

A STUDY OF ETHNIC & RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN
THE GREATER LOS ANGELES METRO AREA (GLAMA)

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QUESTIONNAIRE GLAMA-#4: UNCLASSIFIED RELIGIOUS GROUPS

1. Name of Religious Group: _____
_____ [Code: _____]
2. Affiliated with Mother Church or Denomination: _____

[request a copy of their Statement of Faith or Creed and fill
out a Denominational Questionnaire if group is unlisted]
3. Address of #1: _____ (Street)
(City) _____ (State/Zip) _____
(County) _____ [census tract: _____]
4. Mailing address for #1 (if different from above):

(City/State/Zip) _____
5. Telephone number of church office: () _____ - _____
6. FAX number of church office/pastor: () _____ - _____
7. Type of congregation: Church ___; Mission ___ ; Dept. ___;
Other (give name/type): _____
8. Does more than one ethnic congregation use your facilities?
___Yes; ___No Which ones? _____

(please fill out a separate form for each congregation)
9. When was your congregation organized/founded/established?
Year: _____ Month: _____
10. How many official members do you have now? _____
(Date/source of statistics: _____)
11. What is your average/normal attendance at your main worship
service now (all ages)? _____ (Time: _____)

12. What is the estimated size of your TOTAL CHURCH COMMUNITY (including adults, adolescents, children; members and non-members; active attenders, occasional attenders, and those who hardly ever attend, etc. = total constituency): _____

13. What is the primary language used in your congregation?

14. What nationalities/ethnic groups/languages are represented among those who attend your congregation?

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Largest group:_____	_____	_____
Second largest:_____	_____	_____
Third largest:_____	_____	_____
Fourth largest:_____	_____	_____
Fifth largest:_____	_____	_____
Sixth largest:_____	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	100%

15. Do you consider yourselves to be a "multi-congregational church?" (one church but different ethnic groups hold their own worship services in their own language): ___Yes; ___No

16. Name of head official:_____

17. Official's address:_____ (Street)
(City) _____ (State/Zip) _____

18. Official's telephone number: () _____ - _____

19. Name of person giving the information:

20. Your telephone number: () _____ - _____

21. Date of interview: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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GUIDELINES FOR INTERVIEWS: UNCLASSIFIED RELIGIOUS GROUPS

1. Background Documents:
 - a. The Los Angeles A.D. 2000 Project: Targeting the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA)
 - b. The Changing Face of the Christian Church and Its Ministry in GLAMA.
 - c. A Classification System of Religious Groups in GLAMA: An Annotated Outline
2. Within the GLAMA (Los Angeles & Orange counties) we have identified about 10,000 religious groups that belong to a variety of major religious traditions with their respective denominational families and subfamilies. However, about 5% of our database is composed of "Unclassified Groups." Although we have a name and address for them, we don't know if they are related to one of our existing traditions or denominational families/subfamilies, or if they represent a "new religious movement" that is not yet part of our classification system.
3. Our GLAMA Questionnaire #4 is designed to help researchers obtain basic information on those religious groups that are yet "Unclassified" so that they can be properly identified and classified as part of our GLAMA database.
4. The first step in this process is to look over the list of religious groups that you were given, and to select from the list those groups that you would like to interview.
5. The second step is to call (if you can reach them by phone), or visit the address listed, to verify that the group is at that location, or to investigate to find out if they have moved to another location or if they have ceased to exist; attempt to find them in the white pages or yellow pages of the Phone Directory, and if they are listed then call and make an appointment to speak to an official of that group, either by phone or personal visit. It is preferred that the researcher visit the official at the location of the religious group, so that you can make personal observations.
6. Researchers using this questionnaire are advised to only ask for information that is requested on this form, and NOT to engage those interviewed in discussions or arguments about doctrines or beliefs; you are NOT to engage in evangelizing those interviewed; the purpose of this interview is to help us properly IDENTIFY THIS GROUP so that they can be classified accordingly.

7. If possible, the researcher should try to obtain any printed materials that the group uses to promote its ministry, especially materials that describe their origin, history, beliefs, worship, principal leaders, and major publications.
8. Suggested opening remarks to be used by interviewers:

"Hello, my name is _____. I am a student at _____ University/Seminary."

"We are participating in a study on ethnic and religious diversity in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area, and I would like to ask you a few questions about your church (or religious group)."

"I have a brief questionnaire (two pages) that I would like to use, and it will only take a few minutes of your time."

"Can you help me?" [or, "Can you refer me to someone in your organization that can help me?"]
9. If no one is available to answer your questions at the time of your phone call or visit, then try to make an appointment to see an official spokesperson for this religious group.
10. If you make an appointment, be sure that you are faithful in keeping that appointment or calling ahead of time to make other arrangements!
11. No doubt, some interviewees will ask the researcher, "Why are you doing this?" or "What is the purpose of the survey?"

You may respond as follows:

 - a. I am participating in this survey to learn more about the role of religion in our community, especially to see how various religious groups are responding to the needs of different ethnic groups in our changing neighborhoods.
 - b. The Specific Purpose of this survey is to identify the various religious groups that exist in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA) and to identify the various ethnic groups that are being served by each religious group.
 - c. The General Purpose of the survey is to comprehend the global ethnic and religious reality of GLAMA, as well as to examine its diversity within its seven subregions, in an effort to better understand the role that religion plays in absorbing new arrivals into local communities.
12. The researcher should read carefully the text of GLAMA Questionnaire #4 and familiarize yourself with its contents PRIOR to conducting your first interview.