

Fun Facts For Church Geeks – 2010

The United Church of Canada

Here's some fun facts about the United Church of Canada that you can use to amaze and amuse your friends:

Of those who participate in a program or activity, the majority:

- Attend a congregation with worship attendance of 85 or more.
- Attend a Sunday School with a membership of 37 or more.
- Attend a CE program with a membership of 105 or more.
- Attend a women's group program with a membership of 26 or more.
- Attend a congregation with a resident membership of 204 or more.
- Attend a congregation with local givers of 118 or more.
- Attend a congregation with M&S givers of 60 or more.

Note: *Only 136 congregations meet all of these criteria.
880 meet at least one.*

The largest 10% of United Church congregations have:

(320 congregations with worship attendance of 133 or more)

- 27% of our total worship attendance.
- 28% of our total Sunday School membership.
- 33% of our total CE membership.
- 23% of our total women's groups membership.
- 27% of our total resident membership.
- 25% of our total local givers.
- 28% of our total M&S givers.

Of the 10 congregations with the largest worship attendance:

- 2 are in Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery (St. Andrew's-Wesley and West Vancouver)
(And they are in Canada's least religious, most secular region.)
- 1 is in Victoria Presbytery (First-Metropolitan)
- Timothy Eaton Memorial in Toronto has the largest attendance, 540.

Of our total 3,196 congregations:

- Slightly less than 50% are in One-Point Pastoral Charges, and
- Slightly more than 50% are in Multiple-Point Pastoral Charges.
- Multiple-Point Pastoral Charges make up slightly more than 50% of all Congregations but only about 25% members, worship attendance, Sunday School members, etc.

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- There are about the same number of members, worship attendance, Sunday School members, etc. in the 320 largest 10% of congregations as there are in the 1,661 congregations in Multiple-Point Pastoral Charges.

For Single-Point Pastoral Charges, sorted from largest to smallest for each of the categories below, here's what a congregation is like.

Single-Point PC's	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Membership	CE Program Membership	Women's Membership	Resident Membership	Number of Local Givers	Number of M&S Givers
First 10%	175 to 540	73 to 437	170 to 1,315	60 to 273	394 to 1,391	250 to 1,118	128 to 530
Second 10%	126 to 175	48 to 73	104 to 168	40 to 60	289 to 394	188 to 250	88 to 128
Third 10%	104 to 126	37 to 48	70 to 103	30 to 40	229 to 289	148 to 187	65 to 88
Fourth 10%	81 to 103	28 to 37	50 to 70	24 to 30	176 to 228	119 to 147	51 to 65
Fifth 10%	66 to 81	22 to 28	35 to 70	19 to 24	133 to 175	95 to 118	39 to 50
Sixth 10%	53 to 66	17 to 22	24 to 35	14 to 19	100 to 133	76 to 95	29 to 39
Seventh 10%	40 to 52	12 to 17	15 to 24	10 to 14	75 to 100	56 to 76	20 to 29
Eight 10%	29 to 40	7 to 12	8 to 15	6 to 10	51 to 75	41 to 56	13 to 20
Ninth 10%	18 to 29	0 to 7	0 to 8	0 to 6	29 to 51	24 to 40	6 to 13
Tenth 10%	0 to 18	0	0	0	0 to 29	0 to 24	0 to 6

You can see where your congregation fits by going down each column and circling the square that has your range.

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