

# Status of Global Mission, 2011, in Context of 20th and 21st Centuries

	1900	1970	mid-2000	Trend % p.a.	24-hour change	mid-2011	2025
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION</b>							
1. Total population	1,619,625,000	3,685,782,000	6,115,367,000	1.22	234,000	6,988,019,000	8,011,538,000
2. Urban dwellers (urbanites)	232,695,000	1,341,321,000	2,851,306,000	2.04	199,000	3,560,062,000	4,545,761,000
3. Rural dwellers	1,386,930,000	2,344,461,000	3,264,061,000	0.45	35,000	3,427,957,000	3,465,777,000
4. Adult population (over 15s)	1,073,646,000	2,307,311,000	4,260,798,000	1.67	234,000	5,111,017,000	6,094,378,000
5. Literates	296,153,000	1,473,130,000	3,266,062,000	2.25	257,000	4,170,556,000	5,137,088,000
6. Nonliterates	777,493,000	834,181,000	994,736,000	-0.51	-23,000	940,461,000	957,290,000
<b>WORLDWIDE EXPANSION OF CITIES</b>							
7. Megacities (over 1 million population)	20	161	402	2.13	0.03	507	650
8. Urban poor	100 million	650 million	1,400 million	3.11	167,000	1,960 million	3,000 million
9. Urban slum dwellers	20 million	260 million	700 million	3.39	94,000	1,010 million	1,600 million
<b>GLOBAL POPULATION BY RELIGION</b>							
10. Christians (total all kinds) (=World C)	558,131,000	1,231,110,000	1,997,613,000	1.32	83,000	2,306,609,000	2,703,179,000
11. Muslims	199,728,000	581,433,000	1,294,172,000	1.82	79,000	1,578,470,000	1,973,345,000
12. Hindus	202,973,000	462,270,000	814,769,000	1.42	37,000	951,587,000	1,082,411,000
13. Nonreligious	3,029,000	542,646,000	660,590,000	-0.04	-700	657,864,000	630,007,000
14. Buddhists	126,956,000	234,274,000	416,316,000	1.08	13,800	468,403,000	545,647,000
15. Chinese folk-religionists	380,174,000	215,579,000	422,012,000	0.74	9,300	457,883,000	509,458,000
16. Ethnoreligionists	117,527,000	167,066,000	235,832,000	1.22	9,000	269,485,000	266,168,000
17. Atheists	226,000	165,506,000	138,925,000	-0.09	-300	137,555,000	133,631,000
18. New-Religionists (Neoreligionists)	5,986,000	39,382,000	61,467,000	0.35	1,000	63,888,000	66,808,000
19. Sikhs	2,962,000	10,678,000	20,345,000	1.55	1,000	24,085,000	29,519,000
20. Jews	12,292,000	15,100,000	13,893,000	0.62	250	14,876,000	15,629,000
21. Non-Christians (=Worlds A and B)	1,061,494,000	2,454,672,000	4,117,754,000	1.17	151,000	4,681,410,000	5,308,359,000
<b>GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY</b>							
22. Total Christians as % of world (=World C)	34.5	33.4	32.7	0.09	0.0	33.0	33.7
23. Affiliated Christians (church members)	521,683,000	1,121,467,000	1,890,843,000	1.33	80,000	2,187,138,000	2,578,148,000
24. Church attenders	469,303,000	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	43,000	1,523,229,000	1,760,568,000
25. Evangelicals	71,729,000	97,939,000	214,877,000	2.04	15,000	268,232,000	348,019,000
26. Great Commission Christians	77,924,000	276,986,000	609,971,000	1.22	23,000	697,168,000	833,869,000
27. Pentecostals/Charismatics/Neocharismatics	981,000	67,021,000	482,256,000	2.20	37,000	612,472,000	796,490,000
28. Christian martyrs per year (10-year average)	34,400	377,000	160,000	-4.18	270	100,000	150,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 ECCLESIASTICAL MEGABLOCS</b>							
29. Roman Catholics	266,565,000	665,041,000	1,043,269,000	0.98	31,000	1,160,880,000	1,313,829,000
30. Protestants	103,028,000	210,871,000	355,204,000	1.68	20,000	426,450,000	531,474,000
31. Independents	7,931,000	85,765,000	293,589,000	2.33	24,000	378,281,000	502,810,000
32. Orthodox	115,855,000	144,492,000	253,290,000	0.63	5,000	271,316,000	287,052,000
33. Anglicans	30,578,000	47,410,000	74,847,000	1.43	3,000	87,520,000	110,925,000
34. Marginal Christians	928,000	11,086,000	28,824,000	1.92	2,000	35,539,000	50,813,000
<b>MEMBERSHIP BY 6 CONTINENTS, 21 UN REGIONS</b>							
35. Africa (5 regions)	8,736,000	115,966,000	357,469,000	2.61	34,000	474,836,000	669,609,000
36. Asia (4 regions)	20,774,000	92,463,000	275,150,000	2.32	23,000	354,254,000	477,672,000
