

AN OVERVIEW OF PROTESTANT CHURCH GROWTH IN MEXICO

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FIGURE #1 - PROTESTANT CHURCH GROWTH: 1885-2010

| DATE | ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CONG. | AVERAGE CONG. SIZE | ESTIMATED PROTESTANT MEMBERSHIP | ESTIMATED PROTESTANT POPULATION | COMMUNITY TO MEMBERS RATIO | PROTESTANT DATA SOURCE |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1885 | 240 | 62.5 | 15,000 | 35,000 | 2.3 | La Luz |
| 1888 | 271 | 60.0 | 16,250 | 49,512 | 3.0 | Butler |
| 1900 | 288 | 60.0 | 17,265 | 51,796 | 3.0 | CLH |
| 1910 | 600 | 50 | 30,000 | 68,839 | 2.3 | Ross* |
| 1913 | 756 | 35 | 26,451 | 66,128 | 2.5 | Winton* |
| 1921 | 636 | 35 | 22,274 | 73,951 | 3.3 | Ross* |
| 1930 | 1,241 | 35 | 43,441 | 130,322 | 3.0 | CLH |
| 1938 | 1,391 | 40 | 55,652 | 166,956 | 3.0 | Parker |
| 1940 | 1,483 | 40 | 59,318 | 177,954 | 3.0 | CLH |
| 1950 | 2,221 | 50 | 110,037 | 330,111 | 3.0 | RMJ |
| 1960 | 4,042 | 68 | 275,000 | 578,515 | 2.1 | McGavran |
| 1965 | 6,440 | 65 | 418,589 | 850,000 | 2.0 | RMJ** |
| 1970 | 5,225 | 65 | 339,621 | 679,241 | 2.0 | CLH |
| 1980 | 13,548 | 65 | 880,644 | 2,201,609 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 1990 | 22,684 | 70 | 1,587,868 | 3,969,671 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 1995 | 25,640 | 70 | 1,794,775 | 4,486,938 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 2000 | 28,967 | 70 | 2,027,655 | 5,069,137 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 2000 | | | | 6,468,484 | | Johnstone*** |
| 2005 | 35,738 | 75 | 2,680,344 | 6,700,860 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 2010 | 47,252 | 75 | 3,543,904 | 8,859,759 | 2.5 | CLH |
| 2010 | | | | 9,166,346 | | Mandryk**** |

*The decline in Protestant church growth between 1910 and 1921 was due to the chaos created by the Mexican Revolution that caused a large-scale internal migration as people sought to escape the violence.

**Either the estimates by Read, Monterroso & Johnson were too high for 1965, or the official Census figures for 1960 and 1970 were a serious undercount.

***Estimates by Patrick Johnstone for *Operation World 2000*.

****Estimates by Jason Mandryk for *Operation World 2010*.

FIGURE #2
TOTAL POPULATION AND
PROTESTANT POPULATION ESTIMATES: 1900-2010

| DATE | TOTAL POPULATION ESTIMATE | PROTESTANT POPULATION ESTIMATE | PERCENT PROTESTANT ESTIMATE |
|------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1900 | 13,607,259 | 51,796 | .38 |
| 1910 | 15,160,369 | 68,839 | .45 |
| 1921 | 14,734,780 | 73,951 | .52 |
| 1930 | 16,552,722 | 130,322 | .79 |
| 1940 | 19,653,552 | 177,954 | .9 |
| 1950 | 25,500,000 | 330,111 | 1.3 |
| 1960 | 34,000,000 | 578,515 | 1.7 |
| 1970 | 48,377,363 | 879,241 | 1.8 |
| 1980 | 66,846,833 | 2,201,609 | 3.3 |
| 1990 | 81,249,645 | 3,969,671 | 4.9 |
| 1995 | 93,700,000 | 4,685,000 | 5.0 |
| 2000 | 97,483,412 | 5,069,137 | 5.2 |
| 2005 | 103,263,388 | 6,700,860 | 6.5 |
| 2010 | 112,336,538 | 8,859,759 | 7.9 |

SOURCES: Total population estimates for 1900-2010 by the Mexican National Census Department; Protestant population and per cent Protestant estimates for 1900-1980 by Larson and from the other sources cited previously; estimates for 1990-2010 by PROLADES based on our Classification System of Religious Groups in the Americas: <http://www.prolades.com/class-eng.pdf>

FIGURE #3
PROTESTANT POPULATION GROWTH RATES, 1900-2010

1900-1930 = 3.12%
1930-1940 = 3.16%
1940-1950 = 6.37%
1950-1960 = 5.77%
1960-1970 = 4.27%
1970-1980 = 9.61%
1980-1990 = 6.07%
1990-2000 = 5.38%
2000-2010 = 5.74%

Source: Clifton L. Holland, Director of PROLADES

FIGURE #4
SOURCES OF INFORMATION: MEXICO

| DATE | DATA SOURCE | DETAILS |
|------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1900 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1910 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1921 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1930 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1940 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1950 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1960 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1966 | RMJ | Reed, Monterroso and Johnson |
| 1970 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1980 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1990 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 1995 | CLH | Clifton L. Holland |
| 2000 | Census | Mexican National Census |
| 2005 | CLH | Clifton L. Holland |
| 2010 | Census | Mexican National Census |

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