In the beginning, most universities in the U.S. were established as institutions of faith: the colonial colleges were Christian schools in mission. Here is an (incomplete) list of key schools begun by churches.

Baptist (77): Baylor, Mercer, Stetson, Samford, Sioux Falls, Liberty (originally Lynchburg Baptist College), Campbell, Carson-Newman, Charleston Southern, Hardin-Simmons, Mars Hill, Oklahoma Baptist, Shorter, Truett-McConnell, Wingate, Gardner-Webb, Mississippi and others.

Catholic (241): Georgetown, Notre Dame, Dayton, Seattle University, Xavier, St. Johns, Gonzaga, Loyola of Chicago, Fordham, Boston College, St. Joseph's, Marquette, St. Louis, Holy Cross, Creighton, Santa Clara, Villanova, Spring Hill, Seton Hall, St. Peters, St. Bonaventure and many more.

Church of Christ (20): Harding University, Abilene Christian, Faulkner, Lipscomb; Pepperdine; Florida College.

Congregationists (3): Harvard, Bowdoin College and Yale.

Episcopal (24): College of William and Mary, Columbia University, Sewanee, Kenyon, Lehigh, Boise State, Bard, Trinity (Hartford), St. Augustine in Raleigh and Voorhees, and nine seminaries.

Latter Day Saints (Mormon-7): Brigham Young (with sites in Utah, Hawaii and Idaho), Grand Canyon, Ensign, Southern Virginia, Dixie State, and Snow.

Lutheran (37): Augsburg, St. Olaf, Carthage, Concordia, Gettysburg, Pacific Lutheran, Lenoir-Rhyne, Susquehanna, Augustana, Gustavus Adolphus, Muhlenberg, Roanoke, Newberry, Valparaiso, Wittenberg and more,

Presbyterian (63): Princeton, Agnes Scott, Maryville, Centre, Coe, Davidson, Hampden-Sydney, Mary Baldwin, Presbyterian, Queens, Rhodes, Trinity, Dubuque Tulsa, Westminister (four with that name), and many more.

Quakers (15): Haveford, Earlhan, Guilford, Whittier, William Penn, Bryn Mawr, Johns Hopkins, Cornell and others.

United Methodist Church has more colleges, universities, theological schools and preparatory schools related to it than any other Protestant denomination, and 107 schools. Emory, Duke and Southern Methodist were founded as Methodist schools. Plus American University, Andrew College, Reinhardt College, Randolph-Macon, Huntington, LaGrange, Bethune-Cookman, Birmingham-Southern, Boston University, Syracuse, Clarke Atlanta, Millsaps, Univ. of Denver, Evansville, Indianapolis, Florida Southern, DePauw, Oklahoma City, Wofford, Wesleyan and Young Harris, and many more.