

# A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: PERU

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## Historical Overview of Peru:

Independence from Spain:	1824
Peru-Bolivian Confederation:	1836-1839
Independent Republic Established:	1840
War of the Pacific (Chile, Peru, Bolivia):	1879-1882
Religious Freedom Established:	1915 and 1925
Number of North American Agencies in 1989:	82
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	61
Indicates European society*	

## Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1812 - \*British and Foreign Bible Societies colportage
- 1822 - \*British and Foreign Bible Societies colporteur, James Thomson
- 1824 - American Bible Society colporteur, W. Wheelwright
- 1849 - \*Anglican chapel services in Lima
- 1858 - Early Swedish Lutheran chapel services in Callao: the Petersons.
- 1877 - Methodist Episcopal self-supporting School work
- 1877 - \*Non-conformist Anglican chapel services in Callao (William and Archibald Taylor)
- 1884 - Presbyterian Church USA work began by J. M. Thompson
- 1888 - American Bible Society colporteur Francisco Penzotti establishes Peruvian Bible Society, aided by a Chilean Colporteur, J. B. Arancet; Penzotti was imprisoned in 1890-1891.
- 1891 - Methodist Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions (Thomas B. Wood)
- 1893 - \*English Open Plymouth Brethren group in Callao (Charles H. Bright)
- 1893 - \*Regions Beyond Missionary Union (merged with World Team in 1995)
- 1894 - \*Evangelical Union of South America, EUSA (John Richie)
- 1903 - Pilgrim Holiness Church (Willis and Martha Brand)
- 1903 - Wesleyan Church World Missions
- 1906 - Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference (1898)
- 1911 - Early independent Pentecostal work begins in Callao and Lima by Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Cragin.
- 1914 - Church of the Nazarene, Board of Foreign Missions (Roger and Mary Winans)
- 1916 - \*Free Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, John A. Mackay)
- 1917 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- 1919 - Assemblies of God Foreign Missions (Hurlburts and Barkers)
- 1921 - YMCA, International Commission
- 1921 - South American Mission
- 1922 - Peruvian Evangelical Church – Iglesia Evangélica Peruana (IEP) – a national

church body formed by Richie and associates along Presbyterian lines (a cooperative venture supported by the EUSA, the C&MA, and the Presbyterians; Richie resigned from the EUSA in 1928).

- 1923 - \*South American Indian Mission
- 1925 - Christian and Missionary Alliance (during the early years, the C&MA cooperated with the IEP, but in 1954 the C&MA missionaries and churches left to form their own independent denomination)
- 1926 - Canadian South American Mission
- 1926 - Inland South American Missionary Union
- 1928 - First Pentecostal revival reported in Peru (the Ericson brothers in Carás)
- 1929 - Association of Baptists for World Evangelization (ABWE)
- 1935 - Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions
- 1935 - The Church of Christ (a national Pentecostal church body led by Jorge L. Cotos)
- 1935 - Baptist Faith Missions
- 1937 - Baptist Mid-Missions
- 1940 - National Evangelical Council of Peru formed (CONEP)
- 1944 - Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services
- 1945 - Missionary Pentecostal Evangelical Church (a national Pentecostal church body)
- 1946 - Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA and Canada
- 1947 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1950 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board (now, International Mission Board)
- 1950 - Pentecostal Evangelical Church of Peru (a national Pentecostal church body)
- 1950 - Autonomous Pentecostal Church of Peru (a national Pentecostal church body led by William L. Hunter)
- 1957 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church of America
- 1958 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1962 - The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)
- 1962 - United Pentecostal Church International
- 1963 - Every Home for Christ
- 1964 - Elim Fellowship World Missions
- 1965 - SIM USA (a merger of several mission agencies)
- 1966 - Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 1968 - Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- 1968 - Baptist International Missions
- 1972 - Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Missions
- 1975 - Evangelical Free Church of North America
- 1975 - Latin America Mission
- 1979 - South American Missionary Society (SAMS) – Anglican/Episcopal tradition
- 1980 - Christians In Action, Inc.
- 1981 - Food for the Hungry
- 1982 - Habitat for Humanity International
- 1984 - Childcare International
- 1985 - World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran)
- 1986 - Christian Leadership Development
- 1986 - Eastern Mennonite Missions
- 1987 - Macedonian Baptist Mission
- 1988 - The Luke Society
- 1988 - Bible Missionary Church
- 1991 - Kids Alive International
- 1994 - AMG International
- 1994 - Lutheran World Relief
- 1995 - BCM International

- 1995 - World Concern
- 1995 - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
- 1995 - Christ for the City International (affiliated with Latin America Mission)

**Date of Origin Unknown:**

- Brethren Assemblies, USA and Canada (1890s?)
- Christian Aid Mission
- Heifer Project International
- Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (affiliated with Carl McIntire in the USA)
- Irish Baptist Church (prior to 1940)
- Peruvian Inland Mission (prior to 1940)
- Scripture Union-USA
- Spanish World Gospel Mission
- 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.

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