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Religious Groups: Definitions, Procedures, and Comments

African Methodist Episcopal Church [METH–AME]

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African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church [METH–AME Zion]

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Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America [ORTHE–Alban Orth Dio]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Ilia (Katre); Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection [METH–A.W.M.C.]

Contact person(s): James Kunselman

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Groups of persons who meet together for worship

Definition of attendees: Average of Sunday morning attendance

Definition of members: Full membership

Definition of adherents: Those whose names are on the attendance roll

Dual affiliation: No

Alliance of Baptists [BAPT–Alliance Bapt]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Amana Church Society [Amana Ch Soc]

Date of statistics: Dec. 6, 2011

Definition of members: Reported in phone conversation with June Pasco, researcher for the study.

Ambassadors Amish-Mennonite [MENN–Amb Amish-Menn]

See Appendix D: Amish Groups

American Association of Lutheran Churches [LUTH–Luth Ch-Am Asc]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 26,537 members in the *Yearbook*.

American Baptist Association [BAPT–Amer Bapt Assn]

Contact person(s): Russell P. Baker

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 65,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

American Baptist Churches in the USA [BAPT–Amer Bapt USA]

Contact person(s): Maureen Morrissey

American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese [ORTHE–Carp Rus Orth]

Contact person(s): Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

American Presbyterian Church [PRES–AmPres]

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Amish Groups, undifferentiated [MENN–Amish Undif]

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Anglican Church in North America [ANG/EPIS–Anglican NA]

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Definition of congregations: Parishes listed on their website, which may include congregations still associated with and reported by the Episcopal Church.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 100,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America [ORTHE–Ant Orth of NA]

Contact person(s): Fr. George Kevorkian; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

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Apostolic Christian Church of America, Inc. [Ap Chr Ch-Amer]

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Apostolic Faith Mission of Portland, OR [PENT–Apos Faith Msn]

Contact person(s): Alicia Parker; Darrel Lee

Date of statistics: December 2, 2011

Definition of adherents: This is an estimate.

Dual affiliation: No

Apostolic Lutheran Church of America [LUTH–Apostolic Luth]

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Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Catholicosate of Cilicia) [ORTHO–Armen Ap Cilic]

Contact person(s): Vazken Chougassian; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Armenian Church of North America (Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin) [ORTHO–Armen Ap Etchm]

Contact person(s): Christopher Zakian; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Armenian Evangelical Churches (Additional)

[CONG–Armen Evang Add'l]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Those listed on the aeuna.org website that are not part of another denomination.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: The Armenian Evangelical Union of North America is a union of Armenian Protestant churches and mission fellowships in three western hemisphere nations. Most of these are full members of other denominations. This list indicates additional churches and mission fellowships in the United States, not part of another denomination. The website aeuna.org in December, 2010 listed a total of 29

churches and two mission fellowships. 23 churches and the two mission fellowships are in the United States. Ten of the churches (IL-1; MA-3; MI-1; NH-1; NY-2; PA-1; RI-1) are members of the United Church of Christ. One church (NJ) is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). One church (CA) is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. One church (CA) is a member of the Church of the Nazarene. The remaining ten congregations and two mission fellowships are counted here.

Assemblies of God [PENT–Assemb of God]

Contact person(s): Sherri Doty

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Officially chartered church

Definition of attendees: Attendance of each week's services divided by the number of weeks in the year (usually 52). EXCEPTION CLAUSE: When extreme weather, major epidemic or similar disaster beyond the control of the church causes cancellation or drastic reduction in attendance, such weeks may be omitted in figuring weekly averages.

Definition of members: All whom local church considers members, regardless of age.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons who consider a local AG church their home church whether or not they are enrolled as members. All ages including children are included.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: NA; we are submitting total adherents.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Data are self-reported by churches and are likely to include some errors.

Assemblies of God International Fellowship [PENT–Assm God Intl F]

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Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church [PRES–As Ref Pres Ch]

Contact person(s): Leland R. Beaudrot

Definition of congregations: Local churches

Definition of attendees: We do not track attendees at this level

Definition of members: Active communicant (full) members

Definition of adherents: We do not track adherents at this level

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: Seems good to me

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations [LUTH–Assoc Free Luth]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 43,360 members in the *Yearbook*.

Association of Messianic Congregations [MJEW–Assoc Mes Cong]

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Association of Reformed Baptist Churches of America [BAPT–Asc Ref Bap Ch Am]

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Bahá'í [Bahá'í]

Contact person(s): Robert Stockman, Thomas Ralya

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Date of statistics: July 2011

Definition of congregations: Bahá'í communities are organized on a "parish" type system whereby all Bahá'ís located in a civil jurisdiction are considered members of the same community.

Definition of members: Person joining Bahá'í community

Definition of adherents: Use membership data

Dual affiliation: No.

Beachy Amish-Mennonite Churches [MENN–Beachy Amish-Menn]

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Berea Amish-Mennonite [MENN–Ber Amish-Menn]

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Bible Fellowship Church [MENN–Bible Flwshp]

Contact person(s): David Allen; Ronald Kohl

Date of statistics: 2010

Definition of congregations: An incorporated church, or a group going through the process of becoming a particular church within the Bible Fellowship Church.

Definition of attendees: The total number of worshipers each week added up for the year, then divided by the number of weeks per year.

Definition of members: Those who give evidence of personal salvation, have been baptized, and have been accepted as members within a Bible Fellowship Church Congregation.

Dual affiliation: No

Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod) [PRES–Bible Pres]

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Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio) [BRETH–Brethren (Ash)]

Contact person(s): Paula Strickland

Date of statistics: Dec. 8, 2011

Definition of congregations: Churches

Definition of attendees: Regular attendance, 3 time per month.

Definition of members: Typically no children. Most 15+ included in membership.

Dual affiliation: No

Brethren In Christ Church [BRETH–Breth in Chr]

Contact person(s): Pam Arnold; Warren L. Hoffman

Date of statistics: 2009

Definition of congregations: Officially launched or adopted; recognized by conference, per Manual Document of Government.

Definition of attendees: Tracked instead of membership at some churches.

Definition of members: Members take vows, are baptized in a church, no specific age, but membership is most likely at 16+ years old.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Related to the Mennonite Church, MCC member, attends Mennonite World Conference

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 20,739 members in the *Yearbook*.

Bruderhof Communities, Inc. [MENN–Bruderhof Comm]

Contact person(s): Johann Huleatt

Date of statistics: Dec. 1, 2011

Definition of attendees: Daily

Definition of members: Adult Christian Baptism

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: 100% accurate and up-to-date.

Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia [ORTHE–Bulgar Orth USA]

Contact person(s): Metropolitan Joseph (Blagoev); Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Calvary Chapel Fellowship Churches [Calv Chpl]

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Canadian and American Reformed Churches [REF–Can Amer Ref]

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Catholic Church [Catholic]

Contact person(s): Clifford Grammich

Date of statistics: 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish churches, mission churches, and some limited locations with regularly scheduled weekend Masses that may be considered regularly meeting Catholic congregations equivalent to other congregations in this study.

Definition of adherents: "Adherents" are generally equivalent to the number of baptized Catholic individuals known to each parish or mission church. For the 2010 study, each diocese was asked to provide, by parish or mission, their number of registered households, registered individuals, infant baptisms within the past year, deaths within the past year, and weekly attendance. This was part of an effort to provide a more congregational-based definition comparable to those of other religious bodies in the study. Put another way, the number of "adherents" is roughly equivalent to those who are known in some way to each parish or mission.

Comments on the accuracy of the statistics: Altogether, this work enumerated nearly 59 million Catholics known in some way to each parish or mission in the United States. This number is substantially below two common measures of the Catholic population in the United States.

First, as indicated in the introduction of this work, survey statistics indicate that more than 75 million persons in the United States may identify themselves as Catholic. Yet a large proportion of this population rarely or never attends religious services. As

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earlier noted, the General Social Survey of the National Opinion Research Center for 2010 indicates that 25.2 percent of the population claims to be Catholic, but only 20.2 percent of the population claims both to be Catholic and to attend religious services at least once yearly, and that only 15.4 percent of the population claims both to be Catholic and to attend religious services more than once yearly. Multiplying these percentages by the U.S. population in 2010 of more than 308 million indicates that there are nearly 78 million Catholics in the United States, but only 62 million who attend religious services at least once yearly, and less than 48 million who attend more than once yearly. Put another way, the count presented in this work of persons known to parishes or missions, nearly 59 million, is reasonably close to the population of 62 million that both claims to be Catholic and to attend religious services at least once yearly.

