

Belonging – Study Guide
Membership Training Course
Free Methodist Church

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WELCOME

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate:
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Session #1 – Getting Started

Welcome to our Membership Class for the Free Methodist Church. This course is designed to expose you to who we are as Free Methodists.

This is a course for those who want to become members as well as for those who just want to know more about us. So please feel free to ask questions, make comments, explore further.

The goal of this class is to help you understand our church and the mission that we are trying to accomplish.

We will be meeting . . .

Please be prompt, as our time together is limited.

ICEBREAKER – My favorite junk food is:

I am glad you have chosen to be a part of this class. After the course is over, I will call you to ask you how you feel about joining the Free Methodist Church. Please rest assured you will be loved and looked after just as much whether you join or not.



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passages and answer the questions.

Acts 1:12—2:4

What did this group do when they met together in the Upper Room? (1:14)

2. What happened as a result of the time they spent together? (2:1-4)

3. Why might it be good to band together for a common purpose?

1 Corinthians 12:24

1. What do you think of when you read this passage of scripture?

2. Have you ever thought of what part of the body you might be? Why? Give it some reflection together.

Acts 2:38-47

What was the result as the people banded and grew together?

Why is it important to band together?

What do you think the phrase "*added to their number*" means?

You have just seen how Jesus challenged those who followed Him to *weigh the cost, to set aside everything*. He still expects that of all who would follow Him. We invite you to consider the cost and join with us in pursuing Him.

Three Types of Membership

Youth Membership (*Belonging*, p. 31-32)

Full Membership (*Belonging*, p. 30)

Preparatory Membership is an optional category (*Belonging*, p. 31)

SESSION #2 – Where Does Our Church Fit In?

ICEBREAKER — In two words, describe the family in which you grew up.

There are so many ways in which we differ. You can see that just by the icebreaker.

____% of all adults in the United States agree that the Christian faith is relevant to their lives.

What one thing sets Christianity apart from all other religions?

Why is Jesus Christ the center of our church?

He is unique _____ - _____

He _____ and _____.

Everything begins and ends with HIM!

1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 12-19; 50-58



Exploring

How do we know what is true? Are there standards we can look at? Do we have criteria that can be examined?

Look at what the Bible says...

Matthew 24:14

2 Timothy 3:16

2 Timothy 2:15

John 5:39-40

The Scriptures — Authority

The Bible is God's written Word, uniquely inspired by the Holy Spirit. It bears unerring witness to Jesus Christ, the living Word. As attested by the early church and subsequent councils, it is the trustworthy record of God's revelation, completely truthful in all it affirms. It has been faithfully preserved and proves itself true to human experience.

The Scriptures have come to us through human authors who wrote, as God moved them, in the languages and literary forms of their times. God continues, by the illumination of the Holy Spirit, to speak through this Word to each generation and culture.

The Bible has authority over all human life. It teaches the truth about God, His creation, His people,

His one and only Son, and the destiny of humankind. It also teaches the way of salvation and the life of faith. Whatever is not found in the Bible nor can be proved by it is not to be required as an article of belief or as necessary to salvation. (*Discipline*, A/108)

*Wesley Quadrilateral**

This is a theological method used by Wesley. There are four elements in his method.

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* Dr. Paul Livermore *The God of our Salvation, Christian Theology from the Wesleyan Perspective*, Vol. 1, (Indianapolis: Light and Life Communications, 1995), p. 21-22.

The Free Methodist Church is . . .

ORTHODOX –

PROTESTANT –

EVANGELICAL –

HOLINESS –

We are not a generic church. We all have different backgrounds and varied experiences. And as we come to Christ we bring that “flavor” into our church.

“Is your heart right, as my heart is with you? I ask no further question. do you love and serve God? It is enough. I give you the right hand of fellowship.” *

* John Wesley, “The Character of a Methodist.” Quoted in *Faith and Life of a Free Methodist*, Lloyd Knox, Ed., (Winona Lake: Light & Life Press, 1976), 53.

Our Denominational Mission Statement is . . .

The mission of the Free Methodist Church is to make known to all people everywhere God’s call to wholeness through forgiveness and holiness in Jesus Christ, and to invite into membership and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith.

