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## **Religious Congregations & Membership Study**

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***An Enumeration by Nation, State and County  
Based on Data Reported for 236 Religious Groups***

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# Preface

This report contains statistics for 236 religious bodies or groups, providing information on the number of their congregations within each state and county of the United States. Where available, it also includes actual membership figures (as defined by the religious body), total adherents, and average attendance.

The Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB) conducted this research. The permanent members of the Religious Congregations & Membership Study Operations Committee, as well as the president and secretary-treasurer of ASARB, served as authors of this book. Clifford Grammich, Glenmary Research Center (Catholic), served as chairman of the Operations Committee. Richard Houseal, Church of the Nazarene, served as Operations Committee Liaison. Richie Stanley, Southern Baptist Convention, served as president of ASARB during this study, and Dale E. Jones, Church of the Nazarene, served as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the committee were Kirk Hadaway, Episcopal Church, Alexei Krindatch, Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, and Richard H. Taylor, United Church of Christ.

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We hope that this report, despite its limitations, will stimulate ecumenical awareness at the judicatory and county levels, aid in denominational planning, and contribute to the study of long-range religious trends in the United States of America.

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# Introduction

## SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This publication presents data reported for the 236 religious bodies that participated in a study sponsored by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). Participants included 217 Christian denominations, associations, or communions (including Latter-day Saints, Messianic Jews, and Unitarian/Universalist groups); counts of Jain, Shinto, Sikh, Tao, and National Spiritualist Association congregations, and counts of congregations and individuals for Bahá'í, three Buddhist groupings, four Hindu groupings, four Jewish groupings, Muslims, and Zoroastrians.

The sponsors invited all religious bodies that could be identified as having congregations in the United States to participate. We also made several special efforts to identify and include data from several religious bodies which have not traditionally participated or been underrepresented in similar past studies. The 236 groups for which we report data have 344,894 congregations and 150,686,156 adherents.<sup>1</sup>

The present study is related to five previous studies.<sup>2</sup> The first reported 1952 statistics and was sponsored and published by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in a series of bulletins between 1956 and 1958. The second reported 1971 statistics and was sponsored by the Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the Department of Research and Statistics of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and the Glenmary Research Center. It was published in 1974 by the Glenmary Research Center. The third reported 1980 statistics and was sponsored by the Department of Records and Research of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Research Services Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Office of Research, Evaluation and Planning of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A., and the Glenmary Research Center. The fourth reported 1990 statistics and was sponsored by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). The fifth reported 2000 statistics and was also sponsored by ASARB.

1: For purposes of this study, adherents were defined as "all members, including full members, their children and the estimated number of other regular participants who are not considered as communicant, confirmed or full members; for example, the 'baptized,' 'not confirmed,' 'those not eligible for communion,' and the like." See "Defining Membership," below.

2: Lauris B. Whitman and Glen W. Trimble, 1956-1958, *Churches and Church Membership in the United States: An Enumeration and Analysis by Counties, States, and Regions* (80 bulletins), New York, New York: National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; Douglas Johnson, Paul R. Picard and Bernard Quinn, 1974, *Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1971: An Enumeration by Region, State, and County*, Washington, D.C.: Glenmary Research Center; Bernard Quinn, Herman Anderson, Martin Bradley, Paul Goetting and Peggy Shriver, 1982, *Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1980: An Enumeration by Region, State, and County Based on Data Reported by 111 Religious Bodies*, Atlanta: Glenmary Research Center; Martin B. Bradley, Norman M. Green, Jr., Dale E. Jones, Mac Lynn and Lou McNeil, 1992, *Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1990: An Enumeration by Region, State and County Based on Data Reported for 133 Church Groupings*, Atlanta: Glenmary Research Center; and Dale E. Jones, Sherri Doty, Clifford Grammich, James E. Horsch, Richard Houseal, Mac Lynn, John P. Marcum, Kenneth M. Sanchagrin, and Richard H. Taylor, *Religious Congregations & Membership in the United States 2000: An Enumeration by Region, State and County Based on Data Reported for 149 Religious Bodies*, Nashville, Tenn.: Glenmary Research Center.

## PARTICIPATING RELIGIOUS BODIES

The 19 religious groupings with at least one million adherents account for 89.4 percent of the reported adherents. The 42 groupings with 100,000 to 999,999 adherents account for an additional 9.4 percent. The 91 other groupings reporting adherents account for 1.2 percent. Congregations but not adherents are reported for an additional 84 groupings.

The following groups are included in this 2010 study. The number of counties in which the groups report congregations or adherents will provide a general idea of their geographic extension. (At the time of the study, there were 3,143 counties or county-equivalents in the United States.)

<b>Groups with 1,000,000 or More Adherents</b>	<b>Counties with a Presence</b>
African Methodist Episcopal Church . . . . .	1,044
American Baptist Churches in the USA . . . . .	1,051
Assemblies of God . . . . .	2,563
Catholic Church . . . . .	2,960
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ . . . . .	1,580
Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) . . . . .	1,598
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints . . . . .	1,873
Churches of Christ . . . . .	2,427
Episcopal Church . . . . .	2,049
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America . . . . .	1,739
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod . . . . .	1,804
Muslim Estimate . . . . .	592
National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. . . . .	722
Non-denominational Christian Churches . . . . .	2,665
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) . . . . .	2,358
Seventh-day Adventist Church . . . . .	1,827
Southern Baptist Convention . . . . .	2,702
United Church of Christ . . . . .	1,168
United Methodist Church . . . . .	2,991

<b>Groups with 100,000 to 999,999 Adherents</b>	<b>Counties with a Presence</b>
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church . . . . .	442
American Baptist Association . . . . .	497
Amish Groups, undifferentiated . . . . .	363
Bahá'í . . . . .	2,532
Christian and Missionary Alliance . . . . .	696
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) . . . . .	1,278
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church . . . . .	516
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Evangelical Free Church of America	752	Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America	83
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	211	Church of the United Brethren in Christ	102
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Indian-American Hindu Temple Associations	173	Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	188
International Pentecostal Holiness Church	657	Conservative Mennonite Conference	67
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	430	Conservative Yearly Meetings of Friends	36
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Pentecostal Church of God	555	Evangelical Friends Church International	153
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## PARTICIPATION IN 2000 AND 2010 COMPARED

There are 111 groups that participated in both studies, 125 groups that participated in 2010 but not 2000, 25 that participated in 2000 but not 2010, and 13 that participated in 2000 but are grouped differently in 2010.

