

**A STUDY OF ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN
THE GREATER LOS ANGELES METRO AREA (GLAMA)**

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QUESTIONNAIRE NA-#1: DENOMINATIONAL OVERVIEW

[NOTE: Please refer to page two for definitions of key words/phrases used in this questionnaire.]

1. Name of DENOMINATION (in English): _____
- 1.1 [Other names used, if applicable: _____]
- 1.2 Denominational Code/Acronym used: _____
2. International Headquarters:
 - 2.1 Name & title of chief executive officer: _____
 - 2.2 Mailing Address: _____
 - 2.3 City: _____ State/Zip: _____
 - 2.4 Country: _____
 - 2.5 Telephone: () _____ - _____
 - 2.6 FAX number: () _____ - _____
3. National Headquarters:
 - 3.1 Name & title of chief executive officer: _____
 - 3.2 Mailing Address: _____
 - 3.3 City: _____ State/Zip: _____
 - 3.4 Telephone: () _____ - _____
 - 3.5 FAX number: () _____ - _____
4. Historical Overview:
 - 4.1 When was your denomination founded? Year: _____
 - 4.2 By whom? Name of founder(s): _____
 - 4.3 Where was it founded? _____
5. How many "congregations" (churches, missions, departments) are affiliated with your denomination in the USA?
 - 5.1 Total number of "churches": _____ (date of statistics: _____)
 - 5.2 Total number of "missions": _____ (date of statistics: _____)
 - 5.3 Total number of "meeting places": _____ (date of statistics: _____)
6. If statistics are available on your denomination/group at the national level, please give the totals requested below:
 - 6.1 Total "baptized members" NOW: _____ (date of statistics: _____)
 - 6.2 Total "baptized members" 5 YEARS AGO: _____ (date of statistics: _____)
 - 6.3 Total "worship attendance" NOW: _____ (date of statistics: _____)
 - 6.4 Total "worship attendance" 5 YEARS AGO: _____ (date of statistics: _____)

DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS USED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

"denomination"	An organized religious group that has achieved substantial growth in total membership, as well as in the number of affiliated local congregations along with their geographical expansion over a wide area of one or more states; usually incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state where their principal office is located and is governed by an elected or appointed body of officers; and has defined itself theologically by affirming a "creed" or producing an official "doctrinal statement".
"denomination-in-formation"	A fellowship of mother/daughter congregations (or sister congregations) that is growing in total membership and in the number of affiliated congregations, so that it now constitutes a "religious movement", but has not yet incorporated under an "official name" with an appointed or elected body of officers and an official creed or doctrinal statement; usually a "denomination-in-formation" has less than 50 affiliated local congregations. However, in some cases, a denomination or mission agency from one country (country "A") may have begun work in another country (country "B") where presently it has only a few affiliated local congregations; in this instance, the "organized religious group" (under the leadership of foreign missionaries or national pastors) constitutes a "denomination" in country "B" by expansion from country "A".
"church"	An organized, local congregation of believers who provide leadership and financial resources for the maintenance of the work, usually with its own pastor and facilities (whether owned, leased, rented or shared).
"mission"	A "church-in-formation", or daughter church, that depends on a mother church (or mission agency or other sponsoring body) for leadership and financial assistance; a "mission" usually lacks something before it can achieve "church" status--a minimum number of baptized members, internal leadership, organization, a pastor, a church building, self-support, etc.
"department"	A ministry within an existing "mother" church that provides encouragement, use of their facilities (chapel, fellowship hall, basement, etc.), financial support for the ethnic pastor (who may or may not form part of the church staff), etc.
"congregation"	A body of believers or sympathizers who attend a church, mission or department; or used collectively to refer to all churches, missions and/or departments of a particular denomination or religious movement.
"baptized member"	A baptized believer, usually at least 12 years of age, who is in full communion with a local congregation, regardless of the frequency of his/her church attendance.
"catechumen"	An unbaptized believer (convert), who is receiving instruction in the fundamentals of Christianity and the particular doctrines of the church he/she attends, in preparation for baptism, confirmation and church membership.
"worship attendance"	The total number of people of all ages (adults, youth and children) who normally attend the worship services of a church, mission, or department; the "regular" or "average" attendance.
"Sunday School attendance"	The total number of people of all ages (adults, youth and children) who normally attend the Sunday school classes of a church, mission, or department; the "regular" or "average" attendance.
"total church community"	The total number of people who are affiliated (at least nominally) with a local congregation, denomination or religious movement, including all age groups (adults, youth and children), members and non-members; those who attend regularly as well as those who attend infrequently; and those who identify themselves as part of the extended church family although they seldom attend (for example, relatives or close friends of church members, or those who previously attended regularly but are now inactive, etc., including adult children of church members who used to attend along with their parents, whether actively or infrequently); for limitations of space, this term is often shortened to "community".

