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In 1965, the foundation was laid to build a house that became the home of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Naples. The dream of three devoted Christian families became a reality. The Presley Edwardses, the Ted Barkers and the Robert Avises prayed for a church home here in Naples.

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Groundbreaking with Minister James Conrad, Herman Moll, Clarence Beltz, Richard Webster, James Wilson, architect Robert Forsythe, and builder Ed Schrek

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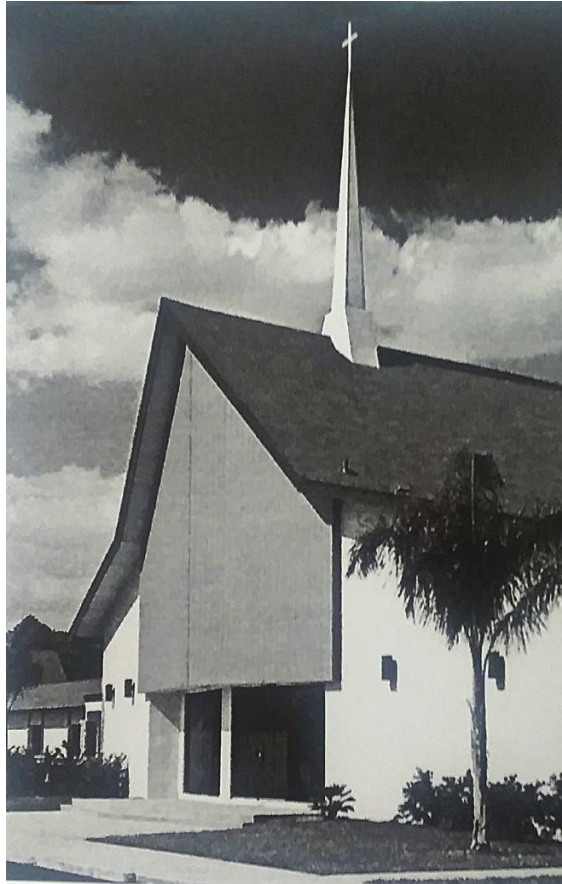
Reverend George Knight, his wife and five children, with three families became the first congregation

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1970 Worship Center. In 1978, it became apparent with continued growth that a larger sanctuary would be needed very soon

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1981 Worship Center. After two all-night prayer meetings pleading for God to give us families with children, God began to work.

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2011 Worship Center

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2014 Fellowship Hall opens

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Current Covenant Church of Naples campus.

How the PCA Came to Be

From a fight over Scripture in the 1920s to Covenant's own denomination in 1973–82

1920s

Liberal (“modernist”) theology spreads inside the northern Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). J. Gresham Machen leads the conservative, biblical response.

1929

Machen leaves Princeton Seminary and founds Westminster Theological Seminary to defend biblical inerrancy and the Reformed confession.

1936

After trial and suspension from the ministry, Machen and his allies found the Orthodox Presbyterian Church — a lineage that later produces Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary.

1861–1973

Meanwhile, the southern PCUS (Covenant’s own denominational ancestor) drifts theologically. Conservatives organize the “Continuing Church” movement to resist it.

Dec 4, 1973

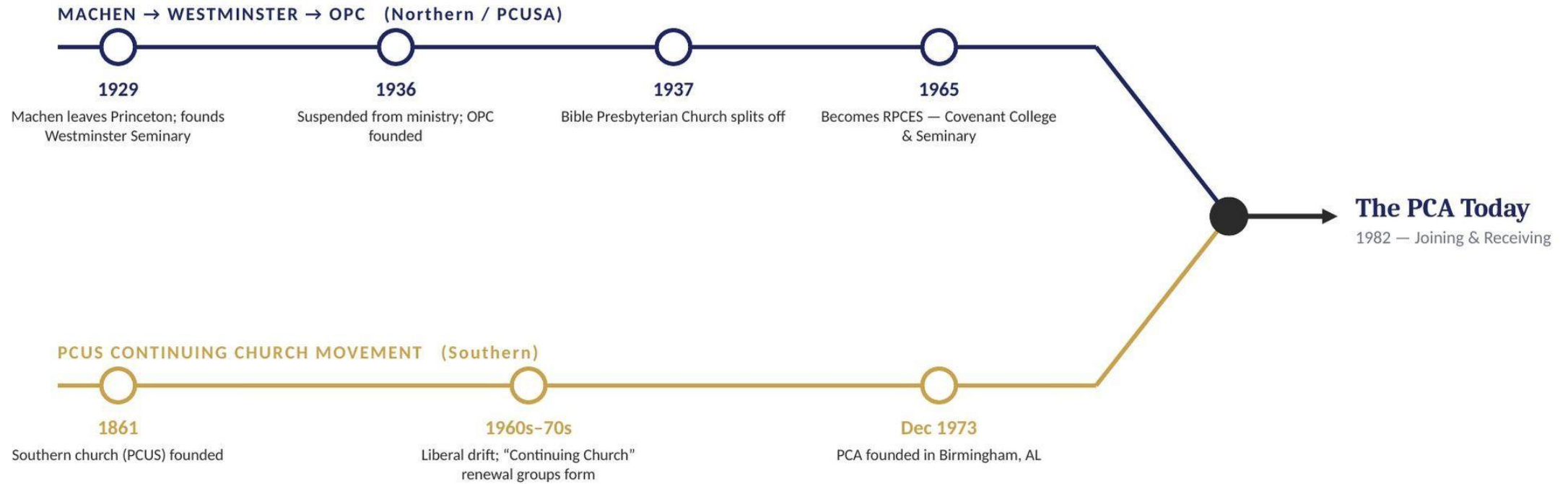
Unable to reverse the drift, conservatives withdraw and found the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in Birmingham, Alabama.

