

EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA
(FORMERLY GERMAN EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA)

STATISTICS

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

In the Evangelical Synod of North America all persons on the rolls as communicants in good standing are counted as members.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

ITEM	Total	In urban territory ¹	In rural territory ¹	PER CENT OF TOTAL	
				Urban	Rural
Churches (local organizations).....	1,287	533	754	41.4	58.6
Members	314,518	203,663	110,855	64.8	35.2
Average per church.....	244	382	147		
Membership by sex:					
Male.....	138,503	85,189	53,314	61.5	38.5
Female.....	162,654	107,794	54,860	66.3	33.7
Sex not reported.....	13,361	10,680	2,681	79.9	20.1
Males per 100 females.....	85.2	79.0	97.2		
Membership by age:					
Under 13 years.....					
13 years and over.....	314,518	203,663	110,855	64.8	35.2
Church edifices:					
Number.....	1,402	600	802	42.8	57.2
Value—Churches reporting.....	1,253	519	734	41.4	58.6
Amount reported.....	\$35,789,581	\$27,632,881	\$8,156,700	77.2	22.8
Average per church.....	\$28,563	\$53,243	\$11,113		
Debt—Churches reporting.....	410	279	131	68.0	32.0
Amount reported.....	\$4,109,265	\$3,603,315	\$505,950	87.7	12.3
Churches reporting "no debt" on church edifice.....	758	223	535	29.4	70.6
Parsonages:					
Value—Churches reporting.....	982	447	535	45.5	54.5
Amount reported.....	\$5,931,291	\$3,854,456	\$2,076,835	65.0	35.0
Debt—Churches reporting.....	147	93	54	63.3	36.7
Amount reported.....	\$417,260	\$335,158	\$82,102	80.3	19.7
Churches reporting "no debt" on parsonage.....	749	323	426	43.1	56.9
Expenditures during year:					
Churches reporting.....	1,274	529	745	41.5	58.5
Amount reported.....	\$6,002,900	\$4,431,904	\$1,570,996	73.8	26.2
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$5,136,214	\$3,813,016	\$1,323,198	74.2	25.8
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$860,133	\$618,888	\$241,245	72.0	28.0
Not classified.....	\$6,553		\$6,553		100.0
Average expenditure per church.....	\$4,712	\$8,378	\$2,109		
Sunday schools:					
Churches reporting.....	1,146	503	643	43.9	56.1
Officers and teachers.....	16,978	11,406	5,572	67.2	32.8
Scholars.....	171,402	114,735	56,667	66.9	33.1

¹ 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.

The data given for 1926 represent 1,287 active churches of the Evangelical Synod of North America, with 314,518 members. The classification of membership by sex was reported by 1,255 churches, and the classification by age was reported by all of the churches, none of which, however, reported any members under 13 years of age.

Comparative data, 1890-1926.—Table 2 presents, in convenient form for comparison, a summary of the available statistics of this denomination for the censuses of 1926, 1916, 1906, and 1890.

TABLE 2.—COMPARATIVE SUMMARY, 1890 TO 1926: EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

ITEM	1926	1916	1906	1890
Churches (local organizations).....	1,287	1,331	1,198	870
Increase ¹ over preceding census:				
Number.....	-44	133	328	
Per cent.....	-3.3	11.1	37.7	
Members	314,518	339,853	293,137	187,432
Increase ¹ over preceding census:				
Number.....	-25,335	46,716	105,705	
Per cent.....	-7.5	15.9	56.4	
Average membership per church.....	244	255	245	215
Church edifices:				
Number.....	1,402	1,267	1,258	785
Value—Churches reporting.....	1,253	1,249	1,137	
Amount reported.....	\$35,789,581	\$13,118,273	\$9,376,402	\$4,614,490
Average per church.....	\$28,563	\$10,503	\$8,247	
Debt—Churches reporting.....	410	451	398	
Amount reported.....	\$4,109,265	\$1,492,479	\$1,161,776	
Parsonages:				
Value—Churches reporting.....	982	841	774	
Amount reported.....	\$5,931,291	\$2,668,175	\$1,717,345	
Debt—Churches reporting.....	147			
Amount reported.....	\$417,260			
Expenditures during year:				
Churches reporting.....	1,274	1,303		
Amount reported.....	\$6,002,900	\$2,375,690		
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$5,136,214	\$1,902,555		
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$860,133	\$473,135		
Not classified.....	\$86,553			
Average expenditure per church.....	\$4,712	\$1,823		
Sunday schools:				
Churches reporting.....	1,146	1,203	1,086	
Officers and teachers.....	16,978	14,234	12,079	
Scholars.....	171,402	145,377	116,106	

¹ A minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

State tables.—Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6 present the statistics for the Evangelical Synod of North America 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. Table 5 shows the value of church property and the debt on such property, for 1926 alone. Table 6 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 Tables 5 and 6 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 3.