What do you think is meant by the phrase, “God’s call to wholeness”?

What does the Free Methodist Church offer to people?

As a denomination, we have set goals for outreach and church planting. Each church, each individual has a mission to make known to all people everywhere God's call to wholeness through forgiveness and holiness in Jesus Christ.

Each individual church is responsible to _____ its members for ministry.

The members are responsible to _____ the equipping.

The strength of our church comes down to each individual being equipped for ministry.

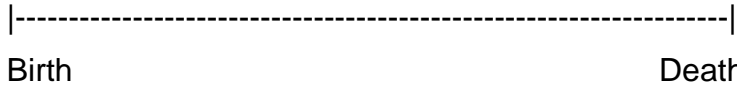
What is the Purpose Statement of our church?

What responsibility does this statement place on this church and each member of this church?

For the next session, please read **Chapter 3 in *Belonging*** and pay special attention to the Articles of Religion.

Session #3 – The Way of Salvation

ICEBREAKER – Timeline of my life



This is to remind us that we are on a journey. And our journey is far from over at this point.

The way of salvation begins with a decision to follow Jesus, but it is far more than just one decision. It is a continuous process of walking with Him, hour-by-hour, day-by-day and week-by-week.

Expressions of Grace

What do you think of when you hear the word **GRACE**?

Read the Bible verses and fill in the chart below.

Expressions of Grace	Bible References
Prevenient Grace — God awakens us to our _____	Titus 2:11-14
Justifying Grace — God sets us right with _____	Romans 3:22-26
New Life/Regeneration — God makes us a _____	2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:12-14
Resistable Grace — We can _____ from Him	1 Timothy 1:18-19; Galatians 5:1
Entire Sanctification — God cleanses and _____ for service	1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
Restoring Grace — God's _____ is sufficient to mend any rift with God	1 John 1:9; 2:1-2
Glorifying Grace — God glorifies us in _____	1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Articles of Religion (**Belonging, p. 54-69**)

At the last session, you were asked to read the Articles of Religion. We can't cover all the Articles, but let's look at our denomination's Article on Baptism (*Belonging*, p. 61).

COMMENTS:

Two further thoughts before we leave this topic.

1. Candidates who are transferring from another denomination and who were already baptized into the Christian faith need not be re-baptized, but may choose to re-affirm their baptismal vows.
2. People who were baptized as infants should re-affirm the baptism vows their parents answered for them as children.

What other Articles of Religion would you like to look at?

Session #4 – Growing in Christ

ICEBREAKER

DOCTRINE –

DISCIPLINE –

Our faith must _____ our living!



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passage and answer the question on the overhead.

Matthew 22:34-40

1. What two commandments did Jesus say were the greatest?

What does it mean to love God with your whole heart, soul and mind?

COVENANT

Privilege and Responsibility

¶A/154. Membership in the church is a high privilege and responsibility. We believe the covenant required of members is consistent with the teaching of the written Word of God. Faithfulness to the covenant is evidence of the individual member's desire to sustain a saving relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord, to bring glory to God, to advance the cause of God on earth, to preserve the unity of the body of Christ, and to cherish the fellowship of the Free Methodist Church.

¶A/155. When a member does not keep his covenant and habitually violates his vows, it is the responsibility of minister and members to point to the failure and to seek in love to restore the member. If, after these steps have been taken, the member does not keep his commitments, he must be dealt with in accord with the due processes of the church.

¶A/156. A member of the Free Methodist Church, trusting in the enablement of the Holy Spirit and seeking the support of the other members of the church, makes the following confession and commitments as a covenant with the Lord and the church.

The Confession and Commitment

I confess Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord and will continue to walk with Him by faith. I commit myself to know God in His full sanctifying grace.

As Regards God

¶A/157. As God's people, we reverence and worship Him.

We commit ourselves to cultivate habits of Christian devotion, submitting to mutual accountability, practicing private and corporate prayer, studying the Scriptures, attending public worship, and partaking of Holy Communion;

We commit ourselves to observe the Lord's Day, setting it apart for worship, renewal, and service;

We commit ourselves to give our loyalty to Christ and the church, refraining from any alliance which compromises our Christian commitment.

