

# APPENDIX

**Table A1.1**  
**Membership Trends: 1950-1990**

	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990
<b>Liberal Protestant</b>									
Episcopal Church	2,417,464	2,805,455	3,269,325	3,419,905	3,285,826	2,857,513	2,786,004	2,739,422	2,446,050
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	3,210,635	3,701,635	4,161,860	4,254,460	4,045,408	3,535,825	3,362,086	3,048,235	2,847,437
United Church of Christ	1,977,418	2,116,322	2,241,134	2,070,413	1,960,608	1,818,762	1,736,244	1,683,777	1,599,212
TOTAL	7,605,517	8,623,412	9,672,319	9,744,778	9,291,842	8,212,100	7,884,334	7,471,434	6,892,699
% of 1950 Membership	100	113	127	128	122	108	104	98	91
% of U.S. Population	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.0	4.5	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.8
<b>Moderate Protestant</b>									
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	1,767,964	1,897,736	1,801,821	1,918,471	1,424,479	1,302,164	1,177,984	1,116,326	1,039,692
Church of the Brethren	186,201	195,609	199,947	194,815	182,614	173,336	170,839	159,184	148,253
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	3,982,508	4,672,083	5,295,502	5,684,298	5,650,137	5,401,765	5,384,271	5,341,452	5,240,739
Reformed Church in America	284,504	319,593	354,621	385,754	367,606	355,052	345,532	342,375	326,850
United Methodist Church	9,653,178	10,029,535	10,641,310	11,067,497	10,509,198	9,861,028	9,519,407	9,192,172	8,904,824
TOTAL	15,874,355	17,114,556	18,293,201	19,250,835	18,134,034	17,099,345	16,598,033	16,151,509	15,660,358
% of 1950 Membership	100	108	115	121	114	108	105	102	99
% of U.S. Population	10.4	10.3	10.1	9.9	8.8	7.9	7.3	6.8	6.3
<b>Roman Catholic</b>									
Church of Reorganized Church of TOTAL	28,634,878	33,396,647	42,104,900	46,246,175	48,214,729	48,881,872	50,449,842	52,654,908	58,568,015
% of 1950 Membership	100	117	147	162	168	171	176	184	205
% of U.S. Population	18.8	20.1	23.3	23.8	23.5	22.6	22.2	22.1	23.4
<b>Latter-Day Saints</b>									
Church of Reorganized Church of TOTAL	1,111,314	1,230,021	1,486,887	1,789,175	2,073,146	2,336,715	2,811,000	3,860,000	4,267,000
% of 1950 Membership	100	117	147	162	168	171	176	184	205
% of U.S. Population	18.8	20.1	23.3	23.8	23.5	22.6	22.2	22.1	23.4

