

Methodological notes for the *Status of Global Christianity, 2016*
(referring to numbered lines)

Indented categories form part of, and are included in, un-indented categories above them. Definitions of categories are as given and explained in David B. Barrett, *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 1st ed. (Oxford University Press, 1982); David B. Barrett, George T. Kurian, and Todd M. Johnson, *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2001); David B. Barrett and Todd M. Johnson, *World Christian Trends (WCT)* (William Carey Library, 2001), and more recently in Todd M. Johnson and Brian J. Grim, *The World's Religions in Figures* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), with additional data and explanations below.

Lines 1–2. Demographic totals as shown in *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision* (New York: United Nations, 2015).

3. 2015 data from UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2013) (in Human Development Report, 2014). Other years from *WCT*, table 10-12.

4–5. *World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision* (New York: United Nations, 2014). Also line 51.

8. The Herfindahl index methodology is described in *The World's Religions in Figures*, chapter 3.

10. Widest definition: professing Christians plus crypto-Christians (secret believers), which equals affiliated (church members) plus unaffiliated Christians.

24. World totals of current long-term trend for all confessions (see *WCT*, part 4, “Martyrology”).

37. Churches, denominations, and individuals who identify themselves as evangelicals by membership in denominations linked to evangelical alliances (e.g., World Evangelical Alliance) or by self-identification in polls.

38. Church members involved in the Pentecostal/Charismatic/Independent Charismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as “Renewalists.” Totals on lines 37–38 overlap with those on lines 26–36.

55–60. Defined in *WCT*, part 20, “Finance.”

59. Amounts embezzled by top custodians of Christian monies (U.S. dollar equivalents, per year).

67–68. Defined in *WCT*, part 25, “Macroevangelistics.”

69. Grand total of all distinct plans and proposals for accomplishing world evangelization made by Christians since CE 30. See *WCT*, part 27, “GeoStrategies.”

Columns

Annual trend (%). Average annual rate of change, 2000–2016, as a % per year.