Aid Ministries
- 1992 - Mission to the Americas
- 1993 - Barnabas Ministries, Inc.
- 1993 - ECHO
- 1993 - Evangelical Free Church Mission
- 1994 - TEAM of Canada
- 1995 - Mission Society for United Methodists
- 1996 - FEBInternational (Far East Broadcasting)

Date of Origin Unknown:

African Methodist Episcopal Church
 Agape Flights
 AMG International (Advancing the Ministry of the Gospel)
 Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God
 Evangelistic World Outreach
 Assembly of Christian Churches
 Association of International Gospel Assemblies
 Baptist Evangelistic Mission Association
 Baptist World Mission
 Bethany Baptist Missionary Society
 Bible Holiness Movement (Vancouver, Canada)
 Christian Church and Churches of Christ
 Christian & Missionary Alliance
 Church of God, Evangelical Holiness Union
 Church of God Holiness
 Church of God in Christ

Church of God in North America
 Church of Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith
 Church of the Brethren
 Compassion International
 Conservative Baptist Home Missionary Society – Conservative Baptist
 Haiti Mission
 Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions
 Eden Church of God
 Evangelical Church of Haiti
 Evangelical Methodist Church, World Mission
 Faith Holiness Mission
 Food for the Hungry
 Free Methodist Church
 Gedeon's Band Evangelical Church
 Haiti Gospel Mission
 Haiti Independent Baptist Mission
 Haiti Inland Mission
 Heifer Project International
 ISOH/Impact
 Larry Jones Ministry
 London Baptist Missionary Society/Jamaican Baptist Missionary Society
 (Jacmel Baptist Churches)
 Maranatha Baptist Missions
 Missionary Revival Crusades
 National Baptist Convention of America
 Open Bible Standard Churches
 Operation Mobilization of Canada
 Pentecostal Assemblies of the World
 Pentecostal Church of God, MI (founded prior to 1970 by missionaries
 from Puerto Rico)
 Pentecostal Holiness Church of God
 Progressive National Baptist Convention, USA
 Sinai Church of God
 Son-Light Mission
 Tabernacle Church
 TEAR Fund England
 The Salvation Army of Canada
 Teen Missions International
 United Evangelical Churches (Monrovia, CA)
 United Methodist Church
 World Mission to the Whole Man, Inc. (Miami, FL)
 World Relief Commission
 World-Wide New Testament Baptist Mission
 World Vision International
 Youth With A Mission (YWAM)



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.
- (3) Religious tolerance has existed throughout Haiti's independent history.

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