Ecclesiastical divisions.—Table 7 presents, for each district in the Evangelical Synod of North America, the more important statistical data shown by States in the earlier tables, including number of churches, membership, value of church edifices, debt on church edifices, expenditures, and Sunday schools.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX, BY STATES, 1926: EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS			TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BY SEX			
	Total	Urban	Rural	Total	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Sex not re- ported	Males per 100 females (¹)
United States	1,287	533	754	314,518	203,663	110,855	138,503	162,654	13,361	85.2
Middle Atlantic:										
New York.....	66	46	20	23,592	21,698	1,894	10,083	12,254	1,255	82.3
New Jersey.....	8	7	1	1,405	1,310	95	637	768	—	82.9
Pennsylvania.....	21	17	4	7,703	7,038	665	2,713	3,587	1,403	75.6
East North Central:										
Ohio.....	128	65	63	40,487	30,028	10,459	17,164	21,008	2,315	81.7
Indiana.....	90	32	58	24,909	16,657	8,252	11,259	12,845	805	87.7
Illinois.....	234	91	143	65,584	38,960	26,624	29,237	34,204	2,143	85.5
Michigan.....	68	36	32	19,295	14,384	4,911	8,592	9,897	806	86.8
Wisconsin.....	106	39	67	24,511	16,446	8,065	11,096	12,768	647	86.9
West North Central:										
Minnesota.....	73	17	56	10,769	4,085	6,684	5,137	5,294	338	97.0
Iowa.....	73	15	58	12,367	3,270	9,097	5,588	6,155	624	90.8
Missouri.....	160	53	107	34,382	19,137	15,245	15,814	18,476	92	85.6
North Dakota.....	8	1	7	2,202	37	2,165	365	397	1,440	91.9
South Dakota.....	6	—	6	273	—	273	128	145	—	88.3
Nebraska.....	33	6	27	5,178	1,708	3,470	2,505	2,673	—	98.7
Kansas.....	30	7	23	3,134	739	2,395	1,494	1,640	—	91.1
South Atlantic:										
Maryland.....	15	13	2	5,616	5,552	64	1,918	2,555	1,143	75.1
District of Columbia.....	1	1	—	372	372	—	147	225	—	65.3
Virginia.....	1	1	—	686	686	—	306	380	—	80.5
West Virginia.....	3	2	1	1,206	1,150	56	485	721	—	67.3
Georgia.....	1	1	—	156	156	—	77	79	—	—
Florida.....	4	2	2	318	225	93	142	176	—	80.7
East South Central:										
Kentucky.....	21	19	2	8,294	7,762	532	3,422	4,522	350	75.7
Alabama.....	2	1	1	469	204	265	208	261	—	79.7
Mississippi.....	1	1	—	90	90	—	40	50	—	—
West South Central:										
Arkansas.....	2	1	1	365	350	15	155	210	—	73.8
Louisiana.....	7	7	—	3,573	3,573	—	1,444	2,129	—	67.8
Oklahoma.....	12	6	6	656	234	422	314	342	—	91.8
Texas.....	60	12	48	11,137	3,652	7,485	5,385	5,752	—	93.5
Mountain:										
Montana.....	6	—	6	391	—	391	195	196	—	99.5
Idaho.....	3	—	3	175	—	175	89	86	—	—
Wyoming.....	3	1	2	453	308	145	203	250	—	81.2
Colorado.....	15	11	4	2,305	1,547	758	1,104	1,201	—	91.9
Arizona.....	1	—	1	22	—	22	12	10	—	—
Pacific:										
Washington.....	4	4	—	325	325	—	147	178	—	82.6
Oregon.....	3	2	1	296	217	79	146	150	—	97.3
California.....	18	16	2	1,822	1,763	59	752	1,070	—	70.3

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

**TABLE 4.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, 1906 TO 1926, BY STATES:
EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA**

