

FOURSQUARE IS AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

Founded in 1923 in Los Angeles, The Foursquare Church has always kept its focus on reaching the world.

Though founded in Southern California, it's been our emphasis on reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus that has seen our movement grow even larger outside of the U.S. than within its borders. Now in 150 countries with more than 8 million members, Foursquare continues to focus on reaching the unreached.

Our churches in Papua New Guinea may look a little different from our gatherings in Portland, Ore., but as a movement, in every nation, we hold to the following distinctives, or values, that undergird all we do.



*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday
and today and forever”*

—Heb. 13:8 (NKJV)

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CHURCH**



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What makes Foursquare a unique movement?

An introduction to the
Global Distinctives

Our Global Distinctives:



KINGDOM PARTNERSHIPS

We will work alongside other Christians and churches with whom we can partner in mission. We will be a distinct movement, but also will hold a collegial spirit, and maintain a helpful and cooperative posture.



SOUND DOCTRINE

The Declaration of Faith of The Foursquare Church will guide our practice, church polity and call of believers into the work of the kingdom. It will be a biblical statement, apply to all members, and be the Declaration of Faith for all churches and all member nations. Its roots are deeply rooted in the sole source of spiritual authority: the Word of God.



EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

According to God's gifting and calling, we will intentionally prepare and release men and women across generations and cultures into all positions of leadership and areas of ministry.



FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

We will relate to each other with love in our global family. We acknowledge that relationships are the heart of God's kingdom and will extend grace to fellow believers through ministry, cooperation and mutual submission in our global church.



SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT

As a Spirit-filled movement, we will consistently minister the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and teach and encourage believers to fully express the gifts of the Spirit in their daily lives. We totally submit ourselves in obedience to the Spirit's use of our lives and His miraculous works in our day.



SHARED MISSION

We will focus our mission and ministry efforts on multiplying disciples, leaders, churches and national movements. Holding to God's passion for the lost, we will seek a movement of evangelism, mercy ministries, contextualized church planting and mobilizing indigenous believers in ministry among all peoples.



WHERE DID THE GLOBAL DISTINCTIVES COME FROM?

Leaders from over 70 nations gathered for three days in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2012 to hear the voice of the Lord for the Foursquare global family. During that time, the global Foursquare community agreed that though the governance, structure and even approach to ministry may vary, we are all in alignment with these six Global Distinctives.