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# A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: PERU

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## Historical Overview of Peru

Independence from Spain:	1824
Peru-Bolivian Confederation:	1836-1839
Independent Republic Established:	1840
War of the Pacific (Chile, Peru, Bolivia):	1879-1882
Religious Freedom Established:	1915 and 1925
Number of North American Agencies in 1989:	82
Number of North American agencies in 1996:	61

Indicates European society\*

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## Significant Protestant Beginnings or Events:

- 1812 - \*British and Foreign Bible Societies colportage
- 1822 - \*British and Foreign Bible Societies colporteur, James Thomson
- 1824 - American Bible Society colporteur, W. Wheelwright
- 1849 - \*Anglican chapel services in Lima
- 1858 - Early Swedish Lutheran chapel services in Callao: the Petersons.
- 1877 - Methodist Episcopal self-supporting School work
- 1877 - \*Non-conformist Anglican chapel services in Callao (William and Archibald Taylor)
- 1884 - Presbyterian Church USA work began by J. M. Thompson
- 1888 - American Bible Society colporteur Francisco Penzotti establishes Peruvian Bible Society, aided by a Chilean Colporteur, J. B. Arancet; Penzotti was imprisoned in 1890-1891.
- 1891 - Methodist Episcopal Church Board of Foreign Missions (Thomas B. Wood)

- 1893 - \*English Open Plymouth Brethren group in Callao (Charles H. Bright)
- 1893 - \*Regions Beyond Missionary Union (merged with World Team in 1995)
- 1894 - \*Evangelical Union of South America, EUSA (John Richie)
- 1903 - Pilgrim Holiness Church (Willis and Martha Brand)
- 1903 - Wesleyan Church World Missions
- 1906 - Seventh-day Adventist Church General Conference (1898)
- 1911 - Early independent Pentecostal work begins in Callao and Lima by Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Cragin.
- 1914 - Church of the Nazarene, Board of Foreign Missions (Roger and Mary Winans)
- 1916 - \*Free Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, John A. Mackay)
- 1917 - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- 1919 - Assemblies of God Foreign Missions (Hurlburts and Barkers)
- 1921 - YMCA, International Commission
- 1921 - South American Mission
- 1922 - Peruvian Evangelical Church – Iglesia Evangélica Peruana (IEP) – a national church body formed by Richie and associates along Presbyterian lines (a cooperative venture supported by the EUSA, the C&MA, and the Presbyterians; Richie resigned from the EUSA in 1928).
- 1923 - \*South American Indian Mission
- 1925 - Christian and Missionary Alliance (during the early years, the C&MA cooperated with the IEP, but in 1954 the C&MA missionaries and churches left to form their own independent denomination)
- 1926 - Canadian South American Mission
- 1926 - Inland South American Missionary Union
- 1928 - First Pentecostal revival reported in Peru (the Ericson brothers in Carás)
- 1929 - Association of Baptists for World Evangelization (ABWE)
- 1935 - Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions

- 1935 - The Church of Christ (a national Pentecostal church body led by Jorge L. Cotos)
- 1935 - Baptist Faith Missions
- 1937 - Baptist Mid-Missions
- 1940 - National Evangelical Council of Peru formed (CONEP)
- 1944 - Mennonite Brethren Missions and Services
- 1945 - Missionary Pentecostal Evangelical Church (a national Pentecostal church body)
- 1946 - Wycliffe Bible Translators, USA and Canada
- 1947 - Church of God World Missions (Cleveland, TN)
- 1950 - Southern Baptist Convention, Foreign Mission Board (now, International Mission Board)
- 1950 - Pentecostal Evangelical Church of Peru (a national Pentecostal church body)
- 1950 - Autonomous Pentecostal Church of Peru (a national Pentecostal church body led by William L. Hunter)
- 1957 - Mission to the World, Presbyterian Church of America
- 1958 - Baptist Bible Fellowship International
- 1962 - The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)
- 1962 - United Pentecostal Church International
- 1963 - Every Home for Christ
- 1964 - Elim Fellowship World Missions
- 1965 - SIM USA (a merger of several mission agencies)
- 1966 - Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 1968 - Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- 1968 - Baptist International Missions
- 1972 - Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Missions

- 1975 - Evangelical Free Church of North America
- 1975 - Latin America Mission
- 1979 - South American Missionary Society (SAMS) – Anglican/Episcopal tradition
- 1980 - Christians In Action, Inc.
- 1981 - Food for the Hungry
- 1982 - Habitat for Humanity International
- 1984 - Childcare International
- 1985 - World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran)
- 1986 - Christian Leadership Development
- 1986 - Eastern Mennonite Missions
- 1987 - Macedonian Baptist Mission
- 1988 - The Luke Society
- 1988 - Bible Missionary Church
- 1991 - Kids Alive International
- 1994 - AMG International
- 1994 - Lutheran World Relief
- 1995 - BCM International
- 1995 - World Concern
- 1995 - Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod
- 1995 - Christ for the City International (affiliated with Latin America Mission)

**Date of Origin Unknown:**

Brethren Assemblies, USA and Canada (1890s?)

Christian Aid Mission

Heifer Project International

Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (affiliated with Carl McIntire in the USA)

Irish Baptist Church (prior to 1940)

Peruvian Inland Mission (prior to 1940)

Scripture Union-USA

Spanish World Gospel Mission

Youth With A Mission (YWAM)



## NOTES:

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
- (2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

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