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

STATE	NUMBER OF CHURCHES			NUMBER OF MEMBERS		
	1926	1916	1906	1926	1916	1906
United States.....	1,287	1,331	1,198	314,518	339,853	293,137
New York.....	66	65	64	23,592	26,342	26,183
New Jersey.....	8	8	7	1,405	2,453	2,305
Pennsylvania.....	21	22	18	7,703	10,776	6,871
Ohio.....	128	126	108	40,487	40,458	35,138
Indiana.....	90	94	90	24,909	25,403	21,624
Illinois.....	234	227	219	65,584	71,274	59,973
Michigan.....	68	76	68	19,295	22,483	20,436
Wisconsin.....	106	112	97	24,511	29,136	19,861
Minnesota.....	73	68	67	10,769	11,353	9,183
Iowa.....	73	85	81	12,367	13,353	11,681
Missouri.....	160	160	162	34,382	37,374	32,715
North Dakota.....	8	11	8	2,202	2,676	1,655
South Dakota.....	6	5	6	273	339	325
Nebraska.....	33	36	28	5,178	5,456	3,882
Kansas.....	30	39	35	3,134	4,182	3,617
Maryland.....	15	13	17	5,616	4,790	8,384
West Virginia.....	3	2	2	1,206	840	95
Florida.....	4	3		318	96	
Kentucky.....	21	23	19	8,294	8,773	12,189
Arkansas.....	2	6	3	365	309	250
Louisiana.....	7	6	4	3,573	4,009	4,353
Oklahoma.....	12	16	17	656	784	630
Texas.....	60	64	60	11,137	10,363	7,745
Montana.....	6	10		391	319	
Idaho.....	3	8		175	377	
Wyoming.....	3	1	1	453	150	125
Colorado.....	15	12	6	2,305	1,845	833
Washington.....	4	4		325	376	
Oregon.....	3	2		296	193	
California.....	18	20	14	1,822	1,843	1,221
Other States.....	7	7	7	1,795	1,728	1,863

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION ¹**DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY**

The Evangelical Synod of North America traces its origin to six ministers, representing the union of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, who met and organized a synod at Gravois Settlement, Mo., in 1840. Four of these were missionaries, two sent by the Rhenish Missionary Society and two sent by the Missionary Society of Basel; while two were independent, one coming from Bremen and one from Strassburg. During subsequent years several similar organizations were effected, including the Evangelical Synod of the North West, the German Evangelical Society of Ohio, the United Evangelical Society of the East, and some others; and in the year 1877 these organizations, holding as they did, the same doctrines and governed by the same ecclesiastical principles, united in the present organization, known to-day as The Evangelical Synod of North America. The Synod is a constituent member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

¹ This statement, which is substantially the same as that published in Part II of the Report on Religious Bodies, 1916, has been revised by Rev. Gustave Fischer, general secretary of the Evangelical Synod of North America, and approved by him in its present form.

TABLE 5.—VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, AND CHURCH DEBT, BY STATES, 1926:
EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

[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
United States	1,287	1,402	1,253	\$35,789,581	410	\$4,109,265	982	\$5,931,291	147	\$417,260
New York	66	70	66	3,353,000	31	473,944	45	380,200	12	56,900
New Jersey	8	11	7	301,000	5	74,600	5	47,000	2	5,100
Pennsylvania	21	23	21	1,039,500	9	25,250	18	183,200	8	42,300
Ohio	128	142	127	5,511,889	44	689,445	92	727,250	14	56,600
Indiana	90	104	89	2,096,310	23	194,499	73	392,275	4	10,400
Illinois	234	263	226	7,522,730	74	924,639	198	1,282,900	21	51,100
Michigan	68	77	67	2,445,200	29	241,897	55	421,700	3	12,500
Wisconsin	106	109	101	1,857,292	34	223,304	75	358,686	9	10,350
Minnesota	73	78	72	753,400	10	38,758	46	208,100	7	15,000
Iowa	73	76	72	928,350	11	51,122	66	292,280	10	23,524
Missouri	160	172	153	4,016,194	42	501,903	124	689,300	12	25,625
North Dakota	8	9	8	96,000	2	1,000	8	23,300		
South Dakota	6	6	6	18,000	1	350	3	6,500		
Nebraska	33	33	32	334,200	6	43,235	23	98,500	2	1,656
Kansas	30	31	30	349,100	7	38,559	24	71,300	2	1,188
Maryland	15	18	15	889,500	9	231,101	13	119,800	3	16,030
West Virginia	3	3	3	203,000	1	25,000		(1)		
Florida	4	4	4	83,250	1	8,800	3	19,500	2	1,380
Kentucky	21	24	19	1,334,500	12	101,100	19	174,000	4	15,501
Louisiana	7	8	7	338,500	5	60,475	5	57,500	1	3,155
Oklahoma	12	11	11	81,300	3	9,440	9	18,400	1	600
Texas	60	68	57	748,300	17	27,700	39	160,000	8	16,134
Montana	6	6	6	13,000	5	3,958		(1)		(1)
Idaho	3	3	3	12,000	1	1,900		(1)		
Wyoming	3	3	3	27,400	3	8,000	3	10,400	1	2,000
Colorado	15	14	14	110,400	9	14,267	8	24,200	7	11,262
Washington	4	5	4	28,000	2	4,150	3	10,000	1	4,500
Oregon	3	3	3	7,500			3	15,000	3	7,225
California	18	18	18	247,666	10	50,909	13	67,400	7	22,330
Other States ²	9	10	9	443,100	4	39,960	9	72,600	3	4,900

