



# into the Melting Pot

*the question is more important than the answer*

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## **PCN Britain - The Eight Points**

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This is a revised set dated February 2015.

PCN Britain offers these Eight Points, not as a creed, but as an expression of the Christian life. We are people who

1. Seek God, however understood, guided by the life and teachings of Jesus
2. Affirm that there are many ways to experience the Sacred and that we can draw on diverse sources of wisdom on our spiritual journeys.
3. Recognise that following Jesus leads us to act with compassion and to confront evil.
4. Place hospitality at the centre of our communal and worshipping life and see the sharing of bread and wine as an expression of our common humanity.
5. Seek to build communities that accept all who wish to share companionship without insisting on conformity.
6. Know that the way we behave towards others is the fullest expression of our faith.
7. Gain more insights in the search for understanding than we do in certainty.
8. Work together within and beyond the Church to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world.

## **About PCN Britain**

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The Progressive Christianity Network Britain (a Registered Charity No 1102164) works to promote and support open and contemporary Christian understanding. We provide a network of local groups across the country, publish a radical quarterly newsletter, and organise regular conferences and events. Members come from all denominations and none, and we enjoy links with other progressive Christian movements around the world.

## Charter for Compassion

PCN has no hesitation in linking our endeavours to this wider movement for compassion founded by Karen Armstrong, which links together all religions, spiritual movements and those who hold no faith but simply value love.



**CHARTER FOR  
COMPASSION**

To mark our tenth anniversary in 2013 we signed the Charter for Compassion and now, as an organisation, we have become a Partner of the Charter.

## PCN Britain - The Eight Points (prior to February 2015)

We value the Eight Points first formulated by the Center for Progressive Christianity in America and adapted for the UK by PCN Britain, not as a creed or a statement of faith, but as an expression of how we live as Christians.

### We are Christians who . . .

1. Have found an approach to God through the life and teachings of Jesus;
2. Recognise the faithfulness of other people who have other names for the gateway to God's realm, and acknowledge that their ways are true for them, as our ways are true for us;
3. Understand the sharing of bread and wine in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all peoples;
4. Invite all people to participate in our community and worship life without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable (including but not limited to):
  - believers and agnostics
  - conventional Christians and questioning sceptics
  - women and men
  - those of all sexual orientations and gender identities
  - those of all races and cultures
  - those of all classes and abilities
  - those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope;
5. Know that the way we behave toward one another and toward other people is the fullest expression of what we believe;
6. Find more grace in the search for understanding than we do in dogmatic certainty, more value in questioning than in absolutes;
7. Form ourselves into communities dedicated to equipping one another for the work we feel called to do: striving for peace and justice among all people; protecting and restoring the integrity of all God's creation; and bringing hope to those Jesus called the least of his sisters and brothers;
8. Recognise that being followers of Jesus is costly, and entails selfless love, conscientious resistance to evil, and renunciation of privilege.