This we do, by God's grace and power.

As Regards Ourselves and Others

¶A/158. As a people, we live wholesome and holy lives and show mercy to all, ministering to both their physical and spiritual needs.

We commit ourselves to be free from activities and attitudes that defile the mind and harm the body, or promote the same;

We commit ourselves to respect the worth of all persons as created in the image of God;

We commit ourselves to strive to be just and honest in all our relationships and dealings.

This we do, by God's grace and power.

As Regards the Institutions of God

¶A/159. As a people, we honor and support the God-ordained institutions of family, state, and church.

We commit ourselves to honor the sanctity of marriage and the family;

We commit ourselves to value and nurture children, guiding them to faith in Christ;

We commit ourselves to seek to be responsible citizens, and pray for all who lead.

This we do, by God's grace and power.

As Regards the Church

¶A/160. As God's people, we express the life of Christ in the world.

We commit ourselves to contribute to unity in the church, cultivating integrity, love, and understanding in all our relationships;

We commit ourselves to practice the principles of Christian stewardship, for the glory of God and the growth of the church;

We commit ourselves to go into our world and make disciples.

This we do, by God's grace and power.

¶A/351. In harmony with our mission statement that we “. . . invite into membership and equip for ministry all who respond in faith” the New Testament model of repentance, faith and baptism shall constitute the primary requirements for membership. This makes membership in the Free Methodist

Church as nearly as possible synonymous with entering into the Body of Christ. We are open to all whom God has awakened and support them with the healing and equipping power of the Holy Spirit in His church.

Book of Discipline

Use these following questions to help you think about the meaning of paragraphs 157-160.

What does the church agree to do for its members?

2. To what are the members committing themselves?

SESSION #5 — The Family Tree

ICEBREAKER — Tell us something about your family tree.



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passages and record what you think each one tells about the church.

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:42-47

A walk through our family tree

Jesus Christ

Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)

Constantine

Martin Luther

Anglican Church

Church of England

John Wesley

American Methodist Episcopal Church

Free Methodist Church

We need to focus on two men from this family tree...

John Wesley (founder, Methodist Church)

He was raised to bring every _____, word, and even thoughts and motives into a well-regulated regimen.

Received his bachelor's degree in _____

"The Holy Club"

Christian growth was _____ for every member of the congregation, not just a zealous few.

Wesley's Aldergate Experience — 1738

The forming of the Class Meetings

B.T. Roberts (founder, Free Methodist Church)

A group of ___ preachers and ___ laymen met in an apple orchard in Pekin, NY to consider starting their own church.

On _____ in a camp meeting grove, B.T. Roberts was elected as the first bishop.

The name **Free Methodist** stood for the following freedoms that we still believe in.

Free _____

Human _____

Freedom and _____ in worship

Freedom and _____ in relationships

Freedom from _____

How did this church, our local church, come about?

What are some of our next plans?

SESSION #6 — Networking

ICEBREAKER — What are some advantages of our computer age?

Definition of Networking

“An open fabric or _____ in which cords, threads, or wires cross at regular intervals;

“A system of lines ... a complex _____ group;

“An _____ group of people with similar interests or concerns who interact and remain in contact for **mutual assistance or support.**”



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passage and record what you think it says about how we are interconnected or woven together.

Ephesians 4:1-16

How do you see connection or networking in this passage?

What other words and/or phrases are used in these verses showing the idea of connection or networking?

God never intended for His people to have the “Lone Ranger” mentality. We are to give and receive from one another. That is the picture. That is what God is calling us to.

The goal is to ... (see verse 13)

Who’s Who in Our Church

Our local church is

Our pastor(s) is/are

Our secretary(s) name(s) is/are

Our annual conference is

Our offices are located at

Our conference superintendent's name is

Our area bishop's name is

Our denomination is the Free Methodist Church of North America. The World Ministries Center is located at 770 N. High School Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214. Phone: 1-800-342-5531

We seek to work in harmony with each other in all areas of the church's ministries.