¹ Amount included in figures shown for "Other States," to avoid disclosing the statistics of individual churches.² The figures for parsonages (value and debt) include data for 4 churches in West Virginia, Montana, and Idaho.

DOCTRINE AND ORGANIZATION

The Synod accepts the Bible as the ultimate rule of life and faith, and for interpretation it recognizes the symbolic books of both Lutheran and Reformed churches. Wherever these symbols do not agree, liberty is allowed in the interpretation of the Scripture passages in question.

The church is divided into districts, 20 in number, which correspond closely to the self-governing States in the Federal Government, and there is a general conference, meeting once every four years, which represents the whole church. This conference is composed of the presidents of the districts, clerical delegates in the proportion of 1 to every 12 ministers, and lay delegates in the proportion of 1 to every 12 churches.

TABLE 6.—CHURCH EXPENDITURES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY STATES, 1926:
EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

[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..	1,287	1,274	\$6,002,900	\$5,136,214	\$860,133	\$6,553	1,146	16,978	171,402
New York.....	66	66	443,917	373,311	70,606	-----	56	1,225	12,038
New Jersey.....	8	8	47,573	44,598	2,975	-----	8	140	1,212
Pennsylvania.....	21	21	178,631	161,321	17,310	-----	19	412	3,987
Ohio.....	128	127	902,925	801,347	101,578	-----	118	2,461	26,470
Indiana.....	90	90	421,401	351,809	69,592	-----	85	1,449	16,095
Illinois.....	234	232	1,115,956	941,117	174,839	-----	212	3,392	33,823
Michigan.....	68	68	379,684	334,717	44,967	-----	61	808	7,561
Wisconsin.....	106	105	364,342	319,636	44,706	-----	93	955	8,778
Minnesota.....	73	72	131,767	112,741	19,026	-----	58	321	3,205
Iowa.....	73	72	170,041	133,490	36,551	-----	63	646	6,231
Missouri.....	160	156	850,465	702,856	147,609	-----	142	2,323	22,843
North Dakota.....	8	8	17,378	13,845	3,533	-----	6	73	794
South Dakota.....	6	6	3,418	2,963	455	-----	4	11	105
Nebraska.....	33	31	116,128	104,839	11,289	-----	26	226	2,386
Kansas.....	30	30	64,846	55,489	9,357	-----	27	277	2,758
Maryland.....	15	15	140,115	126,877	13,238	-----	15	387	3,976
West Virginia.....	3	3	26,570	23,306	3,264	-----	3	63	682
Florida.....	4	4	16,106	15,073	1,033	-----	4	24	168
Kentucky.....	21	21	243,586	208,049	35,537	-----	21	601	6,804
Louisiana.....	7	7	55,686	45,558	10,128	-----	7	279	2,473
Oklahoma.....	12	12	24,779	22,264	2,515	-----	8	52	505
Texas.....	60	60	102,095	78,321	17,221	6,553	55	403	4,472
Montana.....	6	6	2,502	2,027	475	-----	4	12	109
Idaho.....	3	3	1,444	1,235	209	-----	3	9	110
Wyoming.....	3	3	4,022	3,686	336	-----	3	17	264
Colorado.....	15	15	30,737	25,950	4,787	-----	14	103	1,139
Washington.....	4	4	6,934	6,391	543	-----	4	29	194
Oregon.....	3	3	7,955	5,609	2,346	-----	3	34	246
California.....	18	18	65,278	58,660	6,618	-----	16	109	814
Other States.....	9	8	66,619	59,129	7,490	-----	8	137	1,160

WORK

The general activities of the churches are under the direct control of the Synod through central or district boards.

The boards for home missions seek to gather into the Synod those congregations which naturally belong to it, organizing them and supplying them with preachers and with the sacraments. In close affiliation with these boards is the board of extension, which assists in the erection of church buildings and parsonages. The report for 1927 shows 107 missionaries employed in home work, 143 churches and missions aided, and contributions amounting to \$102,695.