	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990
% of 1950 Membership	100	111	133	158	180	202	243	328	360
% of U.S. Population	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.7	1.8
<b>Conservative Protestant</b>									
Baptist General Conference	45,413	54,000	72,056	86,719	103,955	115,340	133,385	132,546	134,717
Christian and Missionary Alliance	58,347	57,386	59,657	64,586	112,519	145,833	189,710	227,846	279,207
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	81,806	84,990	88,452	78,917	92,095	94,050	96,553	98,037	91,857
Evangelical Covenant Church	51,850	55,311	60,090	65,780	67,441	71,808	77,737	84,150	89,735
Lutheran Church, -Missouri Synod	1,674,901	2,004,110	2,391,195	2,692,889	2,788,536	2,763,545	2,625,650	2,628,164	2,602,849
North American Baptist Conference	41,560	47,319	50,646	53,711	55,080	42,629	43,041	42,863	44,493
Seventh-day Adventist Church	237,168	277,162	317,852	364,666	420,419	495,699	571,141	651,954	717,446
Southern Baptist Convention	7,079,889	8,467,439	9,731,591	10,770,573	11,628,032	12,733,124	13,600,126	14,477,364	15,038,409
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	307,216	328,969	348,184	358,466	381,321	395,440	407,043	415,389	420,039
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,578,150</b>	<b>11,376,686</b>	<b>13,119,723</b>	<b>14,536,307</b>	<b>15,649,398</b>	<b>16,857,468</b>	<b>17,744,386</b>	<b>18,758,313</b>	<b>19,418,752</b>
% of 1950 Membership	100	119	137	152	163	176	185	196	203
% of U.S. Population	6.3	6.9	7.3	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.9	7.8
<b>Pentecostal/Holiness Protestant</b>									
Assemblies of God	318,478	400,047	508,602	572,123	625,027	785,348	1,064,490	1,235,403	1,298,121
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	107,094	123,523	142,796	143,231	150,198	166,257	176,429	185,593	205,884
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	117,025	142,668	170,261	205,465	272,278	343,249	435,012	523,477	620,393
Church of the Nazarene	226,684	270,576	307,629	343,380	383,284	441,093	484,276	522,082	572,153
<b>Free Methodist Church of North America</b>									
Free Methodist Church of North America	48,574	51,437	55,338	59,415	64,901	67,043	68,477	72,223	74,313
Salvation Army	209,341	249,641	254,141	287,991	326,934	384,817	417,359	427,825	445,991
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,027,196</b>	<b>1,237,892</b>	<b>1,438,767</b>	<b>1,611,605</b>	<b>1,822,622</b>	<b>2,187,807</b>	<b>2,646,043</b>	<b>2,966,603</b>	<b>3,216,855</b>
% of 1950 Membership	100	121	140	157	177	213	258	289	313
% of U.S. Population	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
<b>Total Membership</b>									
<b>All Families</b>	<b>63,956,335</b>	<b>73,117,070</b>	<b>86,271,088</b>	<b>93,347,230</b>	<b>95,338,441</b>	<b>95,733,069</b>	<b>98,323,725</b>	<b>102,054,849</b>	<b>108,213,203</b>
% of 1950									
Total Membership	100	114	135	146	149	150	154	160	169
% of U.S. Population	42.0	44.1	47.8	48.0	46.5	44.3	43.2	42.8	43.3
<b>U.S. Population</b>									
U.S. Population	152,271,000	165,931,000	180,671,000	194,303,000	205,052,000	215,973,000	227,719,000	238,466,000	249,975,000
% of 1950 U.S. Population	100	109	119	128	135	142	150	157	164

Source: *Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches* (various annual editions)

