

PRESBYTERIANISM in SCOTLAND
16th - 21st Century

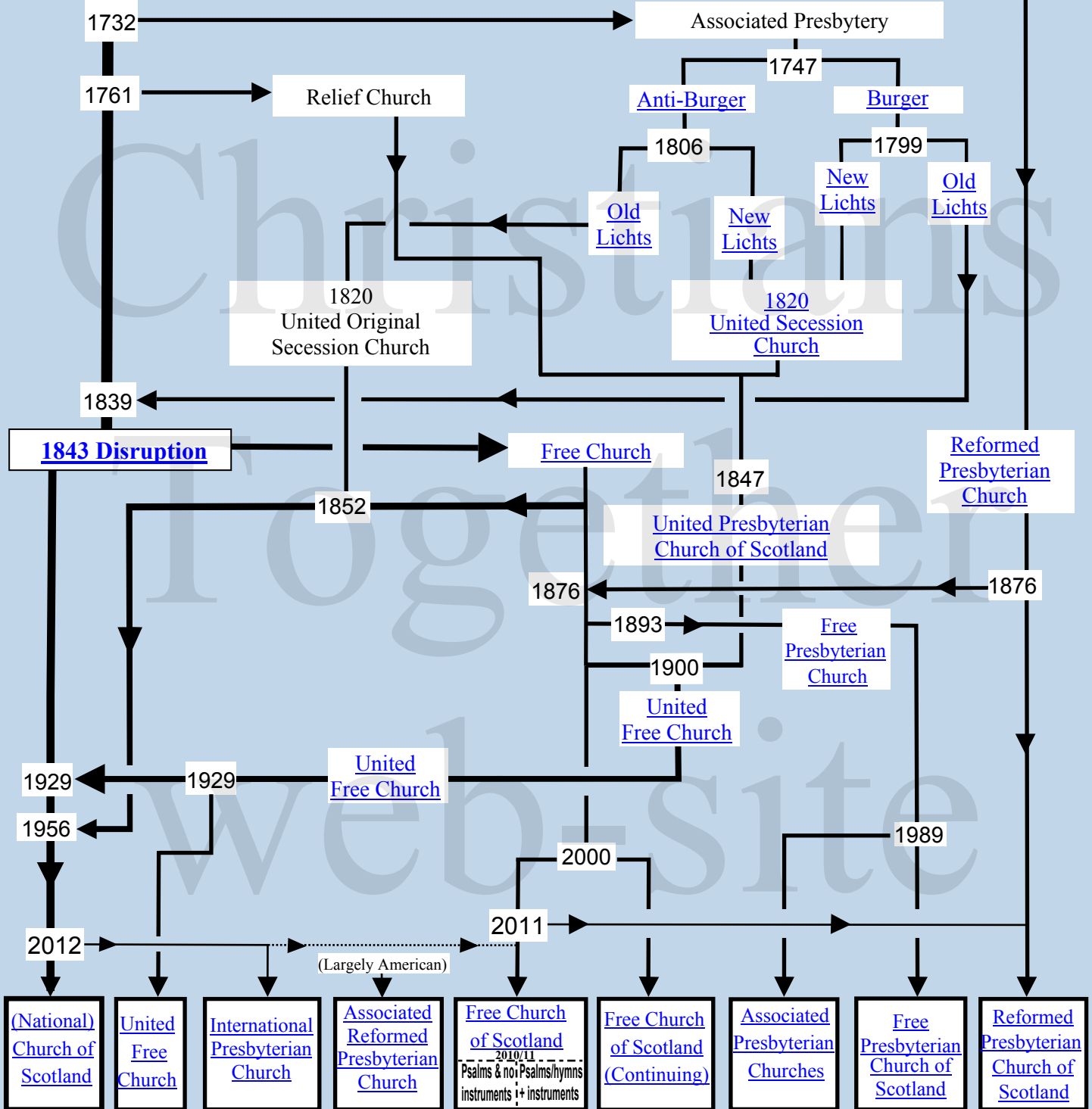
The Reformation

The Church of Scotland (1560) and The Scots Confession

Westminster Confession of Faith - 1646

The Act of Union between Scotland and England (1707)

Covenanters/
Cameronians



Notes: These denominations range in size from having hundreds of congregations and ministers to – at the smallest – single churches in Scotland. As each successive schism produces every smaller groupings, so these groupings tend to form associations on an international level. Invariably they subscribe to the 17-th century Westminster Confession of Faith as a common 'Subordinate Standard': the document itself is flawed, and the varying levels of allegiance to it has – and continues to be – a continuing, though not exclusive, cause of strife. (See article: ['The Westminster Confession: a critique'](#)). For brief history of the above see article: ['Presbyterianism - Scottish style'](#). At the time of writing the situation regarding the Church of Scotland is very fluid with a wide variety of responses and non-responses to the Kirk's stance on sexuality. Some have left, others are planning to leave and still more might find themselves yet in that position. **The Free Church of Scotland** remains internally-divided along reformist/traditionalist lines.