

# PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD

## STATISTICS

**Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.**—A general summary of the statistics for the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World 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 this denomination includes persons who are enrolled in the local churches upon evidence of faith and regeneration and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

**TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD**

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> .....	126	98	28	77.8	22.2
<b>Members</b> .....	7,850	6,929	921	88.3	11.7
Average per church.....	62	71	33		
<b>Membership by sex:</b>					
Male.....	2,608	2,261	347	86.7	13.3
Female.....	5,207	4,633	574	89.0	11.0
Sex not reported.....	35				
Males per 100 females.....	50.1	48.8	60.5		
<b>Membership by age:</b>					
Under 13 years.....	750	713	37	95.1	4.9
13 years and over.....	6,428	5,640	788	87.7	12.3
Age not reported.....	672	576	96	85.7	14.3
Per cent under 13 years <sup>3</sup> .....	10.4	11.2	4.5		
<b>Church edifices:</b>					
Number.....	67	54	13		
<b>Value—Churches reporting</b> .....	60	49	11		
Amount reported.....	\$502,400	\$472,200	\$30,200	94.0	6.0
Average per church.....	\$8,373	\$9,637	\$2,745		
<b>Debt—Churches reporting</b> .....	42	37	5		
Amount reported.....	\$166,885	\$164,869	\$2,016	98.8	1.2
Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice.....	14	9	5		
<b>Parsonages:</b>					
Value—Churches reporting.....	10	8	2		
Amount reported.....	\$22,300	\$20,500	\$1,800	91.9	8.1
Debt—Churches reporting.....	8	7	1		
Amount reported.....	\$4,530	\$3,570	\$960	78.8	21.2
Churches reporting "no debt" on parsonage.....	2	1	1		
<b>Expenditures during year:</b>					
Churches reporting.....	114	90	24	78.9	21.1
Amount reported.....	\$157,785	\$145,581	\$12,204	92.3	7.7
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$133,452	\$123,609	\$9,843	92.6	7.4
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$22,832	\$21,035	\$1,797	92.1	7.9
Not classified.....	\$1,501	\$937	\$564	62.4	37.6
Average expenditure per church.....	\$1,384	\$1,618	\$509		
<b>Sunday schools:</b>					
Churches reporting.....	99	78	21		
Officers and teachers.....	600	500	100	83.3	16.7
Scholars.....	4,550	3,652	898	80.3	19.7

<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> Based on membership with age classification reported.

The data given for 1926 represent 126 active organizations of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, with 7,850 members. The classification of membership by sex was reported by 125 churches and the classification by age was reported by 110 churches, including 76 which reported members under 13 years of age.

This denomination has been organized since the 1916 census of religious bodies and no comparative data are available.

State tables.—Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 present the statistics for the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World by States. Table 2 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 3 gives for selected States the number and membership of the churches, together with the membership classified as under 13 years of age and 13 years of age and over. Table 4 shows the value of church property and the debt on such property. 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 2.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX			
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Sex not reported	Males per 100 females (1)
United States.....	126	98	28	7,850	6,929	921	2,608	5,207	35	50.1
New England:										
Maine.....	1		1	25		25	12	13		
Massachusetts.....	2	2		105	105		24	46	35	
Connecticut.....	1	1		45	45		15	30		
Middle Atlantic:										
New York.....	6	5	1	551	535	16	134	417		32.1
New Jersey.....	2	2		65	65		23	42		
Pennsylvania.....	8	8		287	287		106	181		58.6
East North Central:										
Ohio.....	20	17	3	1,225	1,191	34	413	812		50.9
Indiana.....	17	15	2	2,095	1,978	117	703	1,392		50.5
Illinois.....	14	11	3	961	880	81	322	639		50.4
Michigan.....	4	4		379	379		153	226		67.7
Wisconsin.....	2	2		27	27		10	17		
West North Central:										
Minnesota.....	2	2		120	120		47	73		
Iowa.....	2	2		71	71		30	41		
Missouri.....	3	2	1	175	128	47	46	129		35.7
Kansas.....	4	2	2	159	112	47	53	106		50.0
South Atlantic:										
Maryland.....	3	3		247	247		88	159		55.3
District of Columbia.....	1	1		31	31		9	22		
Virginia.....	4	2	2	95	40	55	23	72		
West Virginia.....	4	2	2	127	43	84	35	92		
North Carolina.....	2	2		30	30		7	23		
Florida.....	2	1	1	80	64	16	23	57		
East South Central:										
Kentucky.....	8	3	5	436	199	237	152	284		53.5
Tennessee.....	1	1		48	48		12	36		
West South Central:										
Arkansas.....	1		1	9		9	4	5		
Texas.....	3	2	1	67	40	27	23	44		
Mountain:										
Idaho.....	1		1	70		70	30	40		
Wyoming.....	1	1		10	10		3	7		
Colorado.....	2	1	1	48	15	33	18	30		
New Mexico.....	1	1		55	55		24	31		
Pacific:										
California.....	4	3	1	207	184	23	66	141		46.8

1 Ratio not shown where number of females is less than 100.

Tables 4 and 5 is limited to those States in which three or more churches reported the principal items shown (values or expenditures), in order to avoid disclosing the financial statistics of any individual church. The States omitted from these tables can be determined by referring to the complete list which appears in Table 2.

**TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, AND MEMBERSHIP BY AGE, BY STATES, 1926: PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD**

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

STATE	Number of churches	Number of members	MEMBERSHIP BY AGE			
			Under 13 years	13 years and over	Age not reported	Per cent under 13 <sup>1</sup>
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>126</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>6,428</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>10.4</b>
New York.....	6	551	80	455	16	15.0
Pennsylvania.....	8	287	19	185	83	9.3
Ohio.....	20	1,225	109	913	203	10.7
Indiana.....	17	2,095	285	1,775	35	13.8
Illinois.....	14	961	54	717	190	7.0
Michigan.....	4	379	17	362	—	4.5
Missouri.....	3	175	17	158	—	9.7
Kansas.....	4	159	16	143	—	10.1
Maryland.....	3	247	7	240	—	2.8
Virginia.....	4	95	2	74	19	—
West Virginia.....	4	127	2	125	—	1.6
Kentucky.....	8	436	9	417	10	2.1
Texas.....	3	67	9	58	—	—
California.....	4	207	48	159	—	23.2
Other States.....	24	839	76	647	116	10.5

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

**TABLE 4.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926: PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD**

[Separate presentation is limited to States having 3 or more churches reporting value of edifices]

STATE	Total number of churches	Number of church edifices	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		VALUE OF PARSONAGES		DEBT ON PARSONAGES	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount
<b>United States</b> .....	<b>126</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$502,400</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$166,885</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$22,300</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$4,530</b>
Pennsylvania.....	8	3	3	26,500	2	4,700	—	—	—	—
Ohio.....	20	16	14	104,000	11	41,605	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Indiana.....	17	14	12	131,100	8	42,445	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Illinois.....	14	10	9	65,500	6	10,370	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Missouri.....	3	3	3	18,500	2	5,500	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	64	21	19	156,800	13	62,265	10	22,300	8	4,530

<sup>1</sup> Amount included in figures shown for "Other States," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.

<sup>2</sup> The figures for parsonages (value and debt) include data for 6 churches in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.

**TABLE 5.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:**  
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[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....	126	114	\$157,785	\$133,452	\$22,832	\$1,501	99	600	4,550
New York.....	6	6	6,020	5,224	796	-----	3	17	157
Pennsylvania.....	8	8	4,536	3,517	733	286	7	34	207
Ohio.....	20	19	27,369	23,846	2,959	564	16	89	659
Indiana.....	17	17	46,429	38,999	7,430	-----	17	146	1,343
Illinois.....	14	13	19,438	17,326	2,112	-----	12	74	617
Michigan.....	4	4	5,859	4,991	868	-----	4	23	166
Kansas.....	4	4	1,692	1,349	343	-----	4	34	208
Maryland.....	3	3	8,343	7,692	651	-----	3	22	133
West Virginia.....	4	4	2,097	1,124	322	651	4	14	139
Kentucky.....	8	8	7,595	6,605	990	-----	5	26	183
Texas.....	3	3	2,610	2,400	210	-----	2	10	65
California.....	4	3	3,233	2,834	399	-----	2	5	41
Other States.....	31	22	22,564	17,545	5,019	-----	20	106	632

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

**DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY**

The denomination known as the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World traces its origin to the great revival that began at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, A. D. 33, and has manifested itself in different countries and at various times since that date, especially in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States.

In our country a pentecostal revival appeared about the year 1901 in Kansas and moved southward to Texas, where it was known locally only, but finally reached Los Angeles, Calif., in 1906; from thence the influence of this movement spread widely, with new promise of a second coming of Christ. So great was the awakening that in a few years in nearly every town of any size there were witnesses to this pentecostal outpouring, and soon there began to appear, in different localities, places of worship wherein the gifts of the Spirit were manifested. These churches designated themselves by such names as The Apostolic Faith Assembly, Full Gospel Assembly or Mission, Assembly of God, etc., their common aim being to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" in the days of the apostles, taking the Bible as their creed, discipline, and charter.

A number of these churches later incorporated under the name of Pentecostal Assemblies of the World.

**DOCTRINE**

This denomination stresses belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures, as the only sufficient rule of faith and practice, and does not emphasize systematic theology. Membership in the church is obtained only by genuine repentance, water baptism in Jesus' name, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost as evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. They believe in divine healing for the body, the personal premillennial return of Christ, entire

<sup>1</sup> This statement was furnished by Elder G. T. Haywood, presiding bishop, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, and approved by him in its present form.

sanctification, and final rewards for the righteous and judgment for those whose names are not written in the Book of Life. The gospel work should be supported by tithes and freewill offerings only; they should have no connection with labor unions or secret societies, since this is forbidden in the Bible. Although support and obedience to the law are inculcated, they hold that the Sixth Commandment forbids war and the bearing of arms.

The ordinances of the church are baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the feet of the saints.

#### ORGANIZATION

In organization this denomination resembles somewhat that of the Methodists. The highest deliberative body is the General Assembly, which meets annually. Its officers are a presiding bishop, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and secretary-treasurer of foreign missions, a committee of 3 on evangelism, and a board of 24 district elders. The executive board is composed of the board of bishops, elected by a majority vote of the ministerial members of the assembly.

The local assembly is presided over by the district elder of that jurisdiction, and any question in dispute may be appealed by this body to the General Assembly. The local churches have pastors, elders, and deacons.

#### WORK

The activities of the church include work among all nations, in an effort to awaken all believers to the knowledge of the imminence of the Lord's coming and the necessity of preparation for the event. To further this spread of the apostolic gospel, missionaries have been stationed in many foreign fields.