

Biography: Kirk P. Perucca

Kirk P. Perucca serves as the temporary stated supply of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, in an urban residential community. The congregation of Covenant is a racially and economically diverse congregation with a strong sense of ministry and mission in the community.

Kirk serves as Covenant's representative to The Presbyterian Urban Ministry Network, serving as moderator of that same organization. Kirk serves on Heartland Presbytery Council. Kirk is moderator of Heartland Presbytery's Peacemaking Committee. Kirk also serves on Heartland Presbytery Mission and Social Justice Division.

Perucca serves on the Swope Corridor Renaissance/Upper Room Board and is Board Secretary of Concerned Clergy.

Prior to joining Covenant Kirk was President/CEO of Project Equality. He held that position from 1996 to 2004. He was minister of Van Brut Presbyterian Church from 1986 to 1996. Prior to that he was minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Shellsburg, Iowa.

Kirk graduated with honors from the University of Iowa with a degree in Religion and Political Science. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Iowa and a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

He has participated in Presbyterian sponsored travel seminars to Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, the Soviet Union, the Middle East, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Statement of Faith: Kirk P. Perucca

I believe in God who has created and is creating.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God present in human form living on the earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, alive and reviving.

It is God; Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who is the ground of all being. God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit grounds my life and is the foundation of my life, faith and ministry. In life, in death, and in life beyond death we are God's. Our very being is from God.

From faith in God springs my call to ministry, mission and service.

Defining an infinite God, as a finite human being, means we, I, have only a glimmer, a glimpse of the awe and wonder of God. Through the Holy Scriptures we have more expression of God. Through Jesus Christ we experience the fullest dimension of God that we have seen. The Holy Spirit moves through God's universe enlivening us to God's presence.

As human beings, due to our finite nature, we fall short, by our own nature we will always fall short of God's glory and perfection. Sometimes we fall tragically short by denying the humanity of other, exploiting the poor and powerless and caring not for God's creation.

I believe the Good News of Jesus Christ that through his, life, death and resurrection we have been made as new people; our sins are forgiven.

By this grace of God, the free gift of forgiveness we are given life and life abundantly. We, then, respond –respond with our life and our service in gratitude to God.

We don't restrict the Good News to folks just like ourselves, but we truly share the Good News to all. We share the message of Jesus Christ with our time, talent, energy and self.

As the church we are the body of Christ. We serve as Christ's eyes, hands, head and heart in the world. We are called to care for the sick, those in need, those in prison, the hungry, and the oppressed. We are called to be present as the church in people's lives sharing joy and sorrow, seeking to fulfill Christ's call to justice, love and peace. As the church we are called to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that matters, provides meaning for ourselves and others, and to be a living presence of Christ in the community.