

MEGACHURCHES TODAY 2005

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS

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Comparison of 2000 Study and 2005 Study

Worship Services Offered:

How many worship services does your congregation usually hold each weekend (not including special services, weddings, or funerals)? 2000 – Most 2005 - 80% offer 4 or less

Are these services:	2000	2005
	52%	52% All very similar in style
	24%	23% 1 or more are somewhat different in style
	24%	25% 1 or more are very different in style

During the past 5 years, has your **congregation changed the format or style** of one or more weekend worship services?

	2000	2005
No change	22%	15%
Changed a little	37%	26%
Changed some	21%	36%
Changed a lot	21%	23%

Sanctuary seating capacity: 2000 - ave. 2040 2005 - ave. 1709

In what year was your congregation officially **organized or founded**?

2000 Median - 1956 2005 Median - 1965

Is your congregation formally **affiliated with a denomination**?

	2000	2005
Yes	67%	58%

Region

2000	Northeast - 6%	South – 40%	Northcentral – 21%	West – 33%
2005	Northeast - 6%	South – 49%	Northcentral – 20%	West – 25%

Location around the city:

	2000	2005
A downtown or central area of the city	14%	13%
An older residential area in the city	14%	14%
An older suburb around the city	37%	29%
A newer suburb around the city	34%	45%

How often are the following a part of your congregation's worship services?

		NEVER	SELDOM	SOMETIMES	OFTEN	ALWAYS
Piano (2000 asked Organ and/or Piano)	2000	3	2	3	14	78
	2005	3	4	9	21	63
Electric guitar or bass	2000	1	6	14	17	61
	2005	2	1	4	13	80
Drums	2000	1	5	9	19	66
	2005	1	0	5	12	82
Visual projection equipment	2000	9	14	6	7	65
	2005	2	1	2	4	91

Our congregation: (Note different wording* 2000- How well does the statement describes your congregation?)		STRONGLY DISAGREE (NOT AT ALL)	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE (SLIGHTLY)	NEUTRAL/ UNSURE (SOMEWHAT)	SOMEWHAT AGREE (QUITE WELL)	STRONGLY AGREE (VERY WELL)
Is like a close-knit family	2000	3%	11%	38%	37%	11%
	2005	2%	11%	15%	54%	18%
Is spiritually vital and alive	2000	0	0	10	49	41
	2005	1	2	2	30	65
Has a clear mission and purpose	2000	1	1	12	30	57
	2005	2	3	5	21	70
Is working for social justice	2000	7	22	37	23	11
	2005	5	17	30	33	16
Welcomes	2000	2	1	15	44	40

innovation and change	2005	1	5	9	34	52
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Which label is the closest description of the **theological identity** of the majority of your church's regularly participating adults?

	2000	2005
Fundamentalist	2%	2%
Evangelical	48%	56%
Pentecostal	11%	8%
Charismatic	14%	8%
Moderate	12%	7%
Traditional	8%	5%
Seeker	3%	7%
Other	3%	7%

Of the total number of regularly participating adults, what percent would you estimate are:

		NONE 1-10%	HARDLY ANY 1-10%	FEW 11- 20%	SOME 21- 40%	MANY 41- 60%	MOST 61- 80%	ALL OR NEARLY ALL 81- 100%
Female	2000	0%	0%	0%	7%	88%	4%	2%
	2005	0%	0%	0%	4%	88%	8%	1%
College graduates	2000	0	1	6	29	39	22	4
	2005	0	2	5	29	38	20	7
Age 35 or younger	2000	0	1	5	48	36	9	1
	2005	0	0	7	46	35	11	1
Over 60 years old	2000	0	16	36	33	12	3	0
	2005	0	25	41	25	8	0	1
New to your congregation in the last five years	2000	0	4	25	32	29	8	2
	2005	0	0	13	43	27	12	4
In households with children under 18 at home	2000	0	2	6	39	47	6	0
	2005	0	1	7	31	45	15	2

Senior Pastor's Age 2000 Average = 52 years old 2005 Average = 50 years old

Pastor's Race/ethnicity

2000 White = 88% African American = 6% Hispanic = 1% Asian = 0% Other = 5%

2005 White = 89% African American = 8% Hispanic = 1% Asian = 1% Multiracial = 1%

Senior Pastor's Highest level of education:

	2000	2005
High school diploma or GED	3%	2%
Some college or technical school	4%	6%
College Bachelor's degree	35%	19%
Masters Degree (including M.Div)	28%	37%
Doctoral Degree (Ph.D., D.Min)	31%	35%

This person became the **senior pastor in what year?**

2000 Median = 1987

2005 33% prior to 1989 and 35% since 1995 Median = 1992

Did the church's most **dramatic growth occur during the tenure of this senior pastor?**

2000 70 % Yes

2005 83% Yes

During the past 10 years, how many senior pastors (including the current one and all interims) have served this congregation?

2000 Average = 1.5

2005 Average = 1.4

How many **paid leadership staff positions** do you have in your congregation?

Total full-time 2000 Average = 13

2005 Average = 20

Total part-time 2000 Average = 3

2005 Average = 9

How many **paid administrative or support staff positions** do you have in your congregation?

Total full-time 2000 Average = 25
2005 Average = 22

Total part-time 2000 Average = 14
2005 Average = 15

What is approximately the **total number of volunteers** at the church who work more than 5 hours a week?

2000 Average = 297
2005 Average = 284

How would you describe your congregation's **financial situation**?

	2000	2005
In serious difficulty	0%	1%
In some difficulty	3%	1%
Tight, but we manage	10%	19%
Good	32%	48%
Excellent	54%	31%

What is the total amount of **income** your congregation received from all sources during your most recent fiscal year?

2000 Average = \$4.8 million
2005 Average = \$6.0 million

What is the total amount of **expenditures** of your congregation during your most recent fiscal year?

2000 Average = \$4.4 million
2005 Average = \$5.6 million

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