

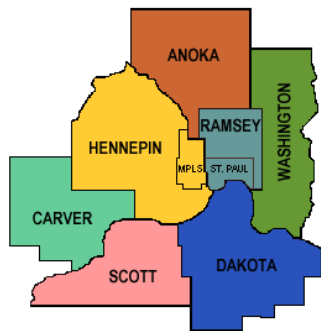


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# BRIEFING 7

## Church Attendance

Only 14% of Twin Cities churches are growing



This briefing is for pastors and church boards, a picture of the *whole church of the Twin Cities*, a look at 3,476 individual congregations

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## TAKEAWAY 1 - Only one way to see the *whole church*

In the Bible, a **church** is regarded as all the Christians living in a geographic area, as the *church in Philippi*, the *church in Galatia*, the *church in Rome*, etc. The Bible says we should not say, *I am of Paul*, or *I am of Apollos*, or *I am of Cephas*, but rather see ourselves as parts of the **whole church** of our area.

But the **whole church of the Twin Cities** is so large – thousands of congregations and hundreds of thousands of people – that no one can personally see it or understand it, except through statistics and reports from scouts.

That's the reason for this site and these **Briefings** ... to count churches (congregations) ... to count attenders (believers) ... to track trends ... to spot problems and opportunities ... to facilitate collaboration ... to tell what's working and what's not working ... to give a picture of the **whole church of the Twin Cities**.

The only way to get this picture is from [City Vision](#) (gathers statistics) and [Church Scouts](#) (analysis and communication), together revealing the **whole church of the Twin Cities online**, free of charge, constantly updated, to assist local pastors and boards in decision-making for their part in the whole.

The gathering and reporting process here is so exceptional that the Twin Cities is internationally recognized as having more and better information on local churches than any metro in the entire world.

## TAKEAWAY 2 - Twin Cities more churched than most cities

In the Twin Cities, there is one church for every 1,007 people. As shown in **CHART 7.1**, this is greater church saturation than most U.S. cities. For example, the Twin Cities has twice as many churches per capita as Denver, and three times as many as Phoenix.

## TAKEAWAY 3 - One-in-five attend church

Attendance figures for 2016 have been collected for all 3,476 known churches in the Twin Cities metro, and the tally shows that approximately 753,000 people – 502,000 Protestant and 248,000 Catholic – attend a church worship service in a typical week.

Population of the Twin Cities is approximately 3,500,000, so church attendance is calculated as 21% of the population. However, because of over-reporting bias explained in **TAKEAWAY 10**, the actual percent is probably closer to 18% as shown on **CHART 7.2**.

This is about the same percentage locally as church attendance nationally as estimated by the [Hartford Study](#) and the [Church Leaders Report](#). Studies show that public opinion polls are not reliable because they greatly overstate church attendance. Even common sense observation of Sunday morning traffic vs. Monday morning traffic gives a good sense of how many people attend church.

Twin Cities attendance trends are plotted in **CHART 7.3**, showing that attendance has peaked and is now declining slightly every year, particularly among Catholics. Even a continuing annual 1% decrease in church attendance and 1% increase in population – a 2% compounded differential – has huge consequences for churches in the next decade. More alarming, however, are demographics and cultural trends that predict much steeper declines in the years ahead as noted in **TAKEAWAY 12**.

## TAKEAWAY 4 - More churches but fewer attenders

In 2016, there were 3,476 known **churches** in the Twin Cities (3,253 Protestant and 223 Catholic). Five years earlier, in 2011, there were 2,897 churches (2,672 Protestant and 225 Catholic). This interprets to an addition of 579 new churches in the past five years.

In 2016, total reported worship service **attendance** was 753,296 (511,862 Protestant and 251,434 Catholic). Five years earlier, in 2011, attendance was 793,941 (517,172 Protestant and 276,769 Catholic). This interprets to a loss of 25,335 in weekly attendance in the past five years.

**CHART 7.4** shows the relationship between the rise in church count and the drop in church attendance. Small churches are getting an increasing share of attendance.

