

What is APA? Who can be apart of the APA?

“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance and that your latter works exceed the first.”

Revelation 2:19

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What is APA:

The Administrative Personnel Association (APA), established in 1976, is a professional organization created for the purpose of providing a supportive association that promotes continuing education, individual growth, communication, and fellowship for its members. It is group that strengthens lives both spiritually and professionally.

APA members have the opportunity to become certified in Church Administration at three levels. Courses are offered at APA regional conferences in nine regions throughout the United States and at an annual national conference. The core of the APA is this certification program which allows members to gain expertise in all fields associated with their position(s) within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Continuing education and personal growth increase the value of the lay professional to staff, congregation, and self. Courses offered cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Administrative skills
- Leadership development
- Technology and
- Financial management

People of a variety of faiths serve the PCUSA. Participation in the Administrative Personnel Association expands a person's understanding of Presbyterian history, theology, and polity and thereby enhances their contributions to the workplace.

Those eligible for membership include employees of churches and other Presbyterian related governing bodies in positions such as:

- Administrative Assistants
- Church Administrators
- Financial Administrators
- Office/Business Managers
- Secretaries

For additional information about becoming a member of the Administrative Personnel Association, contact Terence Whitehead at terence_dwb@yahoo.com.