The Local Church

1. Meets _____ with all its members.
2. Gives _____ to conference and general church ministries.
3. Accepts _____ through an appointment system.
4. Fulfills its _____.
5. Sends _____ to the Annual Conference.
6. _____ with other churches in the conference for projects.
7. Shares beliefs and practices of the Free Methodist Church.

The Annual Conference

1. Meets _____ year.
2. Appoints _____.
3. Offers a variety of services for local churches.
4. Supports the _____ Church.
5. Votes on all constitutional amendments and amendments to the *Book of Discipline*.
6. Elects an _____ number of ministerial and lay delegates to General Conference.

The General Conference

1. It meets every _____ years. This is the denomination's law-making body.
2. Provides _____ leadership by electing bishops.
3. Supports numerous schools, colleges, a hospital, a home for unwed mothers, an inner city mission and senior citizen centers.
4. Sends representatives to various agencies.
5. Oversees the mission work of the Free Methodist Church (See Appendix C).

Denominational Services and Ministries (See Appendix A)

Do you have any questions concerning our organizational structure, services or programs?

SESSION #7 — Spiritual Gifts

ICEBREAKER –What Christmas, birthday or special occasions gifts do you remember enjoying the most, and why?



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passage and record what you think it says about spiritual gifts and how they are to be used in ministry.

Romans 12:1-8 From this passage, what do you learn about spiritual gifts?

Who needs spiritual gifts?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Gifts _____ us to do God's will.

Practical observations from verses 3-6

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Do you have any other observations to share?



Exploring

With your group take some time to study the following passages and record what you think they say about spiritual gifts and how they are to be used in ministry.

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7, NIV)

“All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines . . .” (1 Corinthians 12:11, NIV)

“But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.” (1 Corinthians 12:18, NIV)

“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

What are some of the things you see in these scriptures concerning spiritual gifts?

TRUTH: God does not give gifts which He does not _____ the recipient to use, nor does He call someone to do something for Him without _____ that person with the necessary _____ to do it.

DEFINITION of a Spiritual Gift

A spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to _____ member of the Body of Christ according to God's grace for use within the context of the _____.

Benefits of Spiritual Gifts

- Find the place of _____ easier.
- _____ the church
- Bring _____ to God and builds up His kingdom
- Strengthen _____

Two Indisputable Bible Facts

- God desires that _____ Christian discover and use his or her spiritual gifts.
- God desires that His lost sheep be _____, His church grow and every gift be used in ministry.



Exploring

What gifts are where? With your group, look at the following four passages on spiritual gifts. List what gifts you find in each passage.

Romans 12:6-8

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

1 Corinthians 12:28

Ephesians 4:11

These lists are not intended to be all-inclusive. But they do show a significant number of gifts as listed by the Apostle Paul. What are some other gifts that might be listed here?

Material on spiritual gifts is compiled from C. Peter Wagner *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow* (Ventura:Regal Books,1979) Used with permission.

SESSION #8 — Finding Our Gift(s)

ICEBREAKER –Describe the most difficult thing for you in starting a new job or task.

Three prerequisites for finding our gift(s)

1. Must be a _____
2. Be willing to _____
3. Always seek _____, and not the _____ themselves.

Four steps to finding our gift(s)

1. _____ for possibilities
2. _____ the possibilities
3. _____ with the gifts
4. _____ your effectiveness

How can I use my gifts in this church?

1. Talk with your _____
2. Serve as an _____ first
3. Serve for a _____ month exploratory basis
4. _____ to serve if everything “fits”
5. Join as a member and _____ to move ahead in service
6. “EACH ONE TRAIN ONE”— Train _____

(Appendix B lists some jobs that can be done in a local church. This is not an exhaustive list but merely a list to help a person think about what could be done.)

We Invite You to Join

You knew this question was coming. It is a good question to consider at this point. Should you decide to join, you will need to consider committing to the following things.

- Assent to participating in the maturing opportunities.
- Be willing to live in _____ with the Articles of Religion, Membership Covenant and Polity of the Free Methodist Church.
- Answer the membership questions at a public worship service. (*Belonging* pages 30-32)

I or the pastor will call you sometime this week to see where you stand on this question. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining in membership with us.