In 2011, churches **size 1-99** had 52% of the count and 12% of the attendance, but by 2016 that had risen to 62% and 17%.

In 2011, churches **size 2000+** had 3% of the count and 32% of the attendance, but by 2016 that had fallen to 2% and 27%.

**CHART 7.5** shows that the average size of Twin Cities churches is falling steadily. Average Catholic church size is now 1,059, down from 1,150 in 2010. Average Protestant size is now 155, down from 200 in 2010.

## TAKEAWAY 5 - Size does not accelerate growth

People in the Twin Cities have a huge selection of churches of all types and sizes within easy Sunday morning drive time. If large churches had a growth advantage, one would expect more and more larger churches and fewer and fewer small churches. Most Catholic churches are large by design, but among Protestants, the statistics show:

- One third of Protestants choose church size under 200
- One third of Protestants choose church size 200-700
- One third of Protestants choose church size 700+

**CHART 7.4** shows that there is a trend toward smaller churches even with the abundance of nearby larger churches. It appears that this is a reflection of generational preferences: Boomers wanted everything bigger and better, Millennials want everything participatory and relational.

One size won't fit all in the modern world. Churches are learning, like businesses, that they are most effective when targeting a particular segment of the population. This may be a major reason why churches are so dynamic during their first 10 years (see **TAKEAWAY 6**)

but lose effectiveness over time as they try to become all things to all people.

As churches learn to engage with huge segments of the population having no spiritual background, targeting will have to be much more nuanced than just *seeker friendly* or *contemporary music*. Targeting will have to focus more on people's particular place in their spiritual journey, with greater attention given to relevant substance and participation. Many different small venues will be needed, with different leaders and topics, often in the same church but at different times.

Many church buildings are now used by different churches at various times on Sundays and during the week. Sunday morning for church is not nearly as important as was in times past. The younger generations, especially the unchurched, don't care about church tradition, and meetings can occur almost any time or place.

## TAKEAWAY 6 - Churches grow fast in first 10 years

As shown in **CHART 7.6**, half of all Twin Cities churches are less than 20 years old, and this is the half that's growing.

After 20 years, one might think that the rate of decline would correlate with aging of the church, but **CHART 7.7** shows that once a church reaches 20 years, the decline is constant among all age categories, apparently regardless of neighborhood or facility obsolescence.

For most churches, there seems to be a special growth dynamic in the first 10 years that is lost in the teen years and rarely recovered. Many great churches built 20 or 30 years ago by the Boomer generation, still relatively new, are not growing as fast as small start-ups in sub-par rented facilities, and no faster than churches in old buildings constructed over 100 years ago.

## TAKEAWAY 7 - 208 Denominations active in Twin Cities

In 2016, there were 208 active denominations in the Twin Cities, with 2,540 churches, accounting for 73% of total churches and 75% of total attendance.

There were 936 independent churches with no denominational affiliation, accounting for 27% of total churches and 10% of total attendance.

Five years earlier, in 2011, there were 715 independent churches, accounting for 25% of churches and 9% of attendance, a slight trend away from affiliation and toward independence.

**CHART 7.9** lists the 30 denominations with most number of churches in the Twin Cities. The largest are ELCA Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Assemblies of God, Lutheran Missouri Synod, United Methodist and Converge (BGC).

**CHART 7.8** shows that, among these six largest, only Assemblies and Converge experienced any growth in the five year period 2011-2016.

During those five years, independent churches grew 8% in attendance while denominational churches declined 6%.

## TAKEAWAY 8 - Most multisites are disappointments

There are 63 multisite organizations (parent churches) in the Twin Cities operating 153 multisite churches (separate locations), with weekly attendance of 115,000, which is 15% of total church attendance.

Over the past five years, multisite churches have increased 5% in attendance while single-only churches have declined 5%, but the increases are not across the board. Most multisites are a disappointment to the parent organizations because, as shown in **CHART 7.10**, combined attendance has declined rather than increased for most of them. The success rate (3 in 7) is about the same whether the parent church has only two multisites or three or more multisites.