**Table A1.2**  
**Five-Year Membership Growth Rates: 1950–1990**

	1950– 1955	1955– 1960	1960– 1965	1965– 1970	1970– 1975	1975– 1980	1980– 1985	1985– 1990
<b>Liberal Protestant</b>								
Episcopal Church	16.0	16.5	4.6	-3.9	-13.0	-2.5	-1.7	-10.7
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	15.3	12.4	2.2	-4.9	-12.6	-4.9	-9.3	-6.6
United Church of Christ	7.0	5.9	-7.6	-5.3	-7.2	-4.5	-3.0	-5.0
TOTAL	13.4	12.2	0.7	-4.6	-11.6	-4.0	-5.2	-7.7
<b>Moderate Protestant</b>								
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	7.3	-5.1	6.5	-25.7	-8.6	-9.5	-5.2	-6.9
Church of the Brethren	5.1	2.2	-2.6	-6.3	-1.8	-4.7	-6.8	-6.9
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	17.3	13.3	7.3	-0.6	-4.4	-0.3	-0.8	-1.9
Reformed Church in America	12.3	11.0	8.8	-4.7	-3.4	-2.7	-0.9	-4.5
United Methodist Church	3.9	6.1	4.0	-5.0	-6.2	-3.5	-3.4	-3.1
TOTAL	7.8	6.9	5.2	-5.8	-5.7	-2.9	-2.7	-3.0
<b>Roman Catholic</b>	16.6	26.1	9.8	4.3	1.4	3.2	4.4	11.2
<b>Latter-Day Saints</b>								
Church of Reorganized Church of TOTAL	10.7 10.4 10.6	20.9 12.6 20.1	20.3 8.4 19.2	15.9 -9.3 13.7	12.7 3.3 12.1	20.3 20.5 20.3	37.3 1.0 35.0	10.5 -1.3 10.0
<b>Conservative Protestant</b>								
Baptist General Conference	18.9	33.4	20.3	19.9	11.0	15.6	-0.6	1.6
Christian and Missionary Alliance	-1.6	4.0	8.3	74.2	29.6	30.1	20.1	22.5
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	3.9	4.1	-10.8	16.7	2.1	2.7	1.5	-6.3
Evangelical Covenant Church	6.7	8.6	9.5	2.5	6.5	8.3	8.2	6.6
Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	19.7	19.3	12.6	3.6	-0.9	-5.0	0.1	-1.0
North American Baptist Conference	13.9	7.0	6.1	2.5	-22.6	1.0	-0.4	3.8
Seventh-day Adventist Church	16.9	14.7	14.7	15.3	17.9	15.2	14.1	10.0
Southern Baptist Convention	19.6	14.9	10.7	8.0	9.5	6.8	6.5	3.9
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod	7.1	5.8	3.0	6.4	3.7	2.9	2.1	1.1
TOTAL	18.8	15.3	10.8	7.7	7.7	5.3	5.7	3.5
<b>Pentecostal/Holiness Protestant</b>								
Assemblies of God	25.6	27.1	12.5	9.2	25.7	35.5	16.1	5.1
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	15.3	15.6	0.3	4.9	10.7	6.1	5.2	10.9
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	21.9	19.3	20.7	32.5	26.1	26.7	20.3	18.5

	1950- 1955	1955- 1960	1960- 1965	1965- 1970	1970- 1975	1975- 1980	1980- 1985	1985- 1990
Church of the Nazarene	19.4	13.7	11.6	11.6	15.1	9.8	7.8	9.6
Free Methodist Church of North America	5.9	7.6	7.4	9.2	3.3	2.1	5.5	2.9
Salvation Army	19.3	1.8	13.3	13.5	17.7	8.5	2.5	4.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Total Membership</b>								
All Denominational Families	14.3	18.0	8.2	2.1	0.4	2.7	3.8	6.0
U.S. POPULATION	9.0	8.9	7.5	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.7	4.8

Source: Appendix Table A1.1

**Table A12.1**  
**All-Respondent Regressions**

Step (N):	With MEMBER Dependent				With ATTENDANCE Dependent			
	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	(1306)		(1991)		(1306)		(1991)	
	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r
I. Church Member					.580	.275	.619	.332
II. Church Voluntarism	-.221	-.120	-.223	-.132	-.233	-.106	-.349	-.191
Church Personalism	.238	.062	.230	.105	.245		.264	.094
Church Org.	-.266		-.189	-.051	-.334	-.098	-.275	-.096
III. Commitment to Christ	.397	.120	.435	.176	.442	.007	.420	.051
Frequency of Prayer	.422	.158	.402	.112	.504	.164	.458	.128
Belief	.332	.094	.351	.071	.356	.037	.355	
Religious Experience	.153		.154		.223		.198	
IV. Traditional Values	.141		.159		.152		.163	
New Morality	-.282	-.054	-.212		-.294		-.233	
V. Religious Socialization	.299	.133	.292	.116	.291	.062	.252	
Sex (Male)	-.101		-.105		-.158		-.106	
Age	-.176	-.067	-.135	-.051	-.139		-.114	
Education							-.090*	-.069
Region:								
S & MW & Mt	.077*		.115		.095*		.088*	
W	-.120	-.112	-.158	-.076			-.113	
Family Cycle								
Married & Kids 4-17			.078*	.041			.088*	.050
Married, No Kids					-.126		.085*	.062
Never Married	.077*		-.143		-.165		-.150	

  

