

## EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

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### GENERAL STATEMENT

Under this head are included various associations of churches which are more or less completely organized and have one general characteristic, namely, the conduct of evangelistic or missionary work.

In a few cases they are practically denominations, but for the most part, while distinct from other religious bodies, they are dominated by the evangelistic conception rather than by doctrinal or ecclesiastical distinctions. None of them is large, and some are very small and local in their character.

Since 1916 there have been some changes. The Church of God (Apostolic) has been added but the Lumber River Mission is now known as the Holiness Methodist Church and listed with the Methodist bodies. The Church Transcendent and the Voluntary Missionary Society in America have ceased to exist, and no report was received from the Peniel Missions. Two bodies are listed under new names—Apostolic Faith Mission, reported in 1916 and 1906 as Apostolic Faith Movement, and Missionary Bands of the World, formerly reported as Pentecost Bands of the World.

The bodies grouped under the head "Evangelistic Associations" in 1926, 1916, and 1906 are listed as follows, with the principal statistics as reported for the three censuses.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR THE EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS, 1926, 1916,  
AND 1906

DENOMINATION AND CENSUS YEAR	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
1926								
<b>Total for the group</b> .....	<b>257</b>	<b>15,763</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>\$1,821,043</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>\$378,034</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>11,839</b>
Apostolic Christian Church.....	53	5,709	48	476,800	49	36,072	48	2,581
Apostolic Faith Mission.....	14	2,119	4	273,500	11	60,622	7	578
Christian Congregation.....	2	150	1	1,000	1	250	2	165
Church of Daniel's Band.....	4	129	3	4,500	4	667	2	78
Church of God as Organized by Christ.....	19	375	2	1,400				
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	14	495	9	18,500	10	5,363	10	414
Metropolitan Church Association.....	40	1,113	4	201,650	34	107,580	33	1,618
Missionary Church Association.....	34	2,498	30	262,343	33	105,326	29	3,822
Missionary Bands of the World.....	11	241	9	20,000	10	6,588	8	248
Pillar of Fire.....	48	2,442	23	537,000	32	50,080	36	1,994
Church of God (Apostolic).....	18	492	8	24,350	14	5,486	13	341
1916								
<b>Total for the group</b> .....	<b>207</b>	<b>13,933</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>854,435</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>265,167</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>10,067</b>
Apostolic Church.....	2	112	2	6,400	2	650	1	60
Apostolic Christian Church.....	54	4,766	49	265,325	51	29,893	47	3,068
Apostolic Faith Movement.....	24	2,196	8	40,950	22	38,380	16	711
Christian Congregation.....	7	645	5	11,500	5	1,650	5	376
Church of Daniel's Band.....	6	303	4	7,800	4	895	1	22
Church of God as Organized by Christ.....	17	227	3	1,500	1	50		
Church Transcendent.....	3	91	1	4,500	1	700	3	84
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	12	352	11	21,100	12	3,887	12	502
Lumber River Mission.....	6	434	6	6,425	4	323	6	358
Metropolitan Church Association.....	7	704	1	100,000	4	80,635	3	423
Missionary Church Association.....	25	1,554	20	84,700	21	37,930	21	3,022
Peniel Missions.....	9	257	2	111,600	8	5,765	4	66
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	10	218	10	18,500	10	4,420	10	430
Pillar of Fire.....	21	1,129	8	171,555	21	57,790	12	559
Voluntary Missionary Society in America.....	4	855	4	2,580	4	2,199	4	386
1906								
<b>Total for the group</b> .....	<b>179</b>	<b>10,842</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>532,185</b>			<b>136</b>	<b>7,615</b>
Apostolic Christian Church.....	41	4,558	38	141,550			31	1,932
Apostolic Faith Movement.....	6	538	1	450			5	245
Christian Congregation.....	9	395	5	7,200			7	332
Gospel Mission.....	8	195	4	3,100			7	245
Church of Daniel's Band.....	4	92	2	2,400			1	50
Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association.....	10	293	9	11,300			9	402
Lumber River Mission.....	5	265	5	3,000			5	256
Metropolitan Church Association.....	6	466	4	118,300			4	360
Missionary Church Association.....	30	1,256	19	33,135			28	1,916
Peniel Missions.....	11	703	1	40,250			7	308
Pentecost Bands of the World.....	16	487	15	69,550			13	477
Pentecostal Union Church.....	3	230	3	90,600			2	175
Voluntary Missionary Society in America (Colored).....	3	425	2	2,400			3	390
Heavenly Recruit Church.....	27	938	7	8,950			14	527

# APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION

## STATISTICS

Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.—A general summary of the statistics for the Apostolic Faith Mission for the year 1926 is presented in Table 1, which shows also the distribution of these figures between urban and rural territory.