**Briefing 8** will cover Twin City multisite churches in detail and will include a detailed church-by-church listing.

## TAKEAWAY 9 - 86% of churches stalled or in 5-year decline

As shown in **CHART 7.12**, among all 3,476 churches in the Twin Cities over the past five years, only 14% are growing, and 86% are stalled or declining.

**CHART 7.11** shows that this pattern is quite consistent across all size categories. All are losing more than gaining, especially when considering the bias factor noted in **TAKEAWAY 10**.

**CHART 7.13** shows that all attendance gains over the past five years have come from churches in size category less than 100. In fact, there is a clear and consistent negative correlation between size and growth. Overall, the larger the church, the smaller the percentage growth.

## TAKEAWAY 10 - Upward bias in reported numbers

Church attendance numbers are obtained primarily from oral or written statements provided to City Vision by individual churches or representatives. The numbers are often overstated because churches are quick to report gains and slow to report losses. Also, some churches report **high** attendance rather than **average** attendance as asked. Therefore, there is likely to be an upward bias of 10-20% in the numbers received, and thus actual attendance losses are probably greater than reported and graphed here. Comparisons and trends are meaningful, however, because the bias has been pervasive for decades.

City Vision and Church Scouts have an anonymous online reporting system for flagging attendance numbers that need investigation. Click [HERE](#) if online, or enter [errors.sf.org](http://errors.sf.org) in your browser, if you spot any errors in the attached lists.

## TAKEAWAY 11 - More than casual shift in Christian practices

The Great Commission is not a call to attract people to church worship services, but to make disciples.

Attendance is not the goal, but loss of attendance is a leading indicator of

other losses that follow: fewer disciples, weaker disciples, loss of commitment, loss of income, loss of participation, and loss of community influence.

There is high correlation between worship attendance and spiritual vitality of a church. Continued loss of attendance is a call to action, a call for pastor and board to make fast, bold, effective decisions for the future.

Some church leaders dismiss the decline in church attendance by saying that Christians just attend church less frequently these days ... or that Christian maturity is now coming more from TV and Internet, or individual study ... or that Christians are spending more time in personal spiritual disciplines and informal group interaction ... or more time sharing their faith with others.

However, that's not the picture of what's really happening in the **whole church of the Twin Cities**. Less frequent attendance and availability of streaming Internet (or radio and TV) are not new; these factors have been occurring for a long time and are already built into the statistical base.

The evidence is clear that there is a steady measurable decline that is weakening the church overall, and without major changes within hundreds of individual churches, the decline will accelerate into the foreseeable future. Contrary to its mission, **the whole church of the Twin Cities** is losing disciples faster than making them.

## TAKEAWAY 12 - Demographic headwinds for the church

**CHART 7.14** tracks three particularly troubling trends for churches in the Twin Cities – rapid growth of Nones and Muslims and rapid loss of Evangelicals – which will accelerate the decline.

**CHART 7.15** shows the demographic pressures against the church as older generations die off. ***This is the most important chart in this Briefing!!***

It is imperative for every pastor and board to understand the huge challenges ahead and to make plans now for coping with them.

Future **Briefings** will provide information and help for dealing with the new cultural realities.

## TAKEAWAY 13 - List of 100 largest churches

City Vision has data on more than four thousand Twin Cities churches, past and present, reaching back through 20 years of history. Reports detailing all individual churches would be too long and overwhelming for online presentation. Even a one-line printout of all 3,476 current churches is 86 pages in length.

Most people are interested primarily in the 100 largest churches and like to see them ranked. Even though comprising only a third of total attendance, and usually not the best models for church growth, these are the churches most asked about.

- Attached is a list of the **100 Largest Churches** in the Twin Cities (Catholic and Protestant combined)

- Attached is a list of the **100 Largest Protestant Churches** in the Twin Cities

This **Briefing** is encouraging news for small-size and medium-size churches who thought they were at a disadvantage for church growth relative to large churches. Fact is, by people's choice, there is equal opportunity for all sizes: One-third choose to attend a small church (under 200), one third choose to attend a medium-size church (200-700), and one third choose a large church (over 700). Attendance gain/loss percentages are essentially the same across all size categories.