1982

Machen’s seminary lineage (Covenant College & Seminary) formally joins the PCA. Two conservative streams become one church.

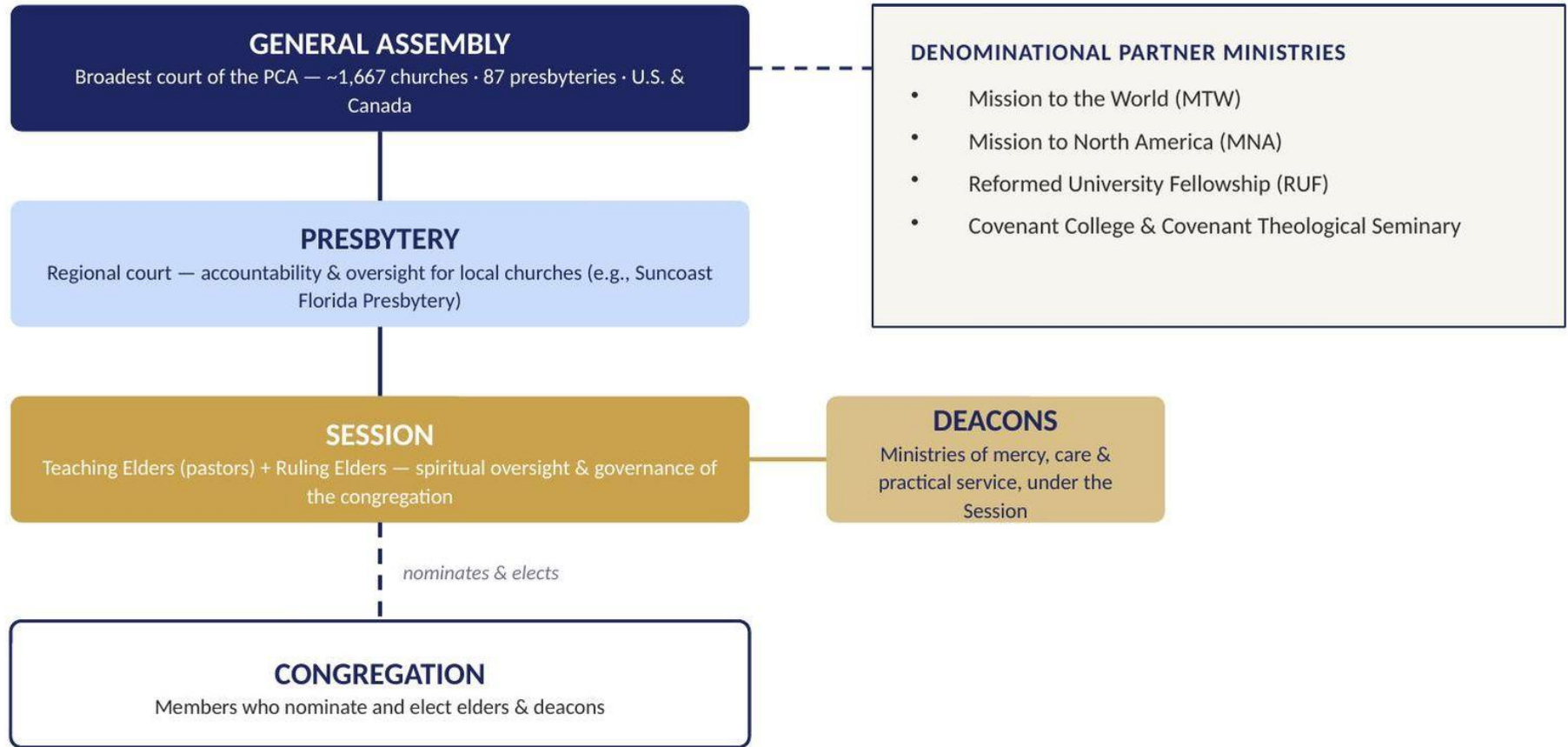
Two Streams, One Church

The Machen/Westminster lineage and the PCUS Continuing Church movement converge in 1982



How the PCA Is Organized Today

A representative system: three courts, under the headship of Christ



Officers are nominated, examined and interviewed, trained, elected by the congregation, then ordained and installed.