The membership of the Apostolic Faith Mission consists of those persons who are permanently and actively identified with the movement, not including those who merely attend the meetings or are simply in accord with the movement.

**TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION**

ITEM	Total	In urban territory <sup>1</sup>	In rural territory <sup>1</sup>	PER CENT OF TOTAL <sup>2</sup>	
				Urban	Rural
<b>Churches (local organizations)</b> .....	14	12	2		
<b>Members</b> .....	2,119	2,061	58	97.3	2.7
Average per church.....	151	172	29		
<b>Membership by sex:</b>					
Male.....	932	909	23	97.5	2.5
Female.....	1,187	1,152	35	97.1	2.9
Males per 100 females.....	78.5	78.9	( <sup>3</sup> )		
<b>Membership by age:</b>					
Under 13 years.....	190	181	9	95.3	4.7
13 years and over.....	1,909	1,880	29	98.5	1.5
Age not reported.....	20		20		
Per cent under 13 years <sup>4</sup> .....	9.1	8.8	( <sup>3</sup> )		
<b>Church edifices:</b>					
Number.....	5	4	1		
Value—Churches reporting.....	4	3	1		
Amount reported.....	\$273,500	\$272,500	\$1,000	99.6	0.4
Average per church.....	\$68,375	\$90,833			
Debt—Churches reporting.....	1	1			
Amount reported.....	\$85,000	\$85,000		100.0	
Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice.....	3	2	1		
<b>Parsonages:</b>					
Value—Churches reporting.....	1	1			
Amount reported.....	\$5,500	\$5,500		100.0	
<b>Expenditures during year:</b>					
Churches reporting.....	11	10	1		
Amount reported.....	\$60,622	\$60,422	\$200	99.7	0.3
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$45,971	\$45,771	\$200	99.6	0.4
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$4,870	\$4,870		100.0	
Not classified.....	\$9,781	\$9,781		100.0	
Average expenditure per church.....	\$5,511	\$6,042			
<b>Sunday schools:</b>					
Churches reporting.....	7	6	1		
Officers and teachers.....	48	45	3		
Scholars.....	578	532	46	92.0	8.0

<sup>1</sup> Urban territory includes all cities and other incorporated places which had 2,500 inhabitants or more in 1920, the date of the last Federal census; rural territory comprises the remainder of the country.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

<sup>3</sup> Ratio not shown, the number of females being less than 100.

<sup>4</sup> Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 14 active Apostolic Faith Mission churches, with 2,119 members. The classification of membership by sex was reported by all 14 churches, and the classification by age was reported by 13 churches, including 10 which reported members under 13 years of age.

**Comparative data, 1906-1926.**—Table 2 presents, in convenient form for comparison, a summary of the available statistics of this denomination for the censuses of 1926, 1916, and 1906.

**TABLE 2.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1906 TO 1926: APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION**

ITEM	1926	1916	1906
<b>Churches (local organizations)</b> .....	14	24	6
Increase <sup>1</sup> over preceding census:			
Number.....	-10	18	.....
Per cent <sup>2</sup> .....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Members</b> .....	2,119	2,196	538
Increase <sup>1</sup> over preceding census:			
Number.....	-77	1,658	.....
Per cent.....	-3.5	308.2	.....
Average membership per church.....	151	92	90
<b>Church edifices:</b>			
Number.....	5	8	1
Value—Churches reporting.....	4	8	1
Amount reported.....	\$273,500	\$40,950	450
Average per church.....	\$68,375	\$5,119	.....
Debt—Churches reporting.....	1	1	.....
Amount reported.....	\$85,000	\$4,000	.....
<b>Parsonages:</b>			
Value—Churches reporting.....	1	2	.....
Amount reported.....	\$5,500	\$5,400	.....
<b>Expenditures during year:</b>			
Churches reporting.....	11	22	.....
Amount reported.....	\$60,622	\$38,380	.....
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$45,971	\$30,265	.....
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$4,870	\$8,115	.....
Not classified.....	\$9,781	.....	.....
Average expenditure per church.....	\$5,511	\$1,745	.....
<b>Sunday schools:</b>			
Churches reporting.....	7	16	5
Officers and teachers.....	48	58	30
Scholars.....	578	711	245