## TAKEAWAY 14 - Two barriers to growth

In examining data from large numbers of churches, patterns emerge that are not easily discernible by personal observation. Statistics on Twin Cities churches reveal two barriers to growth: the **200-Size Barrier** and the **20-Year Barrier**.

Crossing the 200-Size Barrier means that the church can then afford one or more full-time staff, afford more adequate facilities, and deliver more and better services to the entire church family. However, the church becomes more complex, requires stronger management and must learn not to lose the personal touch.

The 20-Year Barrier is described in **TAKEAWAY 6**.

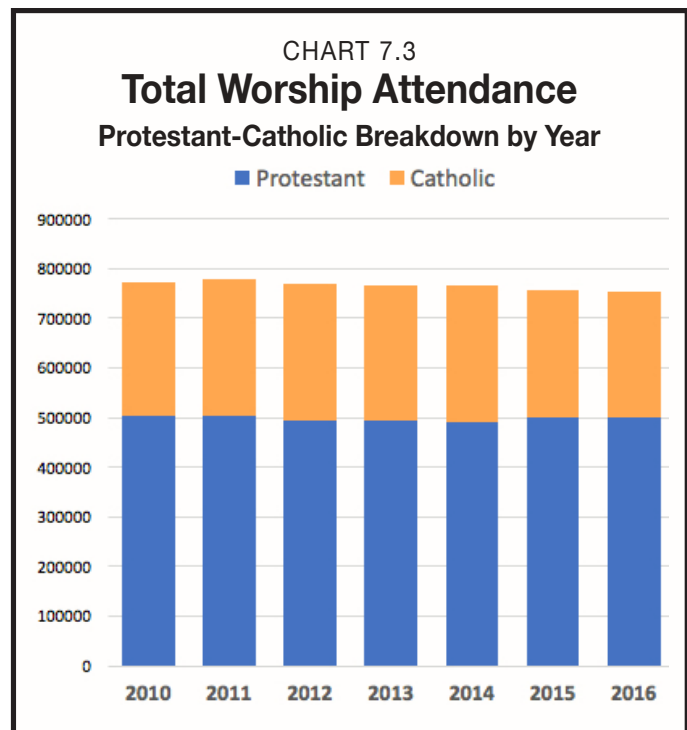
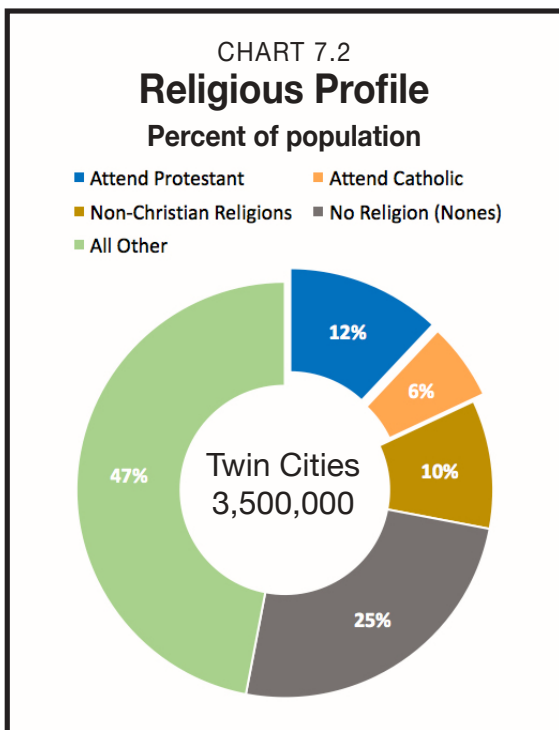
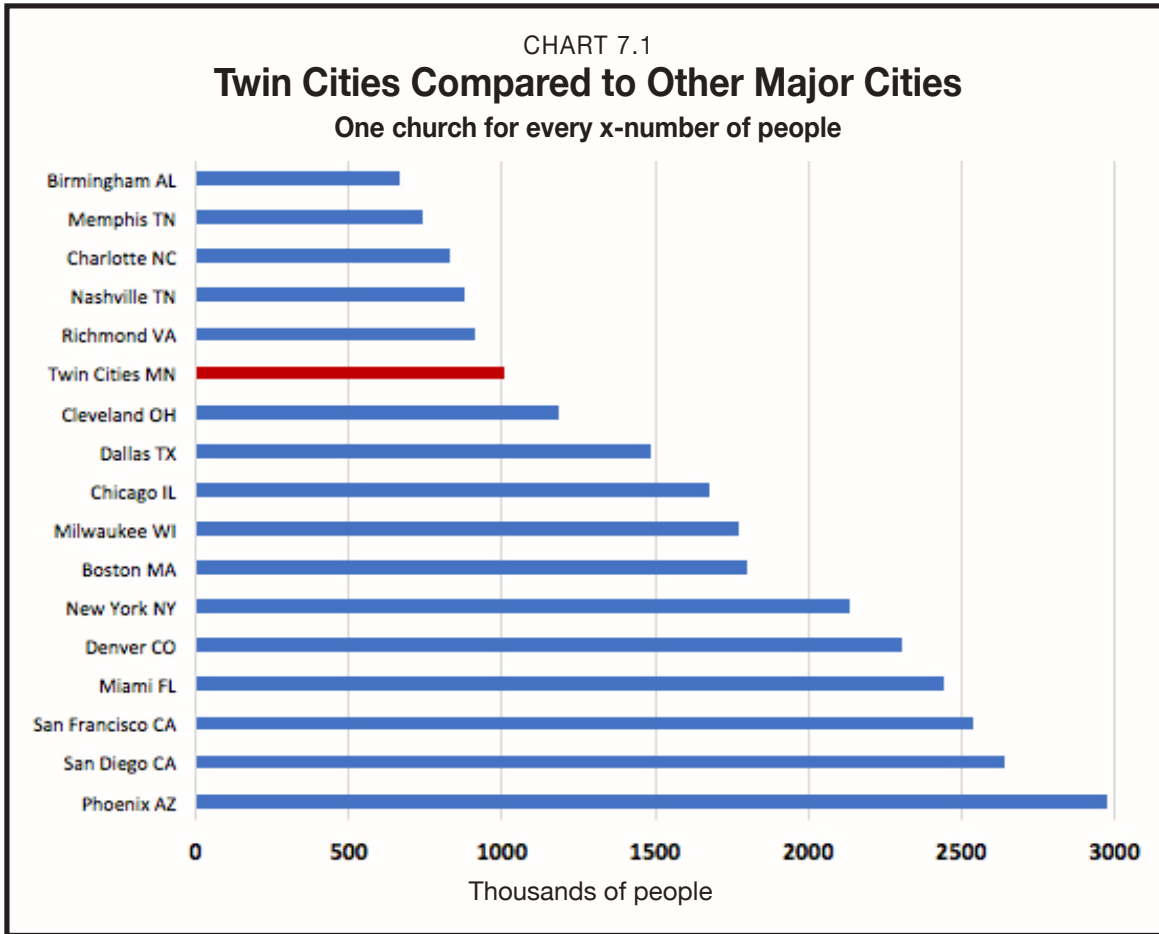
The database of 3,476 current churches was queried to look at Twin Cities churches from both sides of each barrier during the 5-year period 2011-2016:

- **200-SIZE BARRIER.** The database was queried to find all churches that crossed the 200-size barrier during the period: It found 58 churches; average growth rate during the period was 114% (all others -6%).
- **20-YEAR BARRIER.** The database was queried to find all churches younger than age 20: It found 1,748 churches; average growth rate during the period was 43% (all others -14%).
- **BOTH BARRIERS.** The database was queried to find all churches that started less than 20 years ago AND that crossed the 200-size barrier during the period: It found 30 churches; average growth rate during the period was 135% (all others -6%).

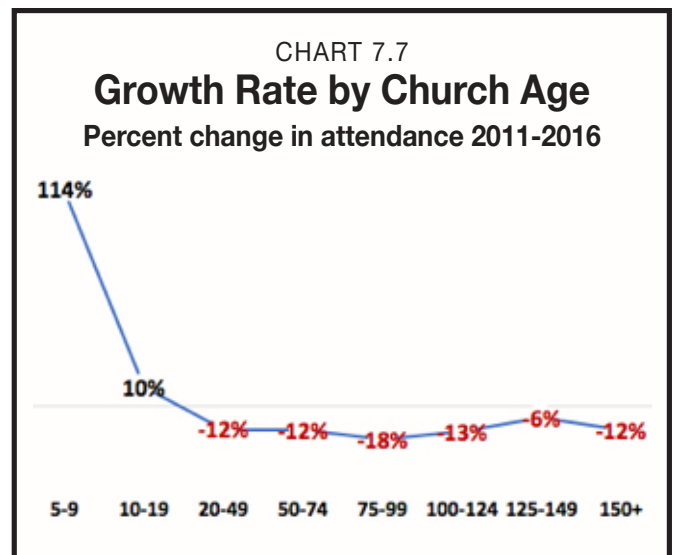
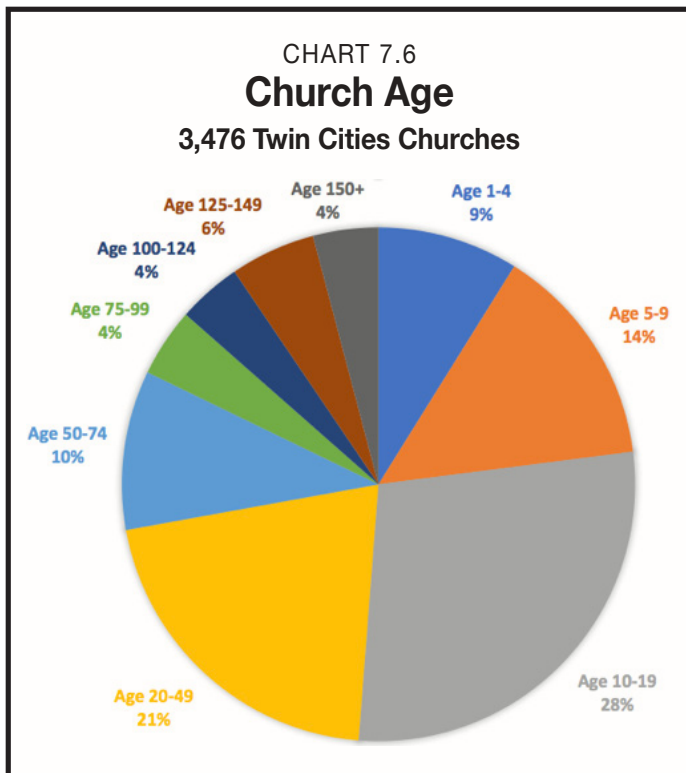
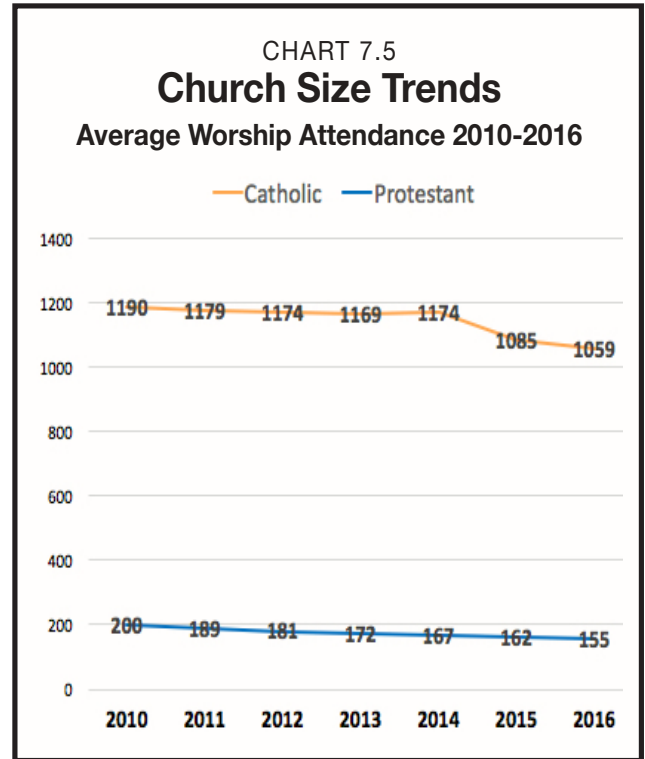
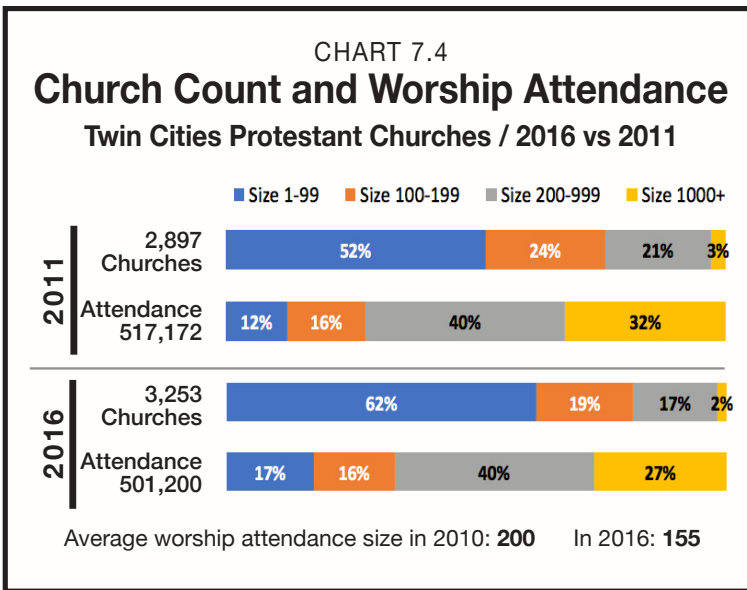
Church Scouts will look closely at these churches and report in future **Briefs** what they have done to cross barriers and experience high growth.