Second, *The Official Catholic Directory* (OCD) for 2010 indicated a Catholic (both Latin and Eastern) population of 65,836,730 in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Yet there is reason to believe that the means used to generate the OCD number varies by diocese, with some dioceses relying on survey estimates of the Catholic population rather than parish-level statistics.

Variations in reporting and accuracy by diocese were also evident in the data received for this work. We received attendance statistics for less than half of the churches. We received registration statistics and baptism and death statistics for most churches, but many did not provide all these statistics, while some provided more than we requested. Accuracy will very likely vary the amount of time and care each parish and diocese puts into gathering and reporting statistics—and the time and care appears to vary substantially.

The adherent statistics as reported do reflect in most locations the number of Catholics calculated through a method developed by the Catholic Research Forum “based upon Canon Law and assum[ing] the definition of a Catholic as someone who is linked with the Catholic community through baptism and Catholic burial. The basis of the methodology is the computation of: 1) the percentage of babies born who receive Catholic baptism; 2) the percentage of people who die who receive Catholic funerals; and 3) an average of the baptism and funeral statistics.” For more on this method, see Michael Cieslak, “Being Creative: Diverse Approaches to Estimating Catholics,” paper presented to the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, St. Louis, Missouri, October 1995. For more on varying methods for enumerating Catholic populations and their implications, see Clifford Grammich, “How Many Catholics? A Comparison of Methods for Estimating Catholic Populations,” paper presented to the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2008.

Central Yearly Meeting of Friends [FRND–Central Yr Mtg]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: August 2011

Definition of congregations: Churches and church extension

Definition of attendees: Average Attendance

Definition of members: Members

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This provides for children. However, since average attendance surpasses membership, many adherents are probably not included.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Current

Christian and Missionary Alliance [Chr & Miss AI]

Contact person(s): Julianne Connon

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: These are churches that are accredited, affiliated, and developing churches with the C&MA. This does not include church plants.

Definition of attendees: The average number of people that attend the main worship services.

Definition of members: Members are adults who have completed a membership class, confessed Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and signed the C&MA application of membership.

Definition of adherents: Adherents are members and non-members who regularly attend the church’s worship services and consider the church to be their church. This includes children, youth, and adults.

Dual affiliation: Unknown. We do have churches that we consider to be affiliated but we have no way of knowing if they are affiliated with any other organizations. They are required to do an Annual Report just like our other churches.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: The totals of membership, total inclusive membership, and attendance change all the time based on information we receive throughout the year from our churches and districts. These numbers do not necessarily match our “published” numbers.

Christian Brethren [Christian Brethren]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 86,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) [CHR–Chr Ch (Disc)]

Contact person(s): Howard Bowers

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Number of congregation officially recognized as of December 31, 2010.

Definition of attendees: Average attendance (per week) reported by congregations. Those congregations that have not reported in the past three reporting cycles are not estimated. Those that have reported within the last three reporting cycles are estimated at the last reported level.

Definition of members: Persons who are baptized and considered members by the local congregation.

Definition of adherents: No definition. There is no estimate made of the congregation’s non-member participants either child or adult.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: The

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procedure seems like a viable method for estimating the adherents.

Dual affiliation: Yes. About 1% of our congregation have dual affiliation. That is usually with the American Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and United Methodist.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Reports rely upon a key responder. In most cases the key responder is the pastor who may have a vested interest in the figures reported.

Christian Churches and Churches of Christ [CHR–Chr Chs & Chs Cr]

Contact person(s): Larry Collins

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Data compiled from the 2011 Directory of the Ministry.

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church [METH–C.M.E.]

See Appendix C: African American Bodies

Christian Reformed Church in North America [REF–Christian Ref]

Contact person(s): Nancy Haynes

Christian Union [Christian Un]

Contact person(s): Jim Eschenbrenner

Definition of congregations: Local gathering recognized by “district” officials.

Definition of members: Christian Union does not have a history of collecting data from churches.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 4,500 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of Christ (Holiness), U.S.A [Ch of Chr (Hol)]

Contact person(s): Joseph Campbell; Sheila Bingham

Date of statistics: July 2010

Definition of congregations: Each local church is counted as a congregation

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 10,460 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of Christ, Scientist [Ch Cr, Scientist]

Contact person(s): Debbi Lawrence

Date of statistics: Dec. 15, 2011

Definition of congregations: Includes Authorized branches Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Societies, formed in accordance with the Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, MA (c1895).

Definition of members: Membership numbers in The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, MA are not public. Article VIII, Section 28 of the Church Manual “Numbering the People,” states the following directive in regards to releasing membership numbers: “Christian Scientists shall not report for publication the number of the members of The Mother Church, nor that of the branch churches. According to the Scripture they shall turn away from personality and numbering the people.”

Dual affiliation: No

Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) [CGOD–Ch God (Ander)]

Contact person(s): Robert Edwards

Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) [PENT–Ch God (Cleve)]

Contact person(s): Sharon Adkins; Julian Robinson; Lynn Stone

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Church of God (Seventh Day) [Ch God (7th Day)]

Contact person(s): Whaid Rose

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Those listed in our Directory of Ministers & Churches, which is updated monthly.

Dual affiliation: Unknown

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: I have been working for over 2 years on a membership update, and have found many errors, areas where we do not have all the data imputed into our data base. I have often needed long time members to submit copies of membership certificates. We are hoping accuracy will increase in the next 2 years as this project continues.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 11,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of God by Faith, Inc. [PENT–Ch of God by Faith]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 35,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of God General Conference [Ch of God Gen Conf]

Contact person(s): David Krogh

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: A group of people who meet weekly for worship that have applied for and been granted membership in our association of churches by the Board of Directors.

Definition of members: Baptized and active in the church by attending at least 13 Sundays per year and make periodic financial contributions.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: Your procedure is acceptable.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: A statistical form is mailed to each church requesting information for the previous year. This form must be returned in order for a church to have delegate representation at our annual summer Conference. When a church does not return the form, information from the previous year is used as an estimate for the current year.

Church of God in Christ [PENT–COGIC]

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Church of God in Christ, Mennonite [MENN–CG in Cr (Menn)]

Contact person(s): Dale Koehn

Church of God of Prophecy [PENT–Ch of God Proph]

Contact person(s): Shaun McKinley

Date of statistics: August 2010

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Definition of congregations: An organized local church, does not include churches that are designated as “mission” status due to being newly planted.

Definition of attendees: Not reported

Definition of members: Number of members reported by local churches as having accepted our “membership covenant.” Does not include regular attendees who have not accepted church membership covenant.

Definition of adherents: To be estimated using the RCMS standard formula.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents:
Acceptable

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Reporting is mandatory but not heavily enforced. We do strive to maintain accurate records but cannot verify the accuracy of the report.

Church of God of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. [PENT–Ch God Apos Fth]

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Church of God, Mountain Assembly, Inc. [PENT–Ch God Mtn Asm]

Contact person(s): James Kilgore

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 7,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints [LDS–L-D Saints]

Contact person(s): Cliff Higbee; Glen Buckner

Date of statistics: Year-end 2010

Definition of congregations: Total wards and branches in the United States

Definition of adherents: Total members, including children of record, in the United States

Dual affiliation: No

Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. [PENT–Ch Lord Jesus Apos]

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Church of the Brethren [BRETH–Ch of Brethren]

Contact person(s): Jean Clements

Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America [LUTH–Ch of Luth Br]

Contact person(s): Barb Walswick

Church of the Lutheran Confession [LUTH–Ch Luth Conf]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 6,175 members in the *Yearbook*.

Church of the Nazarene [Ch of Nazarene]

Contact person(s): Dale Jones

Date of statistics: September 30, 2010

Definition of congregations: All organized churches plus those not yet organized reporting statistics.

Definition of attendees: Average weekly attendance at worship services during the prior year. This usually includes children and workers

in nurseries or other specialized ministries conducted at the same time as the worship service. When multiple services are held, the totals from all services would typically be included.

