

Beyond the Mayflower: History, Culture, and Encounter in Plimoth Colony

Class 3: Faith and Practice: Religious Life in Plimoth Colony

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Religion in the Plymouth Colony: Chronology

1602	Possible formation of the Scrooby congregation
1608	Emigration of the Scrooby congregation to Amsterdam
1609	Most of the Scrooby congregation move to Leiden John Robinson chosen pastor and William Brewster elder
1620	Settlement of Plymouth Elder William Brewster leads services for the congregati
1625	Death of John Robinson in Leiden
1628-29	Deacon Samuel Fuller explains Plymouth's congregational practices to John Endecott and Salem settlers
1629	Bradford, Brewster and others extend fellowship to Salem church Ralph Smith becomes first pastor of Plymouth congregation
1630	Samuel Fuller discusses congregational practice with John Winthrop and other leaders of new Massachusetts towns.
1631	Roger Williams comes to Plymouth and preaches by prophesying
1633	Roger Williams leaves Plymouth to return to Salem
1634	John Lothrop becomes pastor of Scituate congregation
1636	John Reyner joins Ralph Smith in Plymouth ministry
1637	Ralph Smith at Cambridge Synod to discuss views arising from Anne Hutchinson and her conference. Samuel Gorton arrives in Plymouth and hosts a conference in his home Ralph Smith leaves Plymouth; John Reyner becomes pastor Ralph Partridge becomes pastor of congregation in Duxbury William Hooke becomes minister of Taunton congregation

1638	Samuel Gorton expelled from Plymouth Charles Chauncy settles in Plymouth town John Mayo becomes pastor of Barnstable congregation around this year William Leveredge becomes pastor of Sandwich around this year
1640	Richard Blinman becomes pastor of Marshfield congregation
1641	Charles Chauncy called to pastorate in Scituate
1644	Death of William Brewster
1645	William Vassal's proposal for toleration blocked by Bradford
1647-9	Cambridge Assembly. Bradford and Partridge delegates
1648	William Bradford's First Dialogue Bradford's "Third Dialogue" composed this year or 1649
1649	John Clarke rebaptizes Obadiah Holmes and others in Rehoboth
1650	General Court legislates against unapproved congregations General Court makes it a crime to slander a minister
1651	General Court requires church attendance
1654	John Reyner leaves Plymouth town, which is without a clergyman
1655?	Samuel Hikes questions church ordinances
1656	First Quaker meeting in Sandwich
1657	General Court requires every town to support a minister General Court prohibits entertaining Quakers and Ranters
1658	Stiff fines for attending a Quaker meeting
1659	Non-resident Quakers to be banished.
1661	Plymouth town set rate to build parsonage General Court orders foreign Quakers to be whipped.
1663	First mention of rates to support ministry
1667	John Cotton Jr. becomes pastor of the Plymouth town congregation
1671	Revised law code provides for support of churches and ministers
1677	Colony ministers draw up guidelines for toleration



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