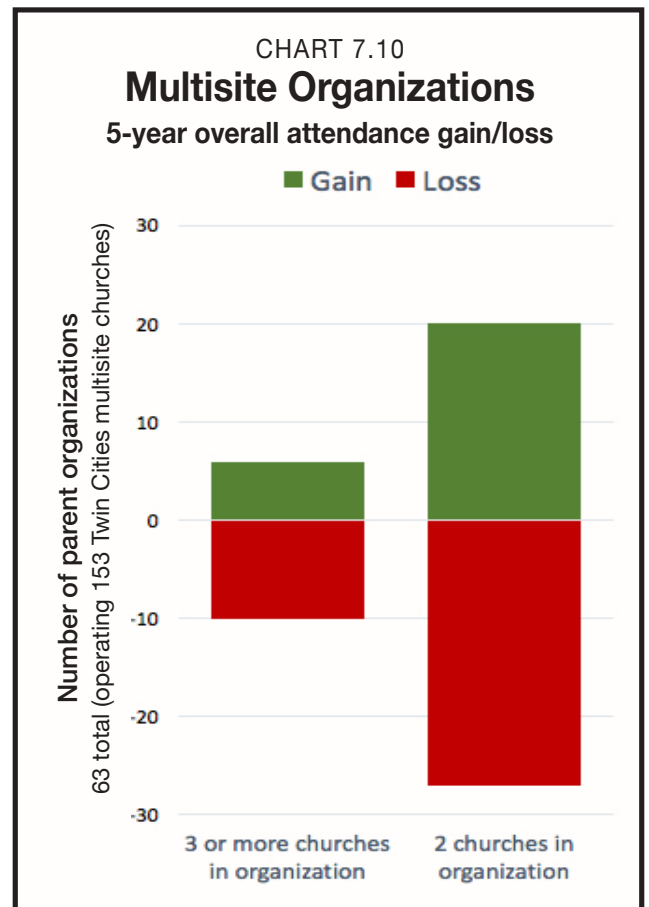