Definition of members: Full members received into local congregations. All members of the Church of the Nazarene are members of a local congregation.

Definition of adherents: The larger of full and associate members, responsibility list (those involved in Sunday School or other discipleship ministries), average weekly attendance in discipleship activities, or average weekly worship attendance.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: High participation rates (over 98% annually) and double-checked by district personnel.

Church of the United Brethren in Christ [Un Breth in Cr]

Contact person(s): Cathy Reich

Date of statistics: December 8, 2011

Definition of congregations: Every congregation in the USA which agrees to sign a covenant.

Definition of attendees: The number of attendees at the major weekend services, combined.

Definition of members: The congregation keeps a listing of all adults who become full members.

Definition of adherents: I could recommend adherents to be same number as attendees at 85% to account for visitors, etc.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: We have submitted all figures and data as reported to us. There were some not reported at all, therefore no figures given.

Churches of Christ [CHR–Chs of Christ]

Contact person(s): Carl Royster

Churches of Christ in Christian Union [Ch Christ Chr Union]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 10,645 members in the *Yearbook*.

Churches of God, General Conference [CGOD–Ches God-Gen Con]

Contact person(s): Candice Shoemaker

Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches [REF–Comm Ref Evan]

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Community of Christ [LDS–Comm of Christ]

Contact person(s): Christi Duke

Congregational Christian Churches, Additional (not part of any national CCC body) [CONG–Cong Chr Add'l]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Churches are a “local continuing body of believers which is a congregation of the universal Church of Christ.” (Report on the Commission on the Study of the Congregational Christian Churches, 1956)

Definition of members: Total membership

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Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This is consistent with past reports.

Dual affiliation: Yes. These churches are affiliated with Associations and Conferences of the United Church of Christ, but are not part of any national Congregational Christian body.

The Constitution of the United Church of Christ provides that local Conferences and Associations may remain in fellowship with Congregational Christian Churches not part of the United Church of Christ. Their statistics are to be kept separately. As of December 31, 2010, twenty-one of the Conferences of the United Church Conferences took advantage of this clause for 95 congregations. These are included in two categories: "Schedule I" churches (which "have not voted" or have "voted to abstain from voting" on whether to join the United Church) and "Schedule II" churches (which have "voted not to be a part" of the United Church). Of the 95 congregations, 28 have a primary national relationship with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches or the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, and are not reported here. An additional four congregations are inactive (having a legal existence, but not holding regular worship services) are also not shown here. This leaves the 63 congregations shown here. Of the reported churches one is dually aligned to the American Baptist Churches and one to the Evangelical Covenant Church. One is federated to an American Baptist Church and another one is federated to a United Methodist Church.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Most are current or very recent reports. One church did not report membership. About ten churches (notably in IN, IA, and PA) reported very old data.

Congregational Holiness Church [PENT–Cong Hol Ch]

Contact person(s): Lynn Carnes

Congregational Methodist Church [METH–Cong Meth]

Contact person(s): Janet Woods

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Number of churches who meet each week for worship.

Definition of attendees: Average morning worship (separate from Sunday School) is reported annually to their annual conferences and to our head General Conference.

Definition of members: Age 16+, Full Member; Below 16, Junior Member

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Not all of our churches report so these figures are based solely on the number who did report; 149 of 178 churches reported.

Conservative Baptist Association of America [BAPT–Consrv Bapt]

Published Directory

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 200,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference [CONG–Consrv Cong Chr]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: "Member churches" or "churches in development"

Definition of attendees: AM attendance

Definition of members: Church membership

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the normal format for reported Conservative Conference data. However, the strong average attendance in most congregations suggests many adult adherents not included in these numbers.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Limited. United Church of Christ; National Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: 223 of 293 reported full member churches are current year membership reports. Seventy churches (23.8%) are picked up from previous year's reports. Average attendance for two congregations was estimated using the national denominational percentage of members. No membership or attendance figures provided for churches in development.

Conservative Judaism [JUD–Conserv]

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Conservative Lutheran Association [LUTH–Cons Luth Assn]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 1,338 members in the *Yearbook*.

Conservative Mennonite Conference [MENN–Cons Menn Conf]

Contact person(s): Delores Yoder

Date of statistics: September 2010

Definition of congregations: Established, organized churches church plants are not included.

Definition of attendees: includes children, counted each Sunday by local churches.

Definition of members: Most churches have an official membership roll that tracks additions and subtractions

Definition of adherents: Those who attend regularly, but have not formally committed themselves through membership.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Maple Grove Mennonite, Hartville, Ohio; Lowville Mennonite and Pine Grove Mennonite, New York, and Faith Community, El Dorado, Arkansas share their affiliation with Mennonite Church USA

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Each September we send out a letter with our current information asking the churches to update their information. These are used for our data. These figures are adjusted to represent 100%.

Conservative Yearly Meetings of Friends [FRND–Consrv Yr Mtgs]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Iowa and Ohio: 2010; North Carolina: 2011

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

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Definition of attendees: N/A

Definition of members: Members.

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the normal format for reporting Quaker data. However, some Conservative meetings may include younger children in their membership figures. While this would contradict the use of this formula, its use is counter-balanced by another fact. Since nearly a quarter of reported Conservative meetings do not report any membership the adherents must be significantly higher than reported members. This formula does maintain consistency of reporting and perhaps balances out two contradictory tendencies.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Four local meetings in North Carolina (with 286 members) are dually aligned to a Friends General Conference Fellowship.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Member data is collected by Yearly Meetings and varies in the items collected. Nine of 40 local meetings (22.5%) are worship groups, preparatory meetings, etc. that do not report members and are shown with "zero" members. Often key members of these groups belong to other local meetings. Other times these groups are not fully organized.

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Convention of Original Free Will Baptists [BAPT–Orig Free Will Bapt]

Contact person(s): Buddy Sasser

Date of statistics: Dec. 7, 2011

Definition of congregations: By church name

Definition of attendees: Sunday morning attendance

Definition of members: Full members

Definition of adherents: All attenders

Dual affiliation: No

Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference

[BAPT–Converge/BGC]

Contact person(s): Peg Windmiller

Date of statistics: 2010

Definition of congregations: Any church or church plant recognized by one of the 11 Converge Worldwide/BGC Regions of the US

Definition of attendees: Average Sunday Attendance

Definition of adherents: Estimated using attendance * 1.2

Dual affiliation: Yes. About 25 are affiliated with Vision 360

Coptic Orthodox Church [ORTHO–Coptic Orth Ch]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop David; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: : Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children,

regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially

Dual affiliation: No

Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church [PRES–Cov Ref Pres]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 300 members in the *Yearbook*.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church [PRES–Cumber Presb]

Contact person(s): Michael Sharpe

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Consists of professing Christians, together with their baptized children, who covenant with each other to meet regularly to worship God and study the Word of God, join together in a common witness to the gospel, and engage in good works to which Christians are called, and who have adopted a certain form of government.

Definition of attendees: Not available

Definition of members: Persons who have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, entered into the church covenant, and received the sacrament of baptism.

Dual affiliation: Yes. We have 12 congregations that are union congregations with the Presbyterian Church USA. These congregations hold dual membership in each denomination, usually reporting stats (1/2 to each denomination).

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: See reporting form sent to each congregation yearly.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America [PRES–Cum Pres Am]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 15,142 members in the *Yearbook*.

Elim Fellowship [PENT–Elim]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Enterprise Baptists Association [BAPT–Enterprise Bapt Assoc]

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Episcopal Church [ANG/EPIS–Episcopal]

Contact person(s): Kirk Hadaway

Eritrean Orthodox [ORTHO–Eritrean Orth]

Contact person(s): Rev. Fr. Michael Yohannes; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2011

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

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Ethiopian Orthodox [ORTHO–Ethiopian Orth]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Melchizedek; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2011

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Dual affiliation: No

Evangelical Association of Reformed, and Congregational Christian Churches [Evan Assoc RCC]

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Evangelical Church [Evan Ch]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 12,430 members in the *Yearbook*.