This study guide is yours to keep to help you remember what you have learned during our time together. God bless you.

DENOMINATIONAL RESOURCES – Appendix A

The information below is an outline of North American general church ministries.

1. The Free Methodist Church believes in telling everyone the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We are committed to New Testament principles for evangelism and church growth. Here are some of the services and resources that help local churches fulfill the Great Commission:

- Licensing program for evangelists
- Training programs for church planters and growth consultants
- Consultations with local churches about their growth plans
- Training and curriculum resources for witnessing and discipleship
- Coordinating volunteer ministries for home missions projects
- Frequent presentations of the plan of salvation in Sunday school curriculum

2. The Free Methodist Church believes in Christian education ministries.

- Sunday school for all ages
- Development of curriculum and materials
- Lay leadership training
- Membership training
- Missions and stewardship education
- Age-level programs:

Adults – Marriage and Engaged Encounters, family life, anti-pornography, senior adult and singles ministries. Youth – Bible quizzing, International Youth Conferences (IYC), Project H.E.L.P. (Helping, Evangelizing, and Loving People), senior and young teen ministries. Children – Christian Life Club (CLC) midweek program, cradle roll, vacation Bible school.

3. The Free Methodist Church promotes higher education.

Free Methodist Colleges & Universities:

- Central Christian College of Kansas, McPherson, KS
- Greenville College, Greenville, IL
- Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
- Seattle Pacific University, Seattle WA
- Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, MI

Cooperating University:

- Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

Cooperating High School:

- Oakdale Christian High School, Oakdale, KY

John Wesley Seminary Foundations at:

- Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA
- Greenville College, Greenville, IL
- Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
- Tyndale Seminary, North York, Ontario
- Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS
- Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR

4. The Free Methodist Church ministers to a hurting world.

Free Methodist World Missions (FMWM) is driven by the vision: reaching the world for Christ with passion for One and compassion for all. Presently, mission work has been established in 56 countries with more than 70 missionary personnel.

Volunteers in Service Abroad (VISA): During the course of a year, more than 1,000 people serve under the VISA program. Opportunities are available to minister with short-term teams in construction, medical services and evangelism. Individuals may make two week to two year commitments in providing assistance to missionaries.

International Child Care Ministries (ICCM): The child sponsorship program of the Free Methodist Church currently assists in 25 countries. Monthly support from sponsors is used for children of developing countries to provide food, clothing, schooling and opportunities to come to know Jesus.

Women's Ministries International (WMI): The ministry of all the women in the Free Methodist Church focusing on prayer, missions and ministry.

Men's Ministries International (MMI): The ministry that helps local Free Methodist churches to become relevant in men's ministry, strengthening spiritual network and providing opportunities for service, outreach and evangelism.

Free Methodist Urban Fellowship (FMUF): Guides suburban and other churches in responding to neighborhood changes. **Today, 76% of the U.S. population lives in a metro area.** FMUF promotes restoration and reviving of existing inner city churches, trains and develops leadership, helps plant new churches, and advocates for cross-cultural and ethnic ministries. The Fellowship recruits, helps equip, and supports people in urban ministry. FMUF challenges college and seminary students to enter urban ministry.

Free Methodist Chaplains Association (FMCA): This group endorses about 75 military and non-military chaplains. They minister in various places with special opportunities and responsibilities.

5. The Free Methodist Church cares for social needs.

- Clawson Manor, Clawson, MI
- Deaconess Hospital and Deaconess Home (The Home of Redeeming Love), Oklahoma City, OK
- Heritage Village (The Gerry Homes), Gerry, NY

- Life Line Homes, Inc., Kansas City, KS
- Olive Branch Mission, Chicago, IL
- Olive Branch Mission, Flint, MI
- The Birth Connection, Sacramento, CA
- The Retirement Village at Cooper Lake, Edmond, OK
- Warm Beach Senior Community and Health Care Center, Stanwood, WA
- Woodstock Christian Care, Woodstock, IL

6. The Free Methodist Church supports camping ministries.

Throughout North America, there are more than 50 Free Methodist campgrounds. Most conferences sponsor a variety of camping ministries and retreats for families, children, teens, young adults and other special groups.