### Participants in both 2000 and 2010 studies include:

- Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America;
- Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America
- Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection
- American Baptist Association
- American Baptist Churches in the USA
- American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
- Apostolic Christian Church of America, Inc.
- Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Catholicosate of Cilicia)
- Armenian Church of North America (Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin)
- Assemblies of God
- Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- Association of Free Lutheran Congregations
- Bahá'í
- Beachy Amish-Mennonite Churches
- Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)
- Brethren in Christ Church
- Bruderhof Communities, Inc.
- Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia
- Calvary Chapel Fellowship Churches
- Catholic Church
- Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
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 Reformed Church in the United States  
 Reformed Mennonite Church  
 Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in Americas  
 Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia  
 Salvation Army  
 Serbian Orthodox Church in North America  
 Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 Sikh  
 Southern Baptist Convention  
 Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch  
 Tao  
 U.S. Mennonite Brethren  
 Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA  
 Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
 United Church of Christ  
 United Methodist Church  
 United Reformed Churches in North America  
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 Church of Christ, Scientist  
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 Church of God in Christ  
 Church of God of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.  
 Church of God, Mountain Assembly, Inc.  
 Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.  
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Independent Fundamental Churches of America  
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Orthodox Judaism  
Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church  
Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, Inc.  
Pillar of Fire  
Polish National Catholic Church  
Presbyterian Reformed Church  
Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.  
Reconstructionist Judaism  
Reform Judaism  
Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly  
Reformed Presbyterian Church Hanover Presbytery  
Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States  
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Schwenkfelder Church  
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada  
Shinto  
Southern Methodist Church  
Swedenborgian Church  
Tampico Amish-Mennonite  
Theravada Buddhism  
Traditional Hindu Temples  
Unaffiliated Conservative Amish-Mennonite Church  
Unaffiliated Friends Meetings  
Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations  
United Catholic Church, Inc.  
United Holy Church of America, Inc.  
United Pentecostal Church International  
United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God  
United Zion Church  
Unity Churches, Association of  
Unity of the Brethren  
Vajrayana Buddhism  
Vicariate for the Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities

## **Participants in the 2000 study but not the 2010 study include:**

Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean)  
Baptist Missionary Association of America  
Duck River And Kindred Baptists Associations  
Eastern Pennsylvania Mennonite Church  
Fundamental Methodist Church, Inc.  
General Six Principle Baptists  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Vasiloupolis  
Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East  
Independent Free Will Baptists Associations  
Interstate & Foreign Landmark Missionary Baptists Association  
Jasper And Pleasant Valley Baptists  
Landmark Missionary Baptists, Independent Associations And Unaffiliated Churches  
Mennonite, Other Groups  
National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA  
Netherlands Reformed Congregations  
New Hope Baptist Association  
New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches and Other Fundamental Baptist Associations/Fellowships  
Old Order Mennonite Church  
"Old" Missionary Baptists Association  
Primitive Baptist Churches—Old Line  
Progressive Primitive Baptists  
Separate Baptists in Christ  
Southwide Baptist Fellowship  
Strict Baptists  
Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit Predestinarian Baptists  
Wayne Trail Missionary Baptists Association

## Participants in 2000 counted with a different group in 2010 include:

Buddhist congregation counts from 2000, which have been replaced by adherent groupings for Mahayana Buddhism, Theravada Buddhism, and Vajrayana Buddhism.

Friends, which were reported as a single group in 2000 but are now reported as eight separate groups: Central Yearly Meeting of Friends, Conservative Yearly Meetings of Friends, Evangelical Friends Church International, Friends General Conference, Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting (dually aligned meetings), Friends United Meeting, Independent Yearly Meetings of Friends, and Unaffiliated Friends Meetings.

Hindu congregation counts from 2000, which have been replaced by adherent groupings for Hindu Post Renaissance, Hindu Renaissance, Indian-American Hindu Temple Associations, and Traditional Hindu Temples.

Independent, Charismatic Churches and Independent, Non-Charismatic Churches, which are now reported in the new Non-denominational Christian Churches category.

Jewish Estimate from 2000, which has been replaced by separate enumerations for Conservative Judaism, Orthodox Judaism, Reconstructionist Judaism, and Reform Judaism.

Old Order Amish Church and Amish, Other Groups, now reported with Amish Groups, undifferentiated.

Orthodox Church in America: Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese; Orthodox Church in America: Territorial Dioceses; Orthodox Church in America: Bulgarian Diocese; Orthodox Church in America: Romanian Orthodox Episcopate, are now reported as one single church body—Orthodox Church in America.

Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA (New Gracanica Metropolitanate), now reported with the Serbian Orthodox Church in America.

The 26 groups that participated in 2000 but not in 2010 reported a little more than 740,000 adherents in 2000, with most of those being in two groups, New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches and Other Fundamental Baptist Associations/Fellowships, and the Baptist Missionary Association of America.

## INCLUSIVENESS OF THE STUDY

The study identified, at county-level, nearly 320,000 congregations and more than 150 million adherents in 152 groups. It also identified more than 25,000 congregations of another 84 groupings for whom adherent data was unavailable. Thirty-seven of the 84 groups reporting only congregations have an estimated total membership of 4.3 million. (See individual entries in Appendix A.) Because the total number of religious congregations and adherents in the United States is not known, we do not know what percent of total religious adherents and congregations in the nation this represents.

National polls regularly report that at least 80 percent of Americans claim a religious preference. For instance, the 2010 General Social Survey (GSS) of the National Opinion Research Center indicates that 82 percent of respon-

dents identify with a religious group.<sup>3</sup> The figures in this book, however, reflect affiliation with a specific congregation rather than self-identification.