37. Europe (including Russia; 4 regions)	368,254,000	467,291,000	547,933,000	0.18	3,000	558,824,000	550,907,000
38. Latin America (3 regions)	60,027,000	262,786,000	476,934,000	1.18	18,000	542,670,000	603,709,000
39. Northern America (1 region)	59,570,000	168,372,000	212,241,000	0.77	5,000	231,032,000	249,043,000
40. Oceania (4 regions)	4,323,000	14,588,000	21,116,000	1.16	1,000	23,975,000	27,208,000
<b>CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS</b>							
41. Denominations	1,600	18,800	34,100	1.91	2.2	42,000	55,000
42. Congregations (worship centers)	400,000	1,433,000	3,500,000	3.61	510	5,171,000	7,500,000
43. Service agencies	1,500	14,100	23,000	1.80	1.4	28,000	36,000
44. Foreign-mission sending agencies	600	2,200	4,000	1.67	0.2	4,800	6,000
<b>CONCILIARISM: ONGOING COUNCILS OF CHURCHES</b>							
45. Confessional councils (CWCs, at world level)	40	150	310	1.37	0.01	360	600
46. National councils of churches	19	283	598	1.50	0.03	700	870
<b>CHRISTIAN WORKERS (clergy, laypersons)</b>							
47. Nationals (citizens; all denominations)	2,100,000	4,600,000	10,900,000	0.97	323	12,124,000	14,000,000
48. Men	1,900,000	3,100,000	6,540,000	0.94	187	7,251,000	8,000,000
49. Women	200,000	1,500,000	4,360,000	1.02	136	4,873,000	6,000,000
50. Aliens (foreign missionaries)	62,000	240,000	420,000	-0.24	-3	409,000	550,000
<b>CHRISTIAN FINANCE (in US\$, per year)</b>							
51. Personal income of church members	270 billion	4,100 billion	17,000 billion	5.48	84 billion	30,580 billion	50,000 billion
52. Giving to Christian causes	8 billion	70 billion	300 billion	5.57	1.5 billion	545 billion	890 billion
53. Churches' income	7 billion	50 billion	120 billion	5.54	590 million	217 billion	360 billion
54. Parachurch and institutional income	1 billion	20 billion	180 billion	5.59	900 million	328 billion	530 billion
55. Cost-effectiveness (cost per baptism)	17,500	128,000	330,000	7.02	134	696,000	1,560,000
56. Ecclesiastical crime	300,000	5,000,000	18 billion	5.97	90 million	34 billion	60 billion
57. Income of global foreign missions	200,000,000	3.0 billion	17 billion	5.64	80 million	31 billion	50 billion
58. Computers in Christian use (numbers)	0	1,000	328 million	5.64	93,000	600 million	1,300 million
<b>CHRISTIAN LITERATURE (titles, not copies)</b>							
59. Books about Christianity	300,000	1,800,000	4,800,000	3.66	700	7,131,000	11,800,000
60. Christian periodicals	3,500	23,000	35,000	4.37	6.7	56,000	100,000
<b>SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION (all sources, per year)</b>							
61. Bibles	5,452,600	25,000,000	53,700,000	2.63	195,000	71,425,000	110,000,000
62. Scriptures, including gospels, selections	20 million	281 million	4,600 million	1.07	14 million	4,930 million	6,000 million
63. Bible density (copies in place)	108 million	443 million	1,400 million	2.00	95,000	1,740 million	2,280 million
<b>CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING</b>							
64. Total monthly listeners/viewers	0	750,000,000	1,830,000,000	1.17	67,000	2,080,000,000	2,400,000,000
<b>CHRISTIAN URBAN MISSION</b>							
65. Non-Christian megacities	5	65	226	1.63	0.01	270	300
66. New non-Christian urban dwellers per day	5,200	51,100	117,000	0.31	1.0	121,000	127,000
67. Urban Christians	159,600,000	660,800,000	1,234,270,000	1.64	66,200	1,475,758,000	1,804,692,000
<b>GLOBAL EVANGELISM (per year)</b>							
68. Evangelism-hours	5 billion	25 billion	165 billion	-0.14	440 million	162 billion	300 billion
69. Hearer-hours (offers)	10 billion	99 billion	938 billion	1.93	3.2 billion	1,158 billion	3,000 billion
70. Disciple-opportunities (offers) per capita	6	27	153	0.70	0.5	166	374
<b>WORLD EVANGELIZATION</b>							
71. Unevangelized population (=World A)	879,942,000	1,641,168,000	1,829,951,000	1.05	59,000	2,053,206,000	2,304,664,000
72. Unevangelized as % of world	54.3	44.5	29.9	-0.17	0.0	29.4	28.8
73. World evangelization plans since AD 30	250	510	1,500	2.65	0.1	2,000	3,000

