

#### Presbyterian Church in America

New England	Church Planting	Network
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Keene Statistics		
Population:	22,823	
Median Family Income:	\$57 <i>,</i> 393	
Median Home Value:	\$186,200	
Median Rent:	\$1,018	
Poverty Rate:	11.7%	
Crime Rate:	179	
US Average is 270.6 (2019, city-data.com)		

#### Age Demographics Median age: 36.6



In describing Keene, the city's website states that "the community maintains a solidly residential working-class character, complemented by a landscape of rural areas, farms, and open space." Unfortunately, the American dream inspired description of the city will not give the hard-working men and women of Keene eternal joy and peace.

Constantly ranked as the most secular, post-Christian region of the country, New England has both great needs and great opportunities. You cannot travel far without seeing a simple white church. There's one in nearly every New England town. These iconic landmarks are reminiscent of a time when the gospel of Christ permeated every

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aspect of life. Now many of those church buildings are homes to offices, exhibit halls, or restaurants, or at best house small congregations who may or may not ever hear the message of God's grace.

The New England Church Planting Network is committed to seeing the gospel thrive once again in Keene, New Hampshire.





### Highlights

- Situated in the Connecticut River Valley along the Ashuelot River
- About 55 miles southwest of Concord
- Home to Keene State College and Antioch University New England
- A center for insurance, education, and tourism
- State highways converge on Keene from nine directions
- Central square was recognized as one of the top ten public spaces in America
- City committed to using only 100% renewable energy sources by 2030

### Education

(population over age 25)93% High School Grad or higher27% Bachelor's Degree16% Graduate or Professional

# Marital Status



Cohabitating Couple Household 10%

# Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and cares deeply about relationships
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher Bible is taught clearly, wholly, compellingly, and is applied to life

### Support

- The Network offers years of ministry experience in New England, resources, and training to develop leaders and support the church planting effort
- Prayer support through the Network

### Imagine

- A church that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to give their lives away for the cause of Christ and the glory of God
- A church that actively, intentionally, wisely and faithfully seeks to plant other churches in our community, region and world

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