<sup>1</sup> A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

<sup>2</sup> Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

**State tables.**—Tables 3, 4, and 5 present the statistics for the Apostolic Faith Mission by States. Table 3 gives for each State the number and membership of the churches classified according to their location in urban or rural territory and the total membership classified by sex. Table 4 gives for selected States the number and membership of the churches for the three censuses from 1906 to 1926, together with the membership for 1926 classified as under 13 years of age and 13 years of age and over. Table 5 presents, for 1926, the church expenditures, showing separately the amounts expended for current expenses and improvements, and for benevolences, etc., and also gives the data for Sunday schools. Separate presentation in Table 5 is limited to those States in which three or more churches reported expenditures, in order to avoid disclosing the financial statistics of any individual church, and for this reason no table is given showing the value of church property and the debt on such property. The States omitted from Table 5 can be determined by referring to the complete list which appears in Table 3.

**TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION**

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX		
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Males per 100 females (1)
United States.....	14	12	2	2,119	2,061	58	932	1,187	78.5
West North Central:									
Minnesota.....	2	2		126	126		51	75	
Missouri.....	3	2	1	140	102	38	60	80	
South Atlantic:									
Virginia.....	1		1	20		20	8	12	
Pacific:									
Washington.....	2	2		216	216		95	121	78.5
Oregon.....	5	5		1,551	1,551		683	868	78.7
California.....	1	1		66	66		35	31	

<sup>1</sup> Ratio not shown where number of females is less than 100.

**TABLE 4.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, 1906 TO 1926, AND MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926, BY STATES: APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION**

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches in either 1926, 1916, or 1906]

STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, 1926			
	1926	1916	1906	1926	1916	1906	Under 13 years	13 years and over	Age not reported	Per cent under 13
United States.....	14	24	6	2,119	2,196	538	190	1,909	20	9.1
Missouri.....	3	2		140	142		26	114		18.6
Kansas.....			3			140				
Washington.....	2	6	2	216	481	350	50	166		23.1
Oregon.....	5	5		1,551	1,142		79	1,472		5.1
California.....	1	3		66	103		12	54		
Other States.....	3	8	1	146	328	48	23	103	20	18.3

<sup>1</sup> Based on membership with age classification reported; not shown where base is less than 100.

**TABLE 5.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926: APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION**

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches reporting expenditures]

STATE	Total number of churches	EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR					SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
		Churches reporting	Total amount	For current expenses and improvements	For benevolences, missions, etc.	Not classified	Churches reporting	Officers and teachers	Scholars
United States.....	14	11	\$60,622	\$45,971	\$4,870	\$9,781	7	48	578
Oregon.....	5	5	52,039	40,868	3,890	7,281	4	32	447
Other States.....	9	6	8,583	5,103	980	2,500	3	16	131

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION<sup>1</sup>

## DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY

This movement originated in 1900, in the revival work of some evangelists. It stands for the "restoration of the faith once delivered to the saints, the old-time religion, camp meetings, revivals, missions, street and prison work, and Christian Unity everywhere." It is not a denomination, in the sense in which that word is ordinarily used, but "an evangelistic movement on a scriptural plan," carried on by preachers, evangelists, and special workers, who feel that they are called by God, and who devote their whole time to the work, without salaries or collections of any kind, the entire expense depending "upon God's blessing through freewill offerings." Special attention is paid to "salvation and healing." Whenever possible, the leaders upon request visit and pray for the sick without charge. The distant sick are treated through correspondence, the sending of handkerchiefs that have been blessed, etc. There are headquarters in Los Angeles, Calif., in Portland, Oreg., and in Minneapolis, Minn. The membership reported indicates merely those persons who are permanently and actively identified with the movement, not including those who attend the meetings, or who may be classed as associated with it.

## WORK

Foreign missionary work is carried on in Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, India, Africa, South America, and some of the European countries, under the general supervision of committees which have charge of the receipt of funds and the forwarding of supplies to those in the field, no definite salaries being paid. It has extended rapidly in Finland and Germany, where before the war there were conventions attended by as many as 2,000 persons. There are also many adherents in South Africa.

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<sup>1</sup> This statement, which is the same as that published in Part II of the Report on Religious Bodies, 1916, has been revised by Miss M. Hanson and Mrs. M. White, pastors in charge, and approved by them in its present form.