Dayspring Presbyterian Church, Edmonton partner with the Likomba Presbyterian Church in Mission and Friendship.



Likomba is located in Southwest Cameroon, about 151 mi (244 km) west of Yaoundé, the country's capital city. Likomba is about 4 degrees north of the equator, so it has equal days and nights throughout the year – and is 7 hours ahead of Edmonton's Daylight Saving Time.

The Likomba Church is part of the **Presbyterian Church of Cameroon**, **PCC (Eglise presbytérienne camerounaise)** which has a **Total Membership** of **1,800.000** served by **500 Pastors**.

Established by the American Presbyterian Mission (now Presbyterian Church USA) in the 19th century and partially supported by the Basel (Switzerland) Mission since 1920, the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon became an autonomous church in 1957, although it maintains a close relationship with the PCUSA. At the start of the 21st century the evangelical action of the PCC covers the whole of the national territory. The vast northern part of the country, which is mostly Muslim, has a few PCC congregations with at least two pastors who originated in that region. The Presbyterian Church of Cameroon is also active in Europe, particularly in France and Switzerland where it has parish communities, and also in neighbouring Gabon (which is south of Cameroon).

The **PCC** comprises nearly 2 million members of local congregations under the guidance of 25 consistories (presbyteries). The medical department is responsible for many hospitals and medical centres. The school department runs 14 nursery, 32 primary and 11 secondary schools. There are also departments for Christian education and for agriculture. Various associations contribute to evangelism and social activities of the church: women, men, youth, companions for evangelization, and sons and daughters of pastors. The communication department runs a radio station called Christian Broadcasting Service (CBS) based in Buea S.W. Province. The **PCC** runs a theological Seminary in Kumba, South West Province.

Vision for Dayspring Church's Participation in this partnership

1. To establish a relationship with a congregation situated in a different culture, for the purpose of learning together how to carry out the mission of the Church

- 2. To connect with and learn from a congregation that is carrying out its mission in a cultural context that is familiar to some of Dayspring's families
- 3. To broaden the faith experience of all involved in the participation

Vision for Likomba Church's Participation

- 1. To create a partnership day which will be celebrated in both congregations to deepen and widen the spread of the Gospel
- 2. To establish exchange visit which will enable personal contact, increase understanding, and strengthen the relationship of our congregations
- 3. To carry out all the activities in Love and focus to our Lord Jesus Christ