Evangelical Congregational Church [Evan Cong Ch]

Contact person(s): Brenda Long

Evangelical Covenant Church [Evan Cov Ch]

Contact person(s): David Olson; Fredrik Wall

Date of statistics: 2010

Definition of congregations: Worship group; officially affiliated and self-supporting with pastor.

Definition of members: Received as members via official process of Local Church; some include children, some don't. On average, children 13+ can be members.

Definition of adherents: Regular participants in the life of the church.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: Our analysis of churches in our denomination suggests that there is a multiplication factor of 1.3 to get to a best estimate of adherents. The analysis is based on research done by Dave Olson.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: To find our statistical data for attendance we have determined that the month of November is the most accurate month in order to see over or underestimate attendance because of holidays, etc. We are sampling 5 weekends and take out high and low data and do an average of the remaining three. We still do a manual control of the outcome and communicate back to churches and our local conferences should the data not seem to be representative based on prior year's numbers. Membership data is collected as a year-end number from another statistical report sent to our churches.

Evangelical Free Church of America [Evan Free Ch]

Contact person(s): Lisa Theurer

Evangelical Friends Church International [FRND–Evan Fr Ch Intl]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Data from four regions is from their 2010 meetings. Southwest data is from December 2005. Alaska details were estimated from incomplete 2007 data. Information on Hispanic congregations has been enhanced through the use of the Hispanic Friends website www.institutualma.org/directorio/ in 2011.

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

Definition of attendees: Sunday AM.

Definition of members: Members

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the normal way for reporting Friends data. However, some churches do include minor children in their membership. Nevertheless, with Evangelical Friends attendance so outstripping membership, it is clear that this formula undercounts Evangelical Friends total adherents.

Dual affiliation: Yes. One Kansas church reported with 443 members is dually aligned to the Friends United Meeting.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Member data is collected by the Regions and Yearly Meetings and varies in content. 40 local churches out of 306 total (13.1%) are mission points, new starts, worship groups, etc. that do not report members and are shown with "zero" members. Often key members of these groups belong to other local meetings. Other times these groups are not fully organized.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [LUTH–E.L.C.A.]

Contact person(s): Deborah Myers

Date of statistics: August 30, 2011

Definition of congregations: Those that have incorporated and have been received onto the roster of the Synod (territory) in which they are located.

Definition of attendees: The number of people worshipping weekly at all regularly held worship services: i.e. Sunday, Saturday and a mid-week service if it is held throughout the year (not just during Lent).

Definition of members: The ELCA begins communion for 5th graders. Confirmation takes place a few years after communion.

Definition of adherents: The ELCA counts all baptized members when determining its membership. Confirmed members would be a subset of baptized. Confirmed members is: 3,444,021 and baptized is: 4,543,037.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: We rely on our congregations to file reports annually to obtain the data. Not all congregations file. For those that do not file, their data is carried over from the last year filed on record and is included in our numbers.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod [LUTH–Evan Luth Syn]

Contact person(s): Elsa Ferkenstad

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Incorporated congregations accepted into membership in the synod.

Definition of attendees: Average total attendance for weekend (i.e., if the congregation has two identical Sunday services, it is the attendance at both services).

Definition of members: Members who have completed confirmation

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instruction.

Definition of adherents: Baptized members of congregations.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Statistics are reported to synod office by local pastors. Every effort is made to receive updated information each year. However, there is occasionally data for a particular church that is carried over from the previous year because a current report was not available.

Evangelical Methodist Church [METH–Evan Meth Ch]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 8,615 members in the *Yearbook*.

Evangelical Presbyterian Church [PRES–Evan Presby Ch]

Contact person(s): Annette Minard

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Organized bodies of faith formally recognized by our Presbyteries as qualified particular or mission churches.

Definition of attendees: Average weekly worship attendance (both adults and children) in primary (Saturday night/Sunday morning) worship services. This figure does not include additional Sunday night or Wednesday services unless that is the time of primary worship.

Definition of members: Membership formally recognized by church, usually ages 12 or older (not baptized children).

Definition of adherents: Members plus baptized rolls (children)

Dual affiliation: No

Federation of Reformed Churches [REF–Fed Ref Ch]

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Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches [MENN–Fel Evg Bib Ch]

Contact person(s): Paul A. Boecker

Date of statistics: November 22, 2011

Definition of members: Most 14+, no definitive age for Baptism, usually Jr. High, most members adults

Dual affiliation: No

Fellowship of Evangelical Churches [MENN–Fel Evg Ch]

Contact person(s): Lynette Augsburger

Foursquare Gospel, International Church of the [PENT–Int Foursq Gos]

Contact person(s): Wanda Brackett

Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) [PRES–Free Ch Scot]

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Free Methodist Church of North America [METH–Free Methodist]

Contact person(s): Kelly Sheads

Free Presbyterian Church of North America [PRES–Free Pres NA]

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Free Reformed Church of North America [REF–Free Ref NA]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Free Will Baptists, National Association of [BAPT–Free Will Bapt]

Contact person(s): Keith Burden, Dari Goodfellow, Ryan Lewis

Friends General Conference [FRND–Fr Gen Cf]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: See Accuracy section below

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

Definition of attendees: Only two of the Yearly Meetings or Fellowship publish attendance records, so it is not shown in the main lists. (See comments under adherent formula.)

Definition of members: Includes “non-resident,” “youth,” “teens,” and other designations.

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the normal procedure for Friends data. Some local meetings may include children in member figures, but there is no uniform policy. There is other data that may suggest General Conference adherents. Four Yearly Meetings report a figure roughly equivalent to adherents. Intermountain with 983 members (not including 25 in the Wyoming group) reports a total of 1,589 as “number in meetings, including worship groups.” Ohio Valley with (rounded for dual meetings) 769 members reports an additional 143 “non-member attendees.” Southern Appalachian with 594 members reports 1,142 “total individuals.” Southeastern with 501 members reports 903 “total persons.” Average attendance data is also available for two Yearly Meetings. Reported attendance as a percentage of membership for each of these is 74.6% for Lake Erie; and 45.8% for Ohio Valley, an average of 66.9% for these two Yearly Meetings. Since, also, the data collected includes many local meetings not reporting any membership the total General Conference adherent number must be higher than reported. It must be concluded that this formula undercounts General Conference adherents.

Dual affiliation: Yes. For the extensive dual alignment with the Friends United Meeting see the separate entry for “Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting, dually aligned meetings.” In addition there are the following dual alignments. Four meetings in North Carolina with 286 members are dually aligned to the Friends – Conservative. Five meetings, (California: 2 with 92 members; Idaho 1 with no member report; Washington 1 with 61 members; and Wyoming 1 with 4 members) are dually aligned with one of the Independent Yearly Meetings.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Member data is collected by the Yearly Meetings and varies in dating and items collected. 103 local meetings out of 382 total (27.0%) are worship groups, preparatory meetings, etc. that do not report members and are shown with “zero” members. Often key members of these groups belong to other local meetings. Some others of these groups are not fully organized. The Wyoming group of five local communities mentioned above is affiliated directly to the General Conference and to one General Conference Yearly Meeting. Two other meetings (one in North Carolina and one in

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Wisconsin) each belong to two General Conference Yearly Meetings. These duplications have been removed in the figures reported. Data for five Yearly Meetings is from their 2010 meetings. Northern Yearly Meeting is also from their 2010 report, but many local memberships were estimated from other data in written reports. Southeastern is from its 2011 report, Ohio Valley the 2009 report, and South Central its 2007 report. Surveys conducted in 2011 were used to assemble member data shown for the Piedmont Fellowship (very incomplete), and for meetings directly affiliated to the General Conference. Alaska Conference details were estimated from partial 2010 data. When data for dually aligned meetings is not available from a General Conference source, but was available from their dual source, it is inserted.

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Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting, dually aligned meetings [FRND–Fr Gen Cf & Un Mtg]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Canadian: 2008; others: 2010

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

Definition of attendees: Only the New England Yearly Meeting reported average attendance, and not for all meetings. Therefore that data is not shown in the main lists. For meetings reporting it, the attendance as a percentage of membership is 46.6%.