Step Summary	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>
Step 1					.336	.336	.383	.383
Step 2	.116	.116	.114	.114	.055	.392	.079	.463
Step 3	.165	.282	.168	.283	.082	.474	.041	.504
Step 4	.008	.290	.002*	.285	.000*	.474	.000*	.505
Step 5	.043	.334	.036	.321	.007*	.482	.012	.517

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- \*\* Independent variables entered stepwise in blocks.
- \*\*\* r = zero-order r.
- \*\*\*\* Part r = part correlation with all other independent variables controlled.
- \*\*\*\*\* Region and Family Cycle entered as dummy variables coded (0,1). "NE & MA" and "Divorced & Widowed" are the respective omitted dummy variables.

**Table A12.2**  
**Conservative Protestant Regressions**

(N)	With MEMBER Dependent				With ATTENDANCE Dependent			
	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	(244)		(396)		(244)		(396)	
	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r
I. Church Member					.478	.227	.559	.340
II. Church Voluntarism	-.263	-.152	-.296	-.176	-.304		-.410	-.210
Church Personalism	.190				.160		.173	.140
Church Org.	-.218		-.130		-.252		-.258	-.104
III. Commitment to Christ	.308	.112	.389	.177	.340		.295	
Frequency of Prayer	.320	.172	.299		.433	.170	.357	.154
Belief	.194		.279	.117	.248		.233	
Religious Experience	.217		.180		.411	.143	.176	
IV. Traditional Values								
New Morality	-.202				-.196		-.126	
V. Religious Socialization	.131		.231	.114	.244		.108	
Sex (Male)	-.214				-.240			
Age	-.103							
Education			-.117	-.082	-.121		-.188	-.116
Region:								
S & MW & Mt	.202		.126		.102			
W	-.153							
Family Cycle:								
Married & Kids 4-17							.145	.097
Married, No Kids					.108			
Never Married		-.169		-.109		-.211		-.131
Step Summary								
	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>
Step 1					.228	.228	.313	.313
Step 2	.104	.104	.096	.096	.051	.280	.106	.420
Step 3	.108	.213	.138	.235	.131	.412	.021	.441
Step 4	.008*	.221	.004*	.234	.002*	.414	.000*	.442
Step 5	.032*	.254	.041*	.281	.028*	.443	.040	.482

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**TABLE A12.3**  
**Liberal Protestant Regressions**

(N)	With MEMBER Dependent				With ATTENDANCE Dependent			
	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	(249)		(354)		(249)		(354)	
	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r	r	Part r
I. Church Member					.481	.255	.427	.186
II. Church Voluntarism	-.209	-.112	-.215	-.148	-.349	-.195	-.377	-.243
Church Personalism	.200		.225		.142		.275	.138
Church Org.	-.229		-.157		-.247	-.091	-.241	-.120
III. Commitment to Christ	.391	.153	.371	.237	.402		.350	.101
Frequency of Prayer	.272		.240		.444	.180	.341	.160
Belief	.332	.125	.182		.326		.253	
Religious Experience	.190		.123		.322		.226	
IV. Traditional Values					.179			
New Morality	-.224				-.216			
V. Religious Socialization	.169		.115		.125		.113	
Sex (Male)					-.167			
Age	-.189	-.163	-.107					
Education	-.139	-.100					-.054*	-.115
Region:								
S & MW & Mt			.170					
W		-.79	-.136	-.270	-.128			-.141
Family Cycle:								
Married & Kids 4-17							.098*	.071
Married, No Kids	.110				-.115			
Never Married	.032*	.158			-.101			
Step Summary	1978		1988		1978		1988	
	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>2</sup> Ch	Cum R <sup>2</sup>
Step 1					.232	.232	.182	.182
Step 2	.089	.089	.101	.101	.081	.313	.138	.318
Step 3	.122	.211	.107	.209	.098	.411	.041	.385
Step 4	.014*	.225	.001*	.210	.006*	.418	.000*	.386
Step 5	.087	.313	.046	.257	.019*	.437	.029	.416

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