## Methodological notes on the Status of Global Mission, 2011

(referring to numbered lines)

Indented categories form part of, and are included in, unindented categories above them. Definitions of categories are as given and explained in *World Christian Encyclopedia* (1st ed., 1982; 2nd ed., 2001) and *World Christian Trends* (2001), with additional data and explanations as below. The analytical trichotomy of Worlds A, B, C are explained in *WCT*.

**Lines 1-4.** Demographic totals are as shown in *World Population Prospects: The 2008 Revision* (New York: United Nations, 2009).

**10.** Widest definition: professing Christians plus crypto-Christians (secret believers), which equals affiliated (church members) plus unaffiliated Christians. World C is the world of all who individually are Christians.

**21.** Total of all non-Christians (sum of rows 11-20 above, plus adherents of other smaller religions). This is also the same as World A (the unevangelized) plus World B (evangelized non-Christians).

**24-27.** These categories overlap in varying degrees.

**25.** Churches, denominations, and individuals who identify themselves as evangelicals by membership in denominations linked to evangelical alliances (e.g. World Evangelical Alliance), or by self-identification in polls.

**26.** Great Commission Christians are defined as active church members of all traditions who take seriously Christ's Great Commission and his call to mission.

**27.** Church members involved in the Pentecostal / charismatic / neocharismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as Renewalists. Totals on lines 24-27 overlap with those on lines 29-34.

**28.** World totals of current long-term trend for all confessions. (See *WCT*, part 4, "Martyrology.") Figures reflect the collapse of Communism but also the expansion of terrorism.

**51-57.** Defined in *WCT*, part 20, "Finance."

**56.** Amounts embezzled by top custodians of Christian monies (U.S. dollar equivalents, per year).

**58.** Total general-purpose computers and word processors owned by churches, agencies, groups, and individual Christians.

**68-70.** These measures are defined, derived, and analyzed in *WCT*, part 23, "Evangelization."

**71-72.** Defined as in *WCT*, part 25, "Macroevangelistics."

**73.** Grand total of all distinct plans and proposals for accomplishing world evangelization made by Christians since A.D. 30. See *WCT*, part 27, "GeoStrategies."

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