7. The Free Methodist Church believes in the ministry of printed material and other media.

- Light and Life Communications
- Internet Ministries – www.freemethodistchurch.org
- Sunday school curriculum consistent with doctrinal beliefs
- *Evangel* (adult Sunday School paper)
- *Light and Life* magazine
- *World Missions People* magazine
- Other media and services

APPENDIX B

A partial list of possible jobs in a local society

Welcome Mat

Church Cleaning
Greeter
Offering Counters
Parking Lot Attendant
Refreshment Coordinator
Refreshment Team Member
Sunday Morning Clean Up
Usher Team Coordinator
Ushers-Usherettes

Worship

Actor/Reader
Celebration Coordinator
Celebration Music Librarian
Celebration Planner
Children's Choir Assistant
Children's Choir Director
Choir Member
Choral Music Librarian
Communion Preparer
Drama Coordinator
Facilities Manager
Lighting Engineer
Music Ministry Coordinator
Music Ministry Performer
Praise Team Member
Prayer Coordinator
Prayer Intercessor
Projectionists
Promotion/Publicity
Sanctuary Helps
Sound Enhancement Coordinator
Sound Enhancement Engineer
Special Events Coordinator
Special Events Team
Testimony Coordinator
Transportation
Worship Leader
Worship Team Equipper

Small Groups

Nursery Worker
3-4 yr. old Small Group Leader
3-4 yr. old Small Group Apprentice
5 yr., K, & 1st grade Small Group Leader

5 yr., K, and 1st Grade Small Apprentice
2nd - 3rd grade Small Group Leader
2nd - 3rd grade Small Group Apprentice
4th - 6th grade Small Group Leader
4th - 6th grade Small Group Apprentice
Youth Small Group Leader
Youth Small Group Apprentice
Small Group Leader
Small Group Apprentice
Small Group Host/Hostess
Tele-Care
Small Team Leader
Small Team Apprentice
Small Director
Small Director Apprentice

Administration

Graphics Designer
Leadership Team
Librarian
Missions Coordinator
Recreation Director
Spiritual Gifts Coordinator
Trustee
Treasurer

APPENDIX C

Membership of the World Free Methodist Church	
BURUNDI GENERAL CONFERENCE	69,619
D R CONGO (Zaire)GENERAL CONFERENCE	97,722
CANADA GENERAL CONFERENCE	6,745
EGYPT GENERAL CONFERENCE	17,258
JAPAN GENERAL CONFERENCE	1,735
MOZAMBIQUE GENERAL CONFERENCE	14,862
RWANDA GENERAL CONFERENCE	123,537
SOUTH AFRICA GENERAL CONFERENCE	6,422
NORTH AMERICAN GENERAL CONF.	
United States Annual Conferences	72,436
United Kingdom	955
U.S. and U.K. Subtotal	73,391
Jurisdictional Conferences	
Dominican Republic	15,608
Philippines	17,668
Conferences, Mission Origin	
Annual Conferences	
Brazil, Brazilian	3,606
Brazil, Nikkei	2,113
Chile	1,056
Haiti	11,131
Hong Kong	1,752
India	9,331
Kenya	3,003
South Korea	1,696
Malawi	15,934
Mexico	1,668
Nigeria	4,065
Paraguay	642
Taiwan	6,060
Zimbabwe	2,893
Provisional Conferences	
Northwest Mexico	454
Tanzania	1,461
Mission Districts	
Argentina	170
Bolivia	38
Cambodia	174
Cameroon	1,915
Central Mexico	382
Colombia	124
Costa Rica	507
Ecuador	322
El Salvador	78
Hungry	20
Myanmar	630

Nicaragua	19
Panama	1
Peru	131
Puerto Rico	217
Ukraine	66
Uruguay	66
Venezuela	375
Conference, Mission Subtotal	105,376
NORTH AMERICAN G.C. SUBTOTAL	178,767
GRAND TOTAL WORLD MEMBERSHIP	516,667

*All these figures come from our 2000 Yearbook. Just look what God is doing as we continue to follow Him. What can we do to continue to allow these numbers to grow? REMEMBER, every number is a person that Jesus died for!