

EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATIONS

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								
Total for the group	257	15,763	141	\$1,821,043	198	\$378,034	188	11,839
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								
Total for the group	207	13,933	134	854,435	170	265,167	145	10,067
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								
Total for the group	179	10,842	115	532,185			136	7,615
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	196	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

CHURCH OF DANIEL'S BAND

STATISTICS

Summary for the United States, with urban-rural classification.—A general summary of the statistics for the Church of Daniel's Band for the year 1926 is presented in Table 1, which shows also the distribution of these figures between urban and rural territory. All of the organizations reported in 1926, as in the earlier censuses, were in the State of Michigan.

The membership of the Church of Daniel's Band includes only the communicant members enrolled in the local churches.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR CHURCHES IN URBAN AND RURAL TERRITORY, 1926: CHURCH OF DANIEL'S BAND

ITEM	Total	In urban territory ¹	In rural territory ¹	PER CENT OF TOTAL ²	
				Urban	Rural
Churches (local organizations).....	4	3	1		
Members	129	105	24	81.4	18.6
Average per church.....	32	35			
Membership by sex:					
Male.....	52	43	9		
Female.....	77	62	15		
Membership by age:					
Under 13 years.....	4	4			
13 years and over.....	125	101	24	80.8	19.2
Per cent under 13 years.....	3.1	3.8			
Church edifices:					
Number.....	3	3			
Value—Churches reporting:					
Amount reported.....	\$4,500	\$4,500		100.0	
Average per church.....	\$1,500	\$1,500			
Expenditures during year:					
Churches reporting.....	4	3	1		
Amount reported:					
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$667	\$567	\$100	85.0	15.0
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$627	\$527	\$100	84.1	15.9
Average expenditure per church.....	\$40	\$40			
Average expenditure per church.....	\$167	\$189			
Sunday schools:					
Churches reporting.....	2	2			
Officers and teachers.....	17	17			
Scholars.....	78	78			

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.

² Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

The data given for 1926 represent 4 active organizations of the Church of Daniel's Band, with 129 members. The classification of membership by sex and age was reported by all of the 4 churches, including, however, only 1 which reported any members under 13 years of age. None of the local organizations reported debt on church edifices in 1926, and no parsonages were reported.

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: CHURCH OF DANIEL'S BAND

ITEM	1926	1916	1906
Churches (local organizations)	4	6	4
Increase ¹ over preceding census:			
Number.....	-2	2	
Per cent ²			
Members	129	393	92
Increase ¹ over preceding census:			
Number.....	-264	301	
Per cent.....	-67.2	(?)	
Average membership per church.....	32	66	23
Church edifices:			
Number.....	3	5	2
Value—Churches reporting.....	3	4	2
Amount reported.....	\$4,500	\$7,800	\$2,400
Average per church.....	\$1,500	\$1,950	\$1,200
Expenditures during year:			
Churches reporting.....	4	4	
Amount reported.....	\$667	\$895	
Current expenses and improvements.....	\$627	\$845	
Benevolences, missions, etc.....	\$40	\$50	
Average expenditure per church.....	\$167	\$224	
Sunday schools:			
Churches reporting.....	2	1	1
Officers and teachers.....	17	7	3
Scholars.....	78	22	50

¹ A minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

² Per cent not shown where base is less than 100.

HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND ORGANIZATION ¹

The Church of Daniel's Band was organized and incorporated in February, 1893, at Marine City, St. Clair County, Mich. The general purpose is evangelistic, with special emphasis upon fellowship, abstinence from all excess, and liberty in the exercise of faith. The organization is somewhat after the Methodist form. In addition to the churches in the United States there is a mission connected with the body in Canada. In their Sunday school work most of the churches unite with other bodies in union schools.

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. A. F. Beebe, secretary, General Conference, Church of Daniel's Band, and approved by him in its present form.