For instance, the GSS for 2010 indicates that 25.2 percent of the population claims to be Catholic, but that 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 claims both to be Catholic and to attend religious services several times (or more frequently) each year. Put another way, the GSS indicates that there is a U.S. Catholic population of nearly 78 million, but a U.S. Catholic population that goes to church at least once yearly of 62 million, and one that goes to church several times (or more frequently) each year of nearly 48 million. Our count of Catholics associated with an individual church was nearly 59 million.

Similarly, many Protestants may identify with a specific tradition but not with a specific denomination, much less individual congregation. For example, the GSS for 2010 indicates that 3.8 percent of the population identifies as Lutheran, while 3.3 percent of the population identifies as Lutheran and reports attending religious services at least once yearly, and 1.5 percent of the population identifies with a specific Lutheran body (e.g., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and attends religious services at least once yearly. Put another way, the GSS indicates that there is a Lutheran population of 12 million, a Lutheran population that attends church at least once annually of 10 million, and a population that is able to identify with a specific Lutheran body and attends religious services at least once yearly of 5 million. Our count of Lutherans associated with a specific religious body is more than 7 million.

## Several religious bodies merit special discussion regarding inclusiveness.

First, there are independent and community churches, religious movements, and associations whose memberships are not reported to the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* or other compilers. As a result, the total membership of these groups is unknown, and there is no way to determine what proportion of their membership has been included in this study. Nevertheless, for this study, Scott Thumma of Hartford Theological Seminary compiled statistics for 35,496 independent Christian congregations with 12,241,329 adherents not known to be affiliated with any other Christian body. See Appendix J for further details.

Second, Jonathan Ament and Steven M. Cohen at Synagogue 3000 provided congregational-level counts for Jewish synagogues, members, adherents, and attendance. These differ from counts provided in 1990 and 2000 in that they are of synagogues affiliated with a particular tradition and of persons affiliated with a particular synagogue. As such, they are not comparable to the “Jewish Estimate” counts provided in 1990 and 2000 versions of this work. See Appendix H for more details.

Third, we made several major efforts to enlist the participation of historically African American denominations. Using mailing lists and on-line church location systems, we made some estimates for the eight largest African

<sup>3</sup>: Tom W. Smith, Peter Marsden, Michael Hout, and Jibum Kim, serial, *General Social Surveys*, Chicago: National Opinion Research Center.

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American denominations. See Appendix C for more details and explanations of likely undercounts.

Fourth, we divide twenty-three Orthodox Christian church bodies into two families, Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, accounting for 1,056,535 adherents total. Alexei Krindatch of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, collected the data on Orthodox Christian groups. Adherent counts for these groups were obtained from the local Orthodox parishes (congregations).

Finally, several other groups received special attention for this study. Further details on Buddhist groupings are in Appendix E, and those on Hindu groupings are in Appendix G. Joseph F. Donnermeyer of Ohio State University provided the most extensive count of Amish groups and adherents ever presented in this series; Cory Anderson of Newcomerstown, Ohio, provided the same for Amish-Mennonite groups; details on their methods are in Appendix D. Appendix F presents details of our gathering of data for Friends groupings, collected by Richard H. Taylor. Appendix I presents further details of Muslim data gathering by Ihsan Bagby. Appendix K provides details of our use of on-line listings to gather information on congregations for some bodies.

**Non-participating Groups:** The study made efforts to contact and invite at least 89 other religious groups, found either in the *Yearbook* or by referrals from interested individuals. Not all of the groups had size information in the *Yearbook*, but thirty-one of them combined reported just over 6,000 churches and 1.6 million members.

There are four non-participating religious bodies that reported more than 100,000 members to the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches: 2010*<sup>4</sup>:

Baptist Missionary Association of America  
Christian Congregation, Inc.  
Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers International  
Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc.

These four groups reported a combined membership of 1.5 million in the *Yearbook*.

## PROBLEMS

**Defining Membership:** Our most critical problem is defining membership. Because there is no generally acceptable definition of membership applicable across bodies, we left the designation of members to the religious bodies themselves. Many comment on their definition in Appendix A.

In an effort to achieve comparability of data, we established two major categories for individuals affiliated with a religious body:

**MEMBERS:** all individuals with full membership status; and

**TOTAL ADHERENTS:** all members, including full members, their children and the estimated number of other participants who are not considered members; for example, the “baptized,” “those not

confirmed,” “those not eligible for communion,” “those regularly attending services,” and the like.

Of the 236 reporting groups, 49 reported members and adherents; 37 reported adherents only; 63 reported members only; four suggested a method for estimating adherents without reporting members; and 83 reported only congregation locations. Of the 63 that reported members only, 4 suggested their own adherent estimating processes, which we used to calculate adherents for them. We estimated total adherents for the 59 remaining groups reporting members only, using a formula we discuss below.

**Estimating Total Adherents:** We use the total adherent figure to compute the population percentage for each group. For those 59 groups that reported members but did not report adherents nor suggest a method for computing them, we estimated total adherents for each county by dividing membership by the population at least 14 years of age then applying this percentage to the Census 2010 100-percent count for the county. For example, the Southern Baptist Convention reported 204,332 full members in Dallas County, Texas. This represents 11.03% of the 14-and-over population of Dallas County. Applying the same percentage to the entire population yields a total adherent count of 261,216. An asterisk at the right end of the line in the Abbreviations Table indicates that total adherents were estimated through this procedure.

We asked the 49 groups for whom we estimated total adherents in this way to comment on the procedure. Their comments are in Appendix A.

**Locating Members by County:** Membership statistics are generally reported for the county in which the congregation itself is located, rather than for the county in which the member resides. We assume the county of residence will correspond to the county of the congregation in most cases, although modern mobility patterns suggest caution in accepting this assumption in every case. Especially in large urban areas, combining counties into standard metropolitan areas might be wiser when citing membership proportions.