Foreign missionary work under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions is carried on in the Central Province of India and in Honduras, the services being conducted in the native languages. The report for 1927 shows 9 main stations occupied by 42 American missionaries and 313 native helpers. There were 9 churches with 4,020 members, 61 schools with 3,975 pupils, 5 hospitals and dispensaries treating about 16,105 patients, 5 orphanages with 405 orphans, and 2 leper asylums with 386 inmates; the total value of property under the care of the mission board is estimated at \$75,000 with an endowment of \$43,320, and the amount contributed for the work during the year was \$157,775.

TABLE 7.—NUMBER AND MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES, VALUE OF EDIFICES, DEBT, EXPENDITURES, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BY DISTRICTS, 1926: EVANGELICAL SYNOD OF NORTH AMERICA

DISTRICT	Total number of churches	Number of members	VALUE OF CHURCH EDIFICES		DEBT ON CHURCH EDIFICES		EXPENDITURES DURING YEAR		SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
			Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Amount	Churches reporting	Number of scholars
Total	1,287	314,518	1,253	\$35,789,581	410	\$4,109,265	1,274	\$6,002,900	1,146	171,402
Atlantic.....	42	12,225	41	2,039,500	22	369,370	42	330,115	39	7,748
Colorado.....	17	2,659	16	130,900	11	19,267	17	31,429	16	1,289
Indiana.....	117	33,797	115	5,214,610	46	508,649	117	878,421	109	27,038
Iowa.....	81	14,145	80	1,127,350	13	92,952	80	194,574	71	7,512
Kansas.....	44	3,917	43	437,400	10	47,999	44	94,295	37	3,318
Michigan.....	89	24,501	88	2,886,400	32	252,847	89	460,106	82	11,061
Minnesota.....	92	13,617	90	894,700	14	45,958	90	157,369	72	4,294
Missouri.....	126	27,392	119	3,138,194	32	405,253	121	580,525	109	17,507
Nebraska.....	31	5,067	30	330,200	6	43,235	29	113,628	24	2,326
New York.....	61	23,009	61	3,304,500	29	435,125	61	431,872	53	11,653
North Illinois.....	129	40,858	122	5,337,600	52	639,802	127	812,927	120	21,217
Ohio.....	78	26,217	78	3,434,287	25	414,945	78	536,063	75	16,855
Pacific.....	19	1,844	19	251,166	11	51,869	19	65,750	17	829
Pennsylvania.....	32	7,976	31	890,600	6	41,700	31	149,854	27	4,643
Southern.....	15	4,606	15	554,750	7	71,275	15	84,186	15	3,245
South Illinois.....	102	24,096	100	2,243,130	23	291,007	102	327,272	89	11,808
Texas.....	60	11,137	57	748,300	17	27,700	60	102,095	55	4,472
West Missouri.....	34	7,032	34	916,600	11	119,650	34	272,408	32	5,231
Wisconsin.....	101	24,153	97	1,844,994	34	217,654	101	359,956	89	8,578
Washington Mission.....	8	687	8	41,500	2	4,150	8	15,839	8	470
Montana Mission.....	9	583	9	22,900	7	8,858	9	4,156	7	308

The educational work of the Synod was represented in 1926 by the preparatory school and college at Elmhurst, Ill., a theological seminary at St. Louis, Mo., an academy at Robinson, Tex., and a training school, Oakwood Institute, at Cincinnati, Ohio. There were also 66 vacation and Saturday schools with a total attendance of 11,759 pupils. The total amount contributed through the year was \$221,000. The property value was given as \$1,315,000 and the amount of endowment is \$206,000.

There are 21 philanthropic institutions, including 13 hospitals or deaconess homes, 5 homes for the aged, 4 orphan homes, 1 pastor's home, and 2 asylums for the epileptic and feeble-minded. Together, they had during the year 10,515 patients and inmates. The entire value of the property is estimated at \$1,275,000, and the amount contributed toward the institutions in 1926 was \$217,565.

The Sunday schools with an enrollment of approximately 173,000 during 1926, contributed \$203,000 for their own support; \$51,000 for missions, and \$23,800 for other benevolent purposes.

The various societies for young people are combined in a Young People's Union, representing 811 young people's societies, with 29,977 members. There are 1,272 Ladies Aid societies with 90,282 members, 423 Brotherhoods with 25,325 members, 140 Mission societies with 6,600 members, and 520 S. S. Workers societies with 11,649 members.