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the normal format for Quaker reporting. But some local meetings/churches may include younger children in their member totals. For comparison to the formula, the New England Yearly Meeting (the only one here to do so) specifically reports 3,964 members and an additional 1,167 “average number of active attendees (non-members).” Thus non-members make up a significant proportion of New England Yearly Meeting attendees. Since the over all data collected includes many local meetings not reporting any membership the adherent number over all must be higher than reported. It must be concluded that this formula undercounts dual General Conference and United Meeting adherents.

Dual affiliation: Yes. This grouping are dual congregations to General Conference and United Meeting, in addition to those reported separately. This group has not been counted in either of the other groups in the various lists.

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Friends United Meeting [FRND–Fr Un Mtg]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: Western: 2011; Indiana: 2009; others: 2010

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

Definition of attendees: Only four of the seven Yearly Meetings included here reported attendance figures, so it is not shown in the main lists. Reported attendance as a percentage of

membership is 101.8% for the Indiana Yearly Meeting, 56.6% for the Iowa Yearly Meeting, 63.6% for the North Carolina Meeting, and 43.2% for the Western Yearly Meeting. This gives an overall percentage of 65.9% for those Meetings collecting this data.

Definition of members: Members.

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the format historically used for Quaker data. Most United Meeting churches/meetings probably separate younger children from full members. However, there is no uniform rule about excluding younger children from membership reports. Nevertheless this is probably a useful format for most member-reported churches/meetings. The presence of some local churches/meetings not reporting any membership suggests that the adherent number might be higher than reported. In addition, because the percentage of attendees, where known, compared to membership is higher than in many denominational groups, it must be concluded that this formula further undercounts United Meeting adherents.

Dual affiliation: Yes. For the extensive dual alignment with the Friends General Conference see the separate entry “Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting, dually aligned meetings.”

In addition one church in Kansas with 437 members is also dually aligned to the Evangelical Friends International. Also one Indiana church is federated to groups affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), United Methodist Church, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Member data is collected by the Yearly Meetings and varies in dating and items collected. 28 local meetings out of 258 total (10.9%) are shown with “zero” members. The majority of these are a group of regular meetings in the North Carolina Yearly Meeting with no current reports. The few others are a mix of worship groups, preparatory meetings, etc. that do not report members. Often key members of these types of groups belong to other local meetings. Other times these groups are not fully organized.

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Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship [PENT–Full Gosp Bapt]

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Fundamental Baptist Fellowship [BAPT–Fund Bapt Flwsp]

Published directory

General Association of Regular Baptist Churches [BAPT–Reg Bapt Gen As]

Published directory

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 135,815 members in the *Yearbook*.

Georgian Orthodox Parishes in the United States [ORTHE–Georgian Orth]

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Contact person(s): Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Grace Brethren Churches, Fellowship of [BRETH–Grace Breth]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 30,371 members in the *Yearbook*.

Grace Gospel Fellowship [Grace Gosp Fel]

Contact person(s): Cynthia Carmichael; Frosty Hansen

Definition of congregations: They sign a form, agree with doctrine and constitution, sign and return. No financial support required.

Definition of members: No children. 18+, but most older; some in college.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 5,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America [ORTHE–Greek Orthodox]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Andonios; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of members: : Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Heritage Reformed Churches [REF–Heritage Ref]

Contact person(s): Ann Dykema

Date of statistics: December 2011

Definition of congregations: Organized church with elders and deacons, under the rule of the Senate, subscribe to beliefs.

Definition of attendees: N/A

Definition of members: Full time members who take classes and do public confession, usually over 18yrs old.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Have the highest level of interaction with: Free Reformed Churches of North America. Exchange pastors, and share events.

Hindu Post Renaissance [HINDU–Post Ren]

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Hindu Renaissance [HINDU–Renaiss]

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Holy Orthodox Church in North America [ORTHE–Holy Orth in NA]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Demetrius; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Hungarian Reformed Churches (Additional) [REF–Hung Ref Add'l]

Definition of congregations: The Hungarian Reformed Federation of America is a service and fellowship organization serving Hungarian (Magyar) Reformed congregations in several denominations. In December, 2010 its website (www.hrfa.org) listed 65 congregations. Thirty of these are members of the United Church of Christ (CA – 2; CT – 3; FL – 1; IL – 1; IN – 1; MI – 2; NJ – 4; NY – 2; OH – 8; PA – 6). Four are members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (NJ – 2; OH – 1; PA – 1). One church (VA) is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Hanover Presbytery. The thirty remaining congregations are shown here.

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Hutterian Brethren [MENN–Hutt Breth]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 42,800 members in the *Yearbook*.

Independent Baptist Fellowship International [BAPT–Ind Bapt Flwsp Intl]

Published directory

Independent Fundamental Churches of America [Ind Fund Churches]

Contact person(s): Tom Olson

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 69,857 members in the *Yearbook*.

Independent Yearly Meetings of Friends [FRND–Indep Yr Mtgs]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: North Pacific: 2011; Pacific: 2010

Definition of congregations: Meetings, churches, and worship groups.

Definition of attendees: N/A

Definition of members: Members

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This

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has been the usual format for reporting Quaker data. It does account for children. The Pacific Yearly Meeting specifically does not include younger children in its reported membership, so this formula is helpful in that regard. However, because the data provided includes so many meetings not reporting any membership, even with this formula, there is probably a significant undercount for adherents in Independent Yearly Meetings.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Five meetings (CA 2 with 92 members; ID 1 with no members reported; WA 1 with 61 members; and WY 1 with 4 members) are dually aligned to the Friends General Conference.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: 35 local meetings out of 95 total (36.8%) are worship groups, preparatory meetings, etc. that do not report members and are shown with “zero” members. Often key members of these groups belong to other meetings. Other times these are not fully organized.

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Indian-American Hindu Temple Associations [HINDU–I/A Temples]

See Appendix G: Hindu Groups

International Churches of Christ [CHR–Int Chs of Christ]

Contact person(s): Kelcy Hahn

Definition of congregations: Each congregation is under its own leadership, but may be comprised of many smaller groups spread over an area that seldom meet together in one location. In general (but not always) International Churches of Christ have only one congregation per city, and the entire metropolitan area will be considered a “city.” So, for example, there is one ICOC in Los Angeles, but it meets separately on multiple campuses.

Definition of attendees: not collected

Definition of members: International Churches of Christ define members as baptized, adult (including older teenage) believers who take an active part in the church's activities. Those who no longer attend or move to another city are not counted as members.

Definition of adherents: Not counted separately, but children of members attend regularly, and are not included in membership.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: Yes, the described procedure is reasonably accurate for the ICOC.

Dual affiliation: No

International Council of Community Churches [Int Cou Comm Ch]

Contact person(s): Donald Ashmall

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 250,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

International Fellowship of Bible Churches [Intl Fell Bible Ch]

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International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies [PENT–I F Chr Assmbl]

Contact person(s): Michael Player; Christine Marini

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 7,150 members in the *Yearbook*.

International Pentecostal Church of Christ [PENT–Int Pent C Chr]

Contact person(s): Patty Howard

Date of statistics: 2011

Definition of attendees: Highest reported attendance from either Sunday School or Morning Worship Services Highest reported attendance from either Sunday School or Morning Worship Services

Definition of members: Confirmed members

Definition of adherents: Inclusive members

International Pentecostal Holiness Church [PENT–Intl Pent Holiness]

Contact person(s): Damaris Cabrera; Ron Carpenter

Date of statistics: 2011

Definition of congregations: Pentecostal Holiness Church and Full Gospel Charismatic Church

Definition of attendees: Membership attendance, Sunday worship; statistics are by District.

Definition of members: 258,000 is with children 14+

Dual affiliation: No

Jain [Jain]

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Jehovah's Witnesses [Jehovah's Witness]

See Appendix B: Address Lists

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 974,719 members in the *Yearbook*.

Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad [PRES–Kor Pres Abroad]

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Korean Presbyterian Church in America [PRES–Korean Pres Amer]

Published directory

Korean-American Presbyterian Church [PRES–Korean Amer Pres]

Contact person(s): David Kong

Date of statistics: November 19, 2011

Dual affiliation: No

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod [LUTH–Luth–MO Synod]

Contact person(s): Ryan Curnutt

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Individual congregations which have formally joined the LCMS.

Definition of attendees: Congregation's reported weekly average attendance in worship.

Definition of members: Number of confirmed members.

Definition of adherents: Number of baptized members.