**Membership or Adherents without Congregations:** In nearly all cases, members and adherents were reported for congregations. Exceptions include American Baptist Association (1 county); Amish Groups, undifferentiated (40); Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (1); Bahá’í (2,064); Church of the Brethren (3); Church of the Nazarene (1); Conservative Judaism (9); International Churches of Christ (26); Orthodox Judaism (1); Reconstructionist Judaism (2); Reform Judaism (7); and Zoroastrian (266). A few groups count as members some individuals whose congregations have not met or no longer meet the criteria for official recognition as congregations. The International Churches of Christ have off-campus ministry sites in many major metropolitan areas, with adherents estimated for those off-site locations. For the Bahá’í and Zoroastrian groups, there are independent records for the location of adherents. More than 96 percent of adherent-without-congregation situations are accounted for by just the Bahá’í and the Zoroastrians.

4: Eileen W. Lindner. 2010. *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches: 2010*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press.



**Average Attendance:** Each group that provided average attendance figures was asked to define these. Their explanations are in Appendix A.

**County Listings:** The *2010 U.S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study* uses the same 3,143 counties or county-equivalents as the 2010 U.S. Census. These include census areas in Alaska, the District of Columbia, civil parishes in Louisiana, and independent cities, most prevalent in Virginia. These areas can change over time; readers wishing to understand how these have changed in the course of this series may wish to consult the Census Bureau listing of Substantial Changes to Counties and County-Equivalent Entities since 1970 at <http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/ctychng.html>.

**Reporting Date:** We sought statistics comparable to the April 1, 2010, U.S. Census. Accordingly, we asked participants to provide data for their reporting year ending within calendar year 2010.

**Accuracy of Reporting Procedures:** Most large Protestant denominations maintain national offices that receive statistical reports from their individual congregations; we used these reports to provide county membership figures for this study. Many smaller groups, as well as those in which local congregations have a great deal of autonomy, only request and do not require such reports. This means that data for several groups is not as complete and current as might be desired.

We asked groups furnishing data to comment on the accuracy of their reporting procedures and to furnish copies of the forms they used to collect the data. Those forms that were received are in the data collection office at the Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center. We reproduce comments on accuracy in Appendix A.

**Dual Affiliation:** We also asked each group, “Do any local congregations of your denomination maintain affiliation with another denomination as well?” Comments we received on dual affiliation are in Appendix A.

**Membership Greater Than Population:** There are 31 counties or equivalents for which the number of reported adherents exceeds the total population in 2010. These are COLORADO: Kiowa; GEORGIA: Schley; IDAHO: Madison; KENTUCKY: Hickman; MISSISSIPPI: Yalobusha; MONTANA: Sheridan; NEW MEXICO: Harding; NORTH DAKOTA: Adams, Bowman, Burke, Dunn, Emmons, Foster, Rolette; OKLAHOMA: Choctaw, Harmon; SOUTH DAKOTA: Grant, Hyde; TEXAS: Collingsworth, Dimmit, Foard, Haskell, King, Lavaca, Terrell; VIRGINIA: Colonial Heights city, Covington city, Fairfax city, Falls Church city, Fredericksburg city, Manassas city.

Reasons for the discrepancy will differ from county to county, but the most plausible would include U.S. Census undercount, church membership overcount, and county of residence differing from county of membership. This is especially likely in Virginia, where many cities have been separated from their adjoining counties.

## DATA PRESENTATION

This report consists of four tables, thirty-two pages of maps and charts, and a fold-out map insert.

In all the tables, we abbreviate group names. We list abbreviations on the pages immediately preceding Table 1.

**Table 1,** “Religious Congregations by Group for the United States: 2010,” presents for each group the number of congregations; the number of communicant, confirmed, or full members; the average attendance (if any) reported by the group; and the total adherents the group has throughout the entire United States. It also indicates what percent of the U.S. population and what percent of the total reported adherents each group comprises. Population figures used for these calculations are from the 2010 U.S. Census.

**Table 2,** “Religious Congregations by State and Group: 2010,” presents group totals for each state (and the District of Columbia): the total of congregations; communicant, confirmed, or full members; average attendance; and adherents. Also shown are the percent of state population and of total state adherents that each group has. States are arranged alphabetically.

**Table 3,** “Religious Congregations by County and Group: 2010,” provides detailed data on which the totals in Tables 1, 2, and 4 are based. It presents for each county or county equivalent the numbers of congregations; communicant, confirmed, or full members; average attendance; and adherents; as well as the percent of the county population and of total county adherents that each group has.

**Table 4,** “Religious Congregations by Metropolitan Status and Group: 2010,” presents for each group the proportion of its adherents in different-sized metropolitan areas. Also shown is the proportion of congregations within each group located outside metropolitan areas. For comparison, the proportion of the total U.S. population in each metropolitan category is shown on the first line of the table; and the proportion of total adherents within each category is shown on the second line.

Sizes are based on the four size categories of metropolitan areas, with additional categories for “Micropolitan counties” and for “Non-metropolitan counties” included for comparison. The metropolitan and micropolitan definitions are those of the Office of Management and the Budget as of April 1, 2010, with population figures from the 2010 census. Size categories for metropolitan areas were “At least 5,000,000 people,” “Between 1,000,000 and 4,999,999 people,” “Between 250,000 and 999,999 people,” and “Metros with fewer than 250,000 people.”

**Maps Included in the Book:** The color map section begins with 20 groups reporting at least one million adherents or groups reporting adherents with congregations present in at least 50% of U.S. counties. These maps show the proportion of the population of each county that is claimed by the group. The same scale is used on each map to make comparisons easier. Similarly, the next three maps show the proportion of each counties’ population claimed by the Jewish, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox family groups.

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The next maps show the largest group in each county or equivalent. The first of these shows the participating Eastern Religion group with the largest number of adherents. The second shows the largest participating group of any religious background. The third shows the largest participating Protestant group.

