

The History of a Black Presbyterian Church

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Center City and South Philadelphia were once home to a mass of African American families. Slavery ended in Pennsylvania in the late 1700s, which led to the development of a free Black community. Philadelphia also became a landmark of the Underground Railroad and abolitionist movement. By the mid-1800s, the city's Black population had grown into a thriving community.

Black churches of all denominations were created due to discrimination in religious institutions. For the Black community, church became a place for self-expression, organization, outreach, and refuge, especially for those who escaped slavery.

This is the history of one such church, **Lombard Central Presbyterian.**