Dual affiliation: No

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ [LUTH–Luth Cong Msn Chr]

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Macedonian Orthodox Church: American Diocese [ORTHE–Macedonian Orth]

Contact person(s): Tome Stamatov; Alexei Krindatch

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Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Mahayana Buddhism [BUDD–Mahayana]

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Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America [ORTHO–Malan Syr Orth]

Contact person(s): Archbishop Mor Titus Yeldho; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church [ORTHO–Malan Dioc Am]

Contact person(s): Metropolitan Zachariah Mar Nicholovos; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Maranatha Amish-Mennonite [MENN–Mara Amish-Menn]

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Mennonite Christian Fellowship [MENN–Menn Chr Fell]

See Appendix D: Amish Groups

Mennonite Church USA [MENN–Mennonite USA]

Contact person(s): Nancy Kauffmann

Date of statistics: November 11, 2011

Definition of congregations: A faith community who holds to

Anabaptist theology as expressed in The Confession of Faith from a Mennonite Perspective.

Definition of attendees: Unable to give figures, but would define this as the total number of people whether members, attenders, visitors on a Sunday morning.

Definition of members: Persons who are baptized into the Mennonite Church (baptism and joining a local congregation are held together) and individuals who have transferred their membership from another Mennonite congregation or faith tradition into a local Mennonite congregation. They would identify with The Confession of Faith from a Mennonite Perspective.

Definition of adherents: Do not have that information available.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: We would be fine with your procedure for estimating total adherents.

Dual affiliation: No. We would have a number of pastors of groups who are a part of the Emergent Church movement who have asked to have a more formal relationship with MC USA. We would hold their credentials but their group would not have formally joined.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: We recently transferred to a new data system (2010). We are in the process of working on clean up and checking information. This report is 90% plus accurate at this point.

Metropolitan Community Churches, Universal Fellowship of [Metro Comm Ch]

Contact person(s): Barbara Crabtree

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Bodies that have met the criteria, as established by the Council of Elders and approved by the Governing Board, for affiliation and recognition as “church”.

Definition of attendees: Total reported attendance divided by number of weeks in which congregation held at least 1 worship service.

Definition of members: As defined by local church bylaws, articles of incorporation and/or governing documents.

Definition of adherents: No data

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: We believe that the procedure described in the Instructions will result in a significant underestimate of the number of total adherents. At issue is the fact that a number of our churches are now streaming their worship services live, and their (informal) reporting of that indicates they have a significant number of remote participants. An additional point of awareness; we do have a relatively specific ministry to and among the LGBT population and that population is much more widely distributed than are our “brick & mortar” churches, and we’re keenly aware that our current methods of tracking impact are distinctly inadequate for “the digital world.”

Dual affiliation: Yes. 2 of 150 congregations reporting are known to maintain affiliation with another group.

Midwest Beachy Amish-Mennonite [MENN–Midw Bchy Am-Menn]

See Appendix D: Amish Groups

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Midwest Congregational Christian Fellowship [CONG–Midw Cong Chr Fel]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

Date of statistics: August 31, 2008

Definition of congregations: Churches

Definition of attendees: Average Attendance

Definition of members: Total Members

Definition of adherents: N/A

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This does account for children. However, since Midwest Fellowship attendance outstrips membership, the total adherents estimated is probably too low.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: 23 of 25 churches and 22 of 25 attendance is as of the collection date. The other numbers were inserted from earlier reports.

Missionary Church [Missionary Ch]

Contact person(s): Bob Ransom

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: 15 or more members

Definition of attendees: Weekly, main worship service

Definition of members: Age 16 or older

Dual affiliation: No

Moravian Church in America—Alaska Province

[MORAV–Morav Ch-AK]

Contact person(s): Mike Riess

Moravian Church in America—Northern Province

[MORAV–Morav Ch-North]

Contact person(s): Mike Riess

Moravian Church in America—Southern Province

[MORAV–Morav Ch-South]

Contact person(s): Mike Riess

Muslim Estimate [Muslim Est]

See Appendix I: Muslim Estimate

National Association of Congregational Christian Churches

[CONG–Cong Chr, NA]

Contact person(s): Thomas Richard; Richard Taylor

Date of statistics: Late 2010 and early 2011, most recent fiscal year

Definition of congregations: Full member churches. “Churches which have officially voted to join the Association and have been received by vote of an annual meetings.”

Definition of members: “Total Active Members”

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: This has been the traditional method used for NACCC data.

Dual affiliation: Yes. Dual align limited but includes some large congregations. Also a few federated churches. With United Church of Christ; Conservative Congregational Christian Conference; Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches; and American Baptist

Churches.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: 377 churches are from current data. Twenty churches are from earlier data. Three are estimated from other sources.

National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. [BAPT–NBC Amer]

See Appendix C: African American Bodies

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. [BAPT–NBC USA]

See Appendix C: African American Bodies

National Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc. [BAPT–Natl Mis Bapt Conv]

See Appendix C: African American Bodies

National Spiritualist Association of Churches [Nat Spirit Asso]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 3,530 members in the *Yearbook*.

New Apostolic Church of North America, National Organization of the [New Apost Ch]

Contact person(s): Stefan Heinzelman; Allison Swierk

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 41,863 members in the *Yearbook*.

New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches

[BAPT–NT Ind Bapt]

Published directory

Non-denominational Christian Churches [Non-denom Chr Chs]

See Appendix J: Non-denominational Christian Churches

North American Baptist Conference [BAPT–N Am Bapt Conf]

Published directory

North American Lutheran Church [LUTH–Nor Amer Luth C]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Old Order River Brethren [BRETH–Old Ord Rvr Br]

Contact person(s): Stephen Scott

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of members: Baptized Members

Definition of adherents: Dependent non-member children, regular non-member visitors, and members.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Exact counts from church directory which is regularly updated.

Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc. [PENT–Open Bible Std]

Contact person(s): Linda Dixon; Jeff Farmer

(Original) Church of God [PENT–Orig Ch of God]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Orthodox Church in America [ORTHE–Orth Ch in Amer]

Contact person(s): Very Rev. John A. Jillions; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of

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worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Orthodox Judaism [JUD–Orth]

See Appendix H: Jewish Groups

Orthodox Presbyterian Church [PRES–Orth Pres Ch]

Contact person(s): George R. Cottenden; Luke Brown

Date of statistics: End of Year 2010

Definition of congregations: Comprised of 265 organized churches and 55 unorganized mission works.

Definition of attendees: Weekly average morning worship attendance in November 2010.

Definition of members: Includes 21,390 communicant members and 489 ministers.

Definition of adherents: Total of 21,390 communicant members, 489 ministers, and 7,572 baptized children (non-communicants).

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: Our 2010 statistics are based on reports received from congregations comprising 98 percent of the total church membership.

Dual affiliation: No

Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA [ORTHE–Rus Orth Moscow]

Contact person(s): His Eminence Archbishop Justinian (Ovchinnikov); Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: : Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Pentecostal Church of God [PENT–Pent Ch of God]

Contact person(s): Kimberly Ming

Date of statistics: June 2011

Definition of congregations: Those who attend services on a regular basis – Sun. AM worship

Definition of members: Member numbers include children 16+ and in some church 18+ is required.

Dual affiliation: No

Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church [PENT–Fire Bapt Hol Ch]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 223 members in the *Yearbook*.

Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, Inc. [PENT–Pent FW Bapt]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 16,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Pillar of Fire [Pillar of Fire]

Contact person(s): Joe Gross

Polish National Catholic Church [OCATH–Pol Natl Cath]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [PRES–Presb Ch (USA)]

Contact person(s): Kris Valerius

Presbyterian Church in America [PRES–Presb Ch Amer]

Contact person(s): Susan Cullen; Roy Taylor

Presbyterian Reformed Church [PRES–Pres Ref]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Primitive Baptists, Eastern District Association of [BAPT–Prim Bapt E Dst]

Contact person(s): Danny Lawson

Definition of congregations: Number of churches. This includes 57 churches in 4 states, TN, VA, OH, KY. There are 22 in VA, 24 in TN, 7 in KY and 4 in OH.

Definition of attendees: This number is not known, these are small country churches so attendance varies but would average 20 - 25 or so.