The Religious Diversity Map shows the Simpson Diversity Index for each county based upon the relative size of six religious groups: Catholic, Mormon, Protestant, Other Christian (primarily Orthodox), Muslim, Jewish, and Eastern Religions. The greater the index number, the more likely it is that two randomly selected individuals in that county belong to different religious groups.

The next four pages display some of the other maps and charts available at USReligionCensus.org for the various groups participating in the study.

The final map shows the population penetration of the total religious adherents in each county equivalent.

**Wall Map:** Accompanying this report is a color map, 25" x 38", entitled "Major Religious Families of the United States: 2010." A color code on this map indicates, for each county, the participating group that predominates. Based primarily upon family groupings found in the *Yearbook* and classifications in previous years, the various Anglican/Episcopal, Baptist, Brethren, Buddhist, Christian, Churches of God, Congregational, Friends, Hindu, Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Lutheran, Mennonite, Messianic Jewish, Methodist, Moravian, Old Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, and Reformed bodies were grouped into families. Other groups, such as the Catholics, Muslims, and United Church of Christ were not grouped into families but were treated as separate units.

In the table listings, religious bodies are grouped by these families, indicated by ANG/EPIS, BAPT, BRETH, etc., preceding the group abbreviation.

The number of counties in which the above-mentioned families or units predominate is as follows:

Baptist . . . . .	1,249
Catholic . . . . .	1,117
Lutheran . . . . .	263
Methodist . . . . .	248
Latter-day Saints . . . . .	107
Christian . . . . .	57
Non-denominational Christian Churches . . . . .	46
Pentecostal . . . . .	15
Mennonite . . . . .	12
Eastern Orthodox . . . . .	7
Reformed . . . . .	7
United Church of Christ . . . . .	3
Anglican/Episcopal . . . . .	2
Brethren . . . . .	2
Presbyterian . . . . .	2
Christian and Missionary Alliance . . . . .	1
Church of the Nazarene . . . . .	1
Congregational Christian . . . . .	1

Friends . . . . .	1
Muslim . . . . .	1
Seventh-day Adventist . . . . .	1

A solid color on the map or upper-case coding indicates that a group has 50 percent or more of the total adherents in that county, as reported in the present study. When no group has 50 percent, striped shading or lower-case coding indicates the largest group with 25 to 49 percent of adherents in a county. The 193 counties where no group has 25 percent of adherents are left blank. The percentages on which the map is based can be found in Table 3, column 7 of this report.

## METHODOLOGY

The Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center in Lenexa, Kansas, carried out the actual data collection. Richard Houseal, Research Services Manager, oversaw the data collection.

In 2009, we sent an invitation to participate in the study to every U.S. religious body listed in the *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*.<sup>5</sup> We also sent additional invitations to contacts suggested by the Advisory Committee and by members of the ASARB. Following the initial written invitation, we sent two additional general mailings. Those not responding to these received still additional special letters, personal contacts, e-mails, and phone calls. Altogether, we invited 296 groups to participate; of which 236 are included in the study, seven groups intended to participate but did not, four declined to participate, and 49 did not respond in any way.

Groups agreeing to participate were asked to appoint a contact person. We sent two forms to the contact person: instructions for reporting data; and a transmittal sheet to be signed and sent with the data collected. When asked, we provided a state-county form for listing the statistics. Contact persons could provide the data electronically, in printout, or using the state-county listing provided by the Church of the Nazarene Research Services staff.

The process put the major burden of work on the offices of the various religious groups, since they were asked to compile data by county for all their congregations. In some cases, however, groups were able to furnish information only in the form of yearbooks or other sources. Transferring yearbook information into county data then became the responsibility of the Church of the Nazarene Research Services staff. In a few cases, the groups instructed the staff to estimate congregational membership according to some formula, and approved the result. In all instances, the contact person was asked to review the statistics.

The Research Services staff employed standard procedures for checking the accuracy of data submitted. This included checking state and national totals against county data and adjusting discrepancies (reviewing adjustments with the contact person) and, when appropriate, applying the estimating procedure for adherents. We prepared several items for review by the contact person. These included a spreadsheet of the data that

5: Eileen W. Lindner. 2008. *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches: 2008*. Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press.

compared 2000 figures to 2010 figures for each county and state, as well as a series of maps comparing 2000 and 2010 presence by county, and, for 2010, location of congregations, ratio of adherents to each county's population, and number of adherents by county. Only after all problems raised by both the staff and the contact person were resolved were the statistics considered ready for publication.

The final step was to run a series of computer edit tests to check for errors. Finding incorrect county codes and locating records with no data were the most common corrections at that step. After this, the Church of the Nazarene Research Services staff produced the printouts of tables and maps for this document.