NOTE: These "working definitions" were created by Clifton L. Holland, Executive Director of IDEA Ministries, in an effort to achieve some standardization of terms as part of a major study of religion in Latin America conducted under the auspices of "PROLADES" (Programa Latinoamericano de Estudios Socio-religiosos). Updated on 3/29/95.

6.5 Total Sunday School "attendance" NOW for all ages: _____
(date of statistics: _____)

6.6 Total number of "catecumens" NOW: _____ (date of statistics: _____)

6.7 Estimated size of your "total church community" NOW: _____
(date of statistics: _____)

7. What nationalities/countries of origin are represented among those who attend the Hispanic congregations of your denomination?

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>LANGUAGE USED</u>
7.1 Largest group: _____	_____	_____	_____
7.2 Second largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
7.3 Third largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
7.4 Fourth largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
7.5 All others: _____	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS:		_____	100%

8. What percentage of all your congregations are in the following categories:
(the total for 8.1-8.4 should be 100%)

8.1 Part of a "multi-congregational church?" (one church but different ethnic groups hold their own worship services in their own language): _____ (%)

8.2 Share facilities with another church of your denomination, but organizationally they are separate church bodies: _____ (%)

8.3 Rent/lease/share facilities from/with a church of another denomination: _____ (%)

8.4 Other arrangements/don't know: _____ (%)

9. How many pastors/ministers does your denomination/association have in the entire country?

9.1 Total number of pastors/ministers: _____ (date of statistics: _____)

9.2 How many are "ordained" pastors? _____ (date of statistics: _____)

9.3 How many are "licensed" preachers? _____ (date of statistics: _____)

9.4 What other categories of "pastors/ministers" exist in your denomination/association and how many are in each category? _____

10. How many foreign missionaries work with your denomination in the USA?
(Please give the nationality of each missionary--list husbands and wives separately)

- 11. How many of these foreign missionaries are serving as pastors, evangelists, or church planters in your denomination in the USA? _____ (data of statistic: _____)

- 12. What other kinds of ministry are done by these foreign missionaries? Please list their major areas of specialization (for example, "theological education"):

- 13. Where do you train your pastors/ministers? Please mark the appropriate categories listed below:
 - 13.1 Bible Institute (give name/address): _____

 - 13.2 Theological Seminary (give name/address): _____

 - 13.3 Other program (give name/address): _____

- 14. Does your denomination train/send pastors/Christian workers as "missionaries" to other countries? If so, how many and where are they currently serving (list country of service and number of workers):

- 15. Please provide us with a list of all the local congregations (churches, missions, or departments) that are currently affiliated with your denomination/association: if you already have a printed national directory of all your congregations, please send us a copy; or please fill out a questionnaire (see the LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY form attached) for each of your Hispanic congregations and return these completed forms to us at the address given below.

- 16. Please provide us with a list of all the various kinds of ministries that your denomination sponsors in the USA: if you already have a printed national directory of all your Hispanic ministries, please send us a copy; or please fill out the enclosed questionnaire en-titled, "SERVICE AGENCY SURVEY" that will give us a national overview of your Hispanic Ministry; and return these completed forms to us at the address given below.

- 17. Name/title of person filling out this form or source of information:

- 18. Telephone number for source: () _____ - _____

- 19. Today's date: _____

- 20. COMMENTS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!