

Introducing David J. Pierson

Executive Director



The Board of Trustees for Alongside is privileged to introduce Rev. David J. Pierson as their choice for a new Executive Director. After many months of prayerful discussion and searching, a unanimous decision was made. David will assume leadership on September 1, 2010, at which time Margie Gilchrist, the current Executive Director will begin a three month mentoring time for David, making for a smooth transition. We are grateful for God's provision and look forward to the leadership David will bring to the heart and mind of Alongside in the coming years.

Joyfully, serving Him,
Jon Andresen
Board Chairman

Alongside Ministries Vision

... an international fellowship of Christians working together to strengthen the Church and advance the Gospel worldwide.

... to encourage and empower Christian leaders and churches through an international network of prayer, partnership, and practical help.

For over twenty-five years, we have worked with churches and leaders who have sought our help in several countries in Europe and North America including Albania, Austria, Estonia, France, Germany, Scotland, and the United States.



A Note From David

Jesus Christ said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Matthew 9:37 – 38) I rejoice that God has raised up Alongside Ministries for this challenging time in western culture to be a relational, flexible, missional community which is surrendered to Christ, bathed in prayer, and committed to His purpose.

Today, the secularized cultures of Europe have become mission fields, as have North American cultures. However, God has not abandoned His people nor forgotten His promise to build His church! Convinced of this we will seek through prayer and partnerships across cultures to come alongside Christian leaders and churches across Europe. We will continue to develop as a community which sends and supports workers in these mission fields which Europe and North American cultures have become.

I pray the results will include new believers, renewed churches and new forms of the church, in short - revival! Above all, I pray that in these ways Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Harvest will be glorified!

Let's follow Jesus together into the harvest!

David Pierson



Ministry Background

David brings the following education and experience:

BA, Economics, University of California, Davis, 1985

Master of Divinity, Fuller Theological Seminary, 1989

Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, AK 1989-1998

Director of Youth Ministries, Presbyterian and Reformed Ministries International (PRMI) in Black Mountain, NC, 1999-2003

Pastor of La Mesa Presbyterian Church, La Mesa, CA 2004-2010

In addition, David has participated in Alongside projects in Scotland and France. As a missionary and a pastor's kid, David grew up on three continents and has traveled extensively.



Meet the Piersons!

David and Nanette live in San Diego. They have five children ranging in age from 3 to 13 years. Nanette home-schools the children and one of their favorite family pastimes is reading together.



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