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# Abbreviations

Code	Abbreviation	Full Group Name	Statistical Reporting Methods		
			Source	Level	Adherents
015	Amana Ch Soc	Amana Church Society	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
033	ANG/EPIS—Anglican NA	Anglican Church in North America	Web	NR	NR
193	ANG/EPIS—Episcopal	Episcopal Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
040	Ap Chr Ch-Amer	Apostolic Christian Church of America, Inc.	Web	Congregation	Supplied
056	Bahá'í	Bahá'í	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
012	BAPT—Alliance Bapt	Alliance of Baptists	Web	NR	NR
017	BAPT—Amer Bapt Assn	American Baptist Association	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
019	BAPT—Amer Bapt USA	American Baptist Churches in the USA	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
047	BAPT—Asc Ref Bap Ch Am	Association of Reformed Baptist Churches of America	Directories	NR	NR
179	BAPT—Consrv Bapt	Conservative Baptist Association of America	Directories	NR	NR
057	BAPT—Converge/BGC	Converge Worldwide/Baptist General Conference	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate
191	BAPT—Enterprise Bapt Assoc	Enterprise Baptists Association	Web	NR	NR
223	BAPT—Free Will Bapt	Free Will Baptists, National Association of	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate*
228	BAPT—Fund Bapt Flwsp	Fundamental Baptist Fellowship	Directories	NR	NR
261	BAPT—Ind Bapt Flwsp Intl	Independent Baptist Fellowship International	Directories	NR	NR
313	BAPT—N Am Bapt Conf	North American Baptist Conference	Directories	Congregation	Estimate*
302	BAPT—Natl Mis Bapt Conv	National Missionary Baptist Convention, Inc.	Address Lists	Allocated	Estimate*
301	BAPT—NBC Amer	National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.	Address Lists	Allocated	Estimate*
300	BAPT—NBC USA	National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.	Address Lists	Allocated	Estimate*
308	BAPT—NT Ind Bapt	New Testament Association of Independent Baptist Churches	Directories	NR	NR
336	BAPT—Orig Free Will Bapt	Convention of Original Free Will Baptists	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate*
362	BAPT—Prim Bapt E Dst	Primitive Baptists, Eastern District Association of	Web	Allocated	Estimate*
364	BAPT—Prog NBC	Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.	Address Lists	Allocated	Estimate*
370	BAPT—Ref Bapt Ch	Reformed Baptist Churches	Web	NR	NR
388	BAPT—Reg Bapt Gen As	General Association of Regular Baptist Churches	Directories	NR	NR
415	BAPT—S-D Baptist Gen Con	Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, USA and Canada	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
419	BAPT—So Bapt Conv	Southern Baptist Convention	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
075	BRETH—Breth in Chr	Brethren In Christ Church	Web	NR	NR
071	BRETH—Brethren (Ash)	Brethren Church (Ashland, Ohio)	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate*
157	BRETH—Ch of Brethren	Church of the Brethren	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
244	BRETH—Grace Breth	Grace Brethren Churches, Fellowship of	Web	NR	NR
324	BRETH—Old Ord Rvr Br	Old Order River Brethren	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
459	BRETH—United Zion Ch	United Zion Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
890**	BUDD—Mahayana	Mahayana Buddhism	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
891**	BUDD—Theravada	Theravada Buddhism	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
892**	BUDD—Vajrayana	Vajrayana Buddhism	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
084	Calv Chpl	Calvary Chapel Fellowship Churches	Web	NR	NR
081	Catholic	Catholic Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
123	CGOD—Ch God (Ander)	Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied

\* Total adherents estimated from known number of communicant, confirmed, full members.

\*\* 127 Hindu groups and 215 Buddhist groups have been combined into four broad families for this report. Individual group data and codes are available on-line.

# Abbreviations

			———— Statistical Reporting Methods ————		
Code	Abbreviation	Full Group Name	Source	Level	Adherents
171	CGOD—Ches God-Gen Con	Churches of God, General Conference	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
168	Ch Christ Chr Union	Churches of Christ in Christian Union	Web	NR	NR
111	Ch Cr, Scientst	Church of Christ, Scientist	Faith Group	NR	NR
133	Ch God (7th Day)	Church of God (Seventh Day)	Faith Group	NR	NR
110	Ch of Chr (Hol)	Church of Christ (Holiness), U.S.A.	Web	NR	NR
121	Ch of God Gen Conf	Church of God General Conference	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
165	Ch of Nazarene	Church of the Nazarene	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
089	Chr & Miss Al	Christian and Missionary Alliance	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
093	CHR—Chr Ch (Disc)	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
097	CHR—Chr Chs & Chs Cr	Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
167	CHR—Chs of Christ	Churches of Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
264	CHR—Int Chs of Christ	International Churches of Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
353	Christian Brethren	Christian Brethren	Web	NR	NR
107	Christian Un	Christian Union	Faith Group	NR	NR
051	CONG—Armen Evang Add'l	Armenian Evangelical Churches (Additional)	Special Study	NR	NR
176	CONG—Cong Chr Add'l	Congregational Christian Churches, Additional (not part of any national CCC body)	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
175	CONG—Cong Chr, NA	National Association of Congregational Christian Churches	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
181	CONG—Consv Cong Chr	Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
296	CONG—Midw Cong Chr Fel	Midwest Congregational Christian Fellowship	Directories	Congregation	Estimate*
198	Evan Assoc RCC	Evangelical Association of Reformed, and Congregational Christian Churches	Web	NR	NR
197	Evan Ch	Evangelical Church	Web	NR	NR
199	Evan Cong Ch	Evangelical Congregational Church	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
201	Evan Cov Ch	Evangelical Covenant Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
203	Evan Free Ch	Evangelical Free Church of America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
085	FRND—Central Yr Mtg	Central Yearly Meeting of Friends	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
390	FRND—Consvr Yr Mtgs	Conservative Yearly Meetings of Friends	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
328	FRND—Evan Fr Ch Intl	Evangelical Friends Church International	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
391	FRND—Fr Gen Cf	Friends General Conference	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
393	FRND—Fr Gen Cf & Un Mtg	Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting (dually aligned meetings)	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
225	FRND—Fr Un Mtg	Friends United Meeting	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
338	FRND—Indep Yr Mtgs	Independent Yearly Meetings of Friends	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate*
389	FRND—Unaffl Mtgs	Unaffiliated Friends Meetings	Special Study	NR	NR
243	Grace Gosp Fel	Grace Gospel Fellowship	Faith Group	NR	NR
643**	HINDU—I/A Temples	Indian-American Hindu Temple Associations	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
641**	HINDU—Post Ren	Hindu Post Renaissance	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
642**	HINDU—Renaiss	Hindu Renaissance	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
644**	HINDU—Trad Temples	Traditional Hindu Temples	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
259	Ind Fund Churches	Independent Fundamental Churches of America	Faith Group	NR	NR

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\*\* 127 Hindu groups and 215 Buddhist groups have been combined into four broad families for this report. Individual group data and codes are available on-line.