Definition of members: Total Church membership is 5,065, this includes everyone who has been saved and joined the church, it does not account for those not attending services, etc. Only the individual churches can answer this question, the association does not have a record of this information.

Primitive Methodist Church in the USA [METH–Prim Meth Ch]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 6,588 members in the *Yearbook*.

Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. [BAPT–Prog NBC]

See Appendix C: African American Bodies

Protestant Reformed Churches in America [REF–Prot Ref Chs]

Contact person(s): Don Doezema

Reconstructionist Judaism [JUD–Reconst]

See Appendix H: Jewish Groups

Reform Judaism [JUD–Reform]

See Appendix H: Jewish Groups

Reformed Baptist Churches [BAPT–Ref Bapt Ch]

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Reformed Church in America [REF–Ref Ch in Am]

Contact person(s): Meredith Nieuwsma

Date of statistics: Calendar year 2010

Definition of congregations: Organized RCA churches (this excludes new church starts that have not officially organized).

Definition of attendees: The average number of worshippers each Sunday as reported by the individual church.

Definition of members: “Members” are all confessing members (those who have received Christian baptism and have been received by the board of elders through profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or presentation of a satisfactory certificate of transfer of membership from another Christian church), baptized members (those who have received Christian baptism but who have not been received by the board of elders as confessing members), and inactive members (those who have been removed by the board of elders from the confessing membership list).

Definition of adherents: “Adherents” are those who participate in the life, work, and worship of the church, whether a member or not.

Dual affiliation: Yes. The RCA has 17 organized congregations that are union or federated congregations. Union congregations are churches that have dual affiliation with the RCA and either the Christian Reformed Church in North America, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ, or the Advent Lutheran Church. A Federated congregation is a church that has at least dual denominational affiliation with a variety of other protestant denominations.

Reformed Church in the United States [REF–Ref Ch in U.S.]

Contact person(s): Pastor Fagrey

Reformed Mennonite Church [MENN–Ref Mennonite]

Contact person(s): Glenn M. Gross

Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly [PRES–Ref Pres GA]

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Reformed Presbyterian Church Hanover Presbytery [PRES–Ref Pres Han]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States [PRES–Ref Pres US]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America [PRES–Ref Pres of NA]

Contact person(s): Thomas G. Reid

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Number of congregations

Definition of attendees: Average attendance for the year 2010

Definition of members: Full (someone who is both baptized and communicant) membership

Definition of adherents: Total (someone who is baptized and communicant OR who is only baptized) membership for December 31, 2010. Note: we baptize infants.

Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in Americas [ORTHE–Romania Orth Ar]

Contact person(s): His Eminence Archbishop Nicolae (Condrea); Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia [ORTHE–Rus Orth Abroad]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Jerome of Manhattan; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: : Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Salvation Army [Salvation Army]

Contact person(s): Sylvia Kirkland

Schwenkfelder Church [Schwenkfelder]

Contact person(s): David W. Luz

Date of statistics: Dec. 31, 2010

Dual Affiliation: Yes. One church (Olivet) is jointly affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Serbian Orthodox Church in North America [ORTHE–Serb Orth USA]

Contact person(s): His Grace Bishop Maxim; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

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Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada (BAPT–S-D Baptist Gen Con)

Contact person(s): Rob Appel

Seventh-day Adventist Church [Sev Day Adv]

Contact person(s): Monte Sahlin

Shinto [Shinto]

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Sikh [Sikh]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Southern Baptist Convention [BAPT–So Bapt Conv]

Contact person(s): Richie Stanley

Date of statistics: 2010

Definition of congregations: Southern Baptists have 2 categories of congregations. Churches have been constituted and are (theoretically) self-supporting. Church-type missions are typically newer, have not constituted as a church, and are likely receiving assistance from a sponsoring church. The distinction between these 2 categories continues to blur over time. In previous decades the SBC data provided to RCMS included churches only. For the 2010 data it seems more appropriate to include church-type missions also. The 50,816 SBC congregations for 2010 include 45,768 churches and 5,048 church-type missions.

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons in the primary worship service(s) of the congregation.

Definition of members: Total membership of the congregation.

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents: The RCMS estimation procedure for calculating adherents is acceptable.

Dual affiliation: Yes. It would not be unusual for African American Southern Baptist congregations to also be affiliated with one of the traditionally African American Baptist denominations. There are about 3,500 African American Southern Baptist congregations.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: We did our best!

Southern Methodist Church [METH–So Methodist]

Contact person(s): John Hucks

Definition of members: Some children are reflected in membership numbers because membership is offered to all ages. But the minimum voting age for members is 18, more or less.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 5,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

Swedenborgian Church [Swedenborgian]

Contact person(s): Renee Hellenbrecht

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Groups that have been recognized as member societies by one of our regional associations.

Definition of members: Full members are 18 years of age as of December 31 of the reporting year, and have been confirmed into membership by their respective congregations.

(Congregations may have their own membership requirements.)
Definition of adherents: We do not track this data. We only ask that active and inactive full members (i.e., those that have been confirmed into membership) be reported. Some groups will include associate members, child members, friends, etc. when reporting, but we do not track these, and, again, not everyone submits these.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 1,521 members in the *Yearbook*.

Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch [ORTHO–Syrian Orth Ch]

Contact person(s): Metropolitan Mor Cyril Aphrem Karim; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Tampico Amish-Mennonite [MENN–Tamp Amish-Menn]

See Appendix D: Amish Groups

Tao [Tao]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

Theravada Buddhism [BUDD–Theravada]

See Appendix E: Buddhist Groups

Traditional Hindu Temples [HINDU–Trad Temples]

See Appendix G: Hindu Groups

U.S. Mennonite Brethren [MENN–Menn Br US Conf]

Contact person(s): Donna Sullivan

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA [ORTHE–Ukrainian Orth]

Contact person(s): Anthony Sharba; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

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Unaffiliated Conservative Amish-Mennonite Church [MENN–Unaffil Amish-Menn]

See Appendix D: Amish Groups

Unaffiliated Friends Meetings [FRND–Unaffil Mtgs]

Contact person(s): Richard H. Taylor

See Appendix F: Friends

Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations [MJEW–Union Mes Cong]

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Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations [Unit Univ]

Contact person(s): Michelle Rediker

Date of statistics: February 28, 2011

Definition of congregations: Please see the following pages:

<http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/bylaws/ruleiii/7096.shtml>

<http://www.uua.org/uuarelations/>

Emerging congregations are not included in UUA statistics.

Definition of attendees: Please see the following page:

<http://www.uua.org/directory/data/faq/certifyingmembership/20576.shtml>

Definition of members: The definition of a “Certified Member” is up to individual congregations, according to their bylaws. Most congregations define members as those who would be eligible to vote in a congregational meeting, in other words, the “voting members.”

Definition of adherents: The UUA does not track the number of Adherents, but we do calculate, annually, the number of Certified Members + Religious Education Enrollees. That was used as the number of Adherents for this exercise. “Adherents” may not, however, include family members who occasionally or even regularly attend services but are not “registered,” paying/supporting members of a congregation. If an individual, a partner or spouse in this instance, is not a registered, voting, or supporting member of a congregation, they would not be included in the Certified Member tally, and therefore not counted as an “adherent.”

Dual affiliation: Yes. There were 23 multi-denominational congregations that certified during this certification period. Multi-denominational congregations hold membership in more than one denomination; the United Church of Christ is a common example. Only the Unitarian Universalist members of such congregations are counted for Certified Members.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: The data provided was derived from data collected during the UUA Certification period, then stored as a static numbers collectively known as the “Annual Report of Membership” statistics.

UUA Annual Report of Membership Production Notes, 3/4/2011
1. Beginning in 2010, annual totals are computed for the twelve months ending the last day of February. The 2010 Annual Report of Membership issued on March 1, 2010, for example, is based on data reported by congregations during March 2009 through February 2010. (GA Certification closes on February 1, and the

extra month allows late-comers to be accounted for, data to be examined and cleaned up, totals to be double-checked, reports to be formatted, etc.).

2. If a congregation leaves the Association during a report year, its numbers are not included in that year’s report. For example, if a congregation leaves the UUA in September 2010, its numbers will not be included in the 2011 Annual Report of Membership published on 3/1/11 and based on numbers reported during March 2010 through February 2011.

3. When a congregation reports more than once during a report year the latest number is used.

4. For the 2010 Annual Report, all prior years were restated so they would be consistent with tabulation based on the last day of February. In future Annual Reports, data already reported in a previous year WILL NOT CHANGE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. That is, for each new report year, that year’s data will be appended to the Report. Previous years’ data will not be recomputed each year as it was prior to 2010. Changes made retroactively will not be reflected in future Annual Reports.

5. Canadian congregations who left the UUA to join the CUC several years ago are omitted from the tabulations altogether.

6. Numbers reported by each congregation are included in the Annual Report of Membership whether they are considered “certified” or not. Congregations report membership numbers throughout the year, not just during “certification” between 11/15 and 2/1, the period for GA delegate purposes. Also, congregations may not achieve “certification” for a variety of reasons, including failing to meet financial criteria. We count the numbers they report anyway, since this is a report about how many people are Uus, not how many Uus qualify to be represented at GA. So this report is not “Certified Membership”; merely “Membership”.

7. This report will not match numbers published elsewhere. Changes are made and approved throughout the year that affect totals shown on the website, in the Directory, as part of ad hoc data requests, etc. This report is a static “snapshot” of a point in time (i.e. March 1), and historic data will not vary from year to year, even if the underlying historic data indeed changes.

8. This report may not match the “Certified members” report shown online as this includes counts that are not “certified.”

9. When a congregation does not report membership during the report year, the last reported number is used for subsequent years.

United Catholic Church, Inc. [OCATH–Un Cath Ch]

See Appendix K: On-line Listings

United Church of Christ [Un C of Christ]

Contact person(s): Destiny Hisey

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: We rely on our congregations to file reports annually to obtain the data. Not all congregations file.

For those that do not file, their data is carried over from the last year filed on record and is included in our numbers.

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Definition of attendees: Reported by local congregations as average weekly attendance in worship service.

Definition of members: In accordance with the custom and usage of a Local Church, persons become members by (a) baptism and either confirmation or profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; (b) reaffirmation or reprofession of faith; or (c) letter of transfer or certification from other Christian churches. All persons who are or shall become members of a Local Church of the United Church of Christ are thereby members of the United Church of Christ. – Constitution paragraphs 11 & 12

Comments on the RCMS estimating procedure for adherents:
Procedure is acceptable

Dual affiliation: Yes. There are 232 United Church of Christ congregations dually aligned with other denominational groups and 163 federated with other denominational groups. The four most common denomination groups to which UCC church relate are Baptist bodies (primarily American Baptist Churches), the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: A new data warehouse was developed and used for the 2010 data collection. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to determine our response rate for the 2010 data collection period. Previous year's response rate of congregations to the annual statistical report has been between 66% and 69%. There is nothing to indicate the 2010 data collection response was any different. For congregations that did not report, the most recently reported data was used.

United Holy Church of America, Inc. [PENT–United Holy Ch]

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United Methodist Church [METH–Un Methodist]

Contact person(s): Laura Chambers

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: "The local church is a connectional society of persons who have been baptized, have professed their faith in Christ, and have assumed the vows of membership in The United Methodist Church. They gather in fellowship to hear the Word of God, receive the sacraments, praise and worship the triune God, and carry forward the work that Christ has committed to his church" (Paragraph 203, the 2008 Book of Discipline). Number of congregations includes organized (chartered) churches with membership.

Definition of attendees: "Average combined attendance at all services held on a weekly basis as the primary opportunity for worship" (Table 1 of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference).

Definition of members: "The professing membership of a local United Methodist church shall include all baptized people who have come into membership by profession of faith through appropriate services of the baptismal covenant in the ritual or by transfer from other churches" (Paragraph 215.2, the 2008 Book of Discipline).

Definition of adherents: Total includes full (professing) members,

baptized members and constituent members. "The baptized membership of a local United Methodist church shall include baptized all baptized people who have received Christian baptism in the local congregation or elsewhere, or whose membership has been transferred to the United Methodist church subsequent to baptism in some other congregation" (Paragraph 215.1, the 2008 Book of Discipline). "Constituent members include all unbaptized children, church school members, and others who are not members of the church but are in a relationship with the congregation and for whom the local church has pastoral responsibility" (Table 1 of the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference).

Dual affiliation: Possible. "Ecumenical shared ministries are ecumenical congregations formed by a local United Methodist church and one or more local congregations of other Christian traditions. Forms of ecumenical shared ministries include: (a) a federated church, in which one congregation is related to two or more denominations, with persons choosing to hold membership in one or the other of the denominations; (b) a union church, in which a congregation with one unified membership roll is related to two denominations; (c) a merged church, in which two or more congregations of different denominations from one congregation that related to only one of the constituent denominations; (d) a yoked parish, in which congregations of different denominations share a pastor" (Paragraph 208, the 2008 Book of Discipline). Congregations are instructed to only report their United Methodist membership to this office.

United Pentecostal Church International [PENT–Un Pent Ch Intl]

Contact person(s): Diana Dunlap; Jerry Jones

Date of statistics: November 29, 2011

Definition of congregations: churches pastored by a licensed UPCI minister

Definition of attendees: n/a

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 800,000 members in the *Yearbook*.

United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God [PENT–Un Pent Asbl God]

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United Reformed Churches in North America [REF–Un Ref Chs N.A.]

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United Zion Church [BRETH–United Zion Ch]

Contact person(s): Charles Brown

Definition of congregations: Separate churches.

Definition of members: Baptized members over the age of 16

Unity Churches, Association of [Unity Ch]

Contact person(s): Young Bae

Unity of the Brethren [MORAV–Unity Of Breth]

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Comments on the accuracy of statistics: This group reports 3,090 members in the *Yearbook*.

Vajrayana Buddhism [BUDD–Vajrayana]

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Vicariate for the Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities [ORTHE–Pal/Jor Orth]

Contact person(s): George Jweinat; Alexei Krindatch

Date of statistics: December 2010

Definition of congregations: Parish (i.e. permanent local place of worship which is lead by ordained priest)

Definition of attendees: Average number of persons (including children) who attend Liturgy (main weekly worship service) on a typical (not festive) Sunday.

Definition of adherents: Total number of persons participating in the life of a parish (congregation): counting adults and children, regular and occasional attendees, paid stewards and persons who do not contribute financially.

Dual affiliation: No

Vineyard USA [PENT–Vineyard]

Contact person(s): Pam Trautmann; Berten Waggoner

Date of statistics: 12/31/2010

Definition of congregations: active churches year end 2010

Definition of attendees: weekly attendance numbers divided by number of active churches year end 2010

Definition of members: total number of members

Definition of adherents: total number of weekly attendance, including children

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Annual online census completed by local churches – some answers are estimated, information is automatically entered into national database (not manually)

Wesleyan Church [METH–Wesleyan]

Contact person(s): Ronald Kelly; Ronald McClung

Date of statistics: August 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: All developing and established churches; does not include missions.

Definition of attendees: Total number present at all primary worship services.

Definition of members: All covenant members of the church, those who agree to abide by the covenant membership commitments.

Definition of adherents: Thirty percent more than the average attendance. This is the rule of thumb accepted in some church growth circles, considering that 30 percent more than the average attendance are absent each Sunday, due to illness, travel, etc.

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: These statistics are taken from the annual statistical reports submitted by local congregations and districts.

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [LUTH–Wisc Ev Luth Syn]

Contact person(s): Jan Lampe

Date of statistics: December 31, 2010

Definition of congregations: Established congregations who support the work of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

Definition of attendees: Combined totals of Average Worship Attendance submitted by WELS congregations

Definition of members: Members who have been confirmed or profess the beliefs of the WELS and have been accepted as communicants within a WELS congregation

Definition of adherents: Members who have been baptized or are communicants in the WELS

Dual affiliation: No

Comments on the accuracy of statistics: Verification of submitted statistics per each WELS church can be found at <https://connect.wels.net>. Click on Synod Administration/ then Ministry of Christian Giving/ on the left hand column WELS Statistical Report/ scroll down to Congregational Statistics and choose Details – Excel Sheet

Zoroastrian [Zoroastrian]

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