

RPCNA Church Planting in Indiana

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Timeline & History

Defunct congregations

Glenwood	1805-1884
Salem	1821-1862
Princeton	1836-1943
Ray	1841-1927
LeRoy	1852-1887
Indianapolis	1867-1870
Evansville	1992-2000

*Muncie: RP church plant that became RPES

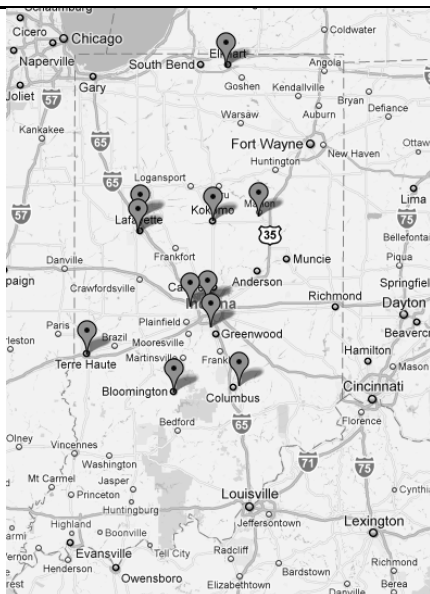
Living congregations

Bloomington	1821
Second Indianapolis	1964
West Lafayette	1968
Columbus	1978
Southside Indianapolis	1979
Sycamore (Kokomo)	1994
Elkhart	2000
Immanuel (West Lafayette)	2007
Christ Church (Avon)	2008

*Terre Haute

*Marion

*Current mission works



Lessons

Setbacks

- Columbus: timing tested
- 2nd RPC: the mother weakened
- Muncie: the work transferred
- Kokomo: a leader falls
- Immanuel: a deacon deposed
- Elkhart: faithfulness without growth
- Evansville: managing expectations

Blessings of church planting

- Joy & excitement in mission & ministry
- Seeing conversions and discipleship

Relationships

- Disciple-making
- Hospitality
- Mentoring pastors

Presbytery & the "mother church"

- Our evolution

The RPCNA

- Our distinctives
- Blessings & drawbacks

Vision

- Personal: Roy Blackwood
- Theological: mediatorial kingship
- Practical: strategy + following God

Conclusion: Where the ministries of the Word and prayer are, Jesus will build his church.