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			—— Statistical Reporting Methods ——		
Code	Abbreviation	Full Group Name	Source	Level	Adherents
262	Int Cou Comm Ch	International Council of Community Churches	Faith Group	NR	NR
256	Intl Fell Bible Ch	International Fellowship of Bible Churches	Web	NR	NR
268	Jain	Jain	Web	NR	NR
272	Jehovah's Witness	Jehovah's Witnesses	Address Lists	NR	NR
270	JUD–Conserv	Conservative Judaism	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
276	JUD–Orth	Orthodox Judaism	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
275	JUD–Reconst	Reconstructionist Judaism	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
271	JUD–Reform	Reform Judaism	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
173	LDS–Comm of Christ	Community of Christ	Faith Group	Allocated	Supplied
151	LDS–L-D Saints	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
045	LUTH–Apostolic Luth	Apostolic Lutheran Church of America	Web	NR	NR
220	LUTH–Assoc Free Luth	Association of Free Lutheran Congregations	Web	NR	NR
164	LUTH–Ch Luth Conf	Church of the Lutheran Confession	Web	NR	NR
163	LUTH–Ch of Luth Br	Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
182	LUTH–Cons Luth Assn	Conservative Lutheran Association	Web	NR	NR
207	LUTH–E.L.C.A.	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
209	LUTH–Evan Luth Syn	Evangelical Lutheran Synod	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
284	LUTH–Luth Ch-Am Asc	American Association of Lutheran Churches	Web	NR	NR
255	LUTH–Luth Cong Msn Chr	Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ	Web	Congregation	Estimate*
283	LUTH–Luth–MO Synod	Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
314	LUTH–Nor Amer Luth C	North American Lutheran Church	Web	NR	NR
469	LUTH–Wisc Ev Luth Syn	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
016	MENN–Amb Amish Menn	Ambassadors Amish-Mennonite	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
031	MENN–Amish Undif	Amish Groups, undifferentiated	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
061	MENN–Beachy Amish Menn	Beachy Amish-Mennonite Churches	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
062	MENN–Ber Amish Menn	Berea Amish-Mennonite	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
073	MENN–Bible Flwshp	Bible Fellowship Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate
070	MENN–Bruderhof Comm	Bruderhof Communities, Inc.	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
143	MENN–CG in Cr (Menn)	Church of God in Christ, Mennonite	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
183	MENN–Cons Menn Conf	Conservative Mennonite Conference	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
211	MENN–Fel Evg Bib Ch	Fellowship of Evangelical Bible Churches	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
213	MENN–Fel Evg Ch	Fellowship of Evangelical Churches	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
257	MENN–Hutt Breth	Hutterian Brethren	Web	NR	NR
278	MENN–Mara Amish Menn	Maranatha Amish-Mennonite	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
237	MENN–Menn Br US Conf	U.S. Mennonite Brethren	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
282	MENN–Menn Chr Fell	Mennonite Christian Fellowship	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
288	MENN–Mennonite USA	Mennonite Church USA	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
310	MENN–Midw Bchy Am Menn	Midwest Beachy Amish-Mennonite	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
379	MENN–Ref Mennonite	Reformed Mennonite Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
424	MENN–Tamp Amish Menn	Tampico Amish-Mennonite	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
432	MENN–Unaffil Amish Menn	Unaffiliated Conservative Amish-Mennonite Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
011	METH–A.W.M.C.	Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied

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			Source	Level	Adherents
003	METH-AME	African Methodist Episcopal Church	Web/Address List	Allocated	Estimate*
005	METH-AME Zion	African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	Web/Address List	Allocated	Estimate*
101	METH-C.M.E.	Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	Web/Address List	Allocated	Estimate*
180	METH-Cong Meth	Congregational Methodist Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
215	METH-Evan Meth Ch	Evangelical Methodist Church	Web	NR	NR
221	METH-Free Methodist	Free Methodist Church of North America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
363	METH-Prim Meth Ch	Primitive Methodist Church in the USA	Web	NR	NR
421	METH-So Methodist	Southern Methodist Church	Faith Group	NR	NR
449	METH-Un Methodist	United Methodist Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
467	METH-Wesleyan	Wesleyan Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate
290	Metro Comm Ch	Metropolitan Community Churches, Universal Fellowship of	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate
291	Missionary Ch	Missionary Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
058	MJEW-Assoc Mes Cong	Association of Messianic Congregations	Web	NR	NR
437	MJEW-Union Mes Cong	Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations	Web	NR	NR
292	MORAV-Morav Ch-AK	Moravian Church in America-Alaska Province	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
293	MORAV-Morav Ch-North	Moravian Church in America-Northern Province	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
295	MORAV-Morav Ch-South	Moravian Church in America-Southern Province	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
461	MORAV-Unity Of Breth	Unity of the Brethren	Web	NR	NR
267	Muslim Est	Muslim Estimate	Special Study	Allocated	Supplied
303	Nat Spirit Asso	National Spiritualist Association of Churches	Web	NR	NR
309	New Apost Ch	New Apostolic Church of North America, National Organization of the	Faith Group	NR	NR
500	Non-denom Chr Chs	Non-denominational Christian Churches	Special Study	Congregation	Estimate
352	OCATH-Pol Natl Cath	Polish National Catholic Church	Web	NR	NR
439	OCATH-Un Cath Ch	United Catholic Church, Inc.	Web	Allocated	Estimate
009	ORTHE-Alban Orth Dio	Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
034	ORTHE-Ant Orth of NA	Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
078	ORTHE-Bulgar Orth USA	Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of the USA, Canada and Australia	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
022	ORTHE-Carp Rus Orth	American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
242	ORTHE-Georgian Orth	Georgian Orthodox Parishes in the United States	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
246	ORTHE-Greek Orthodox	Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
251	ORTHE-Holy Orth in NA	Holy Orthodox Church in North America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
330	ORTHE-Macedonian Orth	Macedonian Orthodox Church: American Diocese	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
331	ORTHE-Orth Ch in Amer	Orthodox Church in America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
337	ORTHE-Pal/Jor Orth	Vicariate for the Palestinian/Jordanian Orthodox Christian Communities	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
395	ORTHE-Romania Orth Ar	Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in Americas	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
401	ORTHE-Rus Orth Abroad	Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
400	ORTHE-Rus Orth Moscow	Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied

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410	ORTHE–Serb Orth USA	Serbian Orthodox Church in North America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
431	ORTHE–Ukrainian Orth	Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
049	ORTHO–Armen Ap Cilic	Armenian Apostolic Church of America (Catholicosate of Cilicia)	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
050	ORTHO–Armen Ap Etchm	Armenian Church of North America (Catholicosate of Etchmiadzin)	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
186	ORTHO–Coptic Orth Ch	Coptic Orthodox Church	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
202	ORTHO–Eritrean Orth	Eritrean Orthodox	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
204	ORTHO–Ethiopian Orth	Ethiopian Orthodox	Special Study	NR	NR
333	ORTHO–Malan Dioc Am	Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
334	ORTHO–Malan Syr Orth	Malankara Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
423	ORTHO–Syrian Orth Ch	Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch	Special Study	Congregation	Supplied
042	PENT–Apos Faith Msn	Apostolic Faith Mission of Portland, OR	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate*
053	PENT–Assemb of God	Assemblies of God	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
044	PENT–Assm God Intl F	Assemblies of God International Fellowship	Web	NR	NR
127	PENT–Ch God (Cleve)	Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee)	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
120	PENT–Ch God Apos Fth	Church of God of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.	Web	NR	NR
146	PENT–Ch God Mtn Asm	Church of God, Mountain Assembly, Inc.	Faith Group	NR	NR
155	PENT–Ch Lord Jesus Apos	Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc.	Web	NR	NR
122	PENT–Ch of God by Faith	Church of God by Faith, Inc.	Web	NR	NR
145	PENT–Ch of God Proph	Church of God of Prophecy	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
141	PENT–COGIC	Church of God in Christ	Address Lists	Allocated	Estimate*
177	PENT–Cong Hol Ch	Congregational Holiness Church	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate*
190	PENT–Elim	Elim Fellowship	Web	NR	NR
346	PENT–Fire Bapt Hol Ch	Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness Church	Web	NR	NR
232	PENT–Full Gosp Bapt	Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship	Web	NR	NR
260	PENT–I F Chr Assmbl	International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies	Faith Group	NR	NR
263	PENT–Int Foursq Gos	Foursquare Gospel, International Church of the	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
265	PENT–Int Pent C Chr	International Pentecostal Church of Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
349	PENT–Intl Pent Holiness	International Pentecostal Holiness Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
329	PENT–Open Bible Std	Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc.	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
326	PENT–Orig Ch of God	(Original) Church of God	Web	NR	NR
339	PENT–Pent Ch of God	Pentecostal Church of God	Faith Group	Allocated	Estimate
347	PENT–Pent FW Bapt	Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, Inc.	Web	NR	NR
456	PENT–Un Pent Asbl God	United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God	Web	NR	NR
454	PENT–Un Pent Ch Intl	United Pentecostal Church International	Web	NR	NR
445	PENT–United Holy Ch	United Holy Church of America, Inc.	Web	NR	NR
463	PENT–Vineyard	Vineyard USA	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
350	Pillar of Fire	Pillar of Fire	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
030	PRES–AmPres	American Presbyterian Church	Web	NR	NR
055	PRES–As Ref Pres Ch	Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*

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069	PRES—Bible Pres	Bible Presbyterian Church (General Synod)	Web	NR	NR
184	PRES—Cov Ref Pres	Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church	Web	NR	NR
187	PRES—Cum Pres Am	Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America	Web	NR	NR
185	PRES—Cumber Presb	Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
216	PRES—Evan Presby Ch	Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
224	PRES—Free Ch Scot	Free Church of Scotland (Continuing)	Web	NR	NR
222	PRES—Free Pres NA	Free Presbyterian Church of North America	Web	NR	NR
366	PRES—Kor Pres Abroad	Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad	Web	NR	NR
048	PRES—Korean Amer Pres	Korean-American Presbyterian Church	Faith Group	NR	NR
052	PRES—Korean Pres Amer	Korean Presbyterian Church in America	Directory	NR	NR
335	PRES—Orth Pres Ch	Orthodox Presbyterian Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
354	PRES—Pres Ref	Presbyterian Reformed Church	Web	NR	NR
355	PRES—Presb Ch (USA)	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
356	PRES—Presb Ch Amer	Presbyterian Church in America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
380	PRES—Ref Pres GA	Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly	Web	NR	NR
382	PRES—Ref Pres Han	Reformed Presbyterian Church Hanover Presbytery	Web	NR	NR
383	PRES—Ref Pres of NA	Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
385	PRES—Ref Pres US	Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States	Web	NR	NR
086	REF—Can Amer Ref	Canadian and American Reformed Churches	Web	NR	NR
105	REF—Christian Ref	Christian Reformed Church in North America	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
172	REF—Comm Ref Evan	Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches	Web	NR	NR
210	REF—Fed Ref Ch	Federation of Reformed Churches	Web	NR	NR
227	REF—Free Ref NA	Free Reformed Church of North America	Web	NR	NR
248	REF—Heritage Ref	Heritage Reformed Churches	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
254	REF—Hung Ref Add'l	Hungarian Reformed Churches (Additional)	Special Study	NR	NR
369	REF—Prot Ref Chs	Protestant Reformed Churches in America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
371	REF—Ref Ch in Am	Reformed Church in America	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
373	REF—Ref Ch in U.S.	Reformed Church in the United States	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
455	REF—Un Ref Chs N.A.	United Reformed Churches in North America	Web	NR	NR
403	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
405	Schwenkfelder	Schwenkfelder Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
413	Sev Day Adv	Seventh-day Adventist Church	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
408	Shinto	Shinto	Web	NR	NR
416	Sikh	Sikh	Web	NR	NR
239	Swedenborgian	Swedenborgian Church	Web	NR	NR
425	Tao	Tao	Web	NR	NR
438	Un Breth in Cr	Church of the United Brethren in Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate
443	Un C of Christ	United Church of Christ	Faith Group	Congregation	Estimate*
435	Unit Univ	Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations	Faith Group	Congregation	Supplied
124	Unity Ch	Unity Churches, Association of	Faith Group	NR	NR
490	Zoroastrian	Zoroastrian	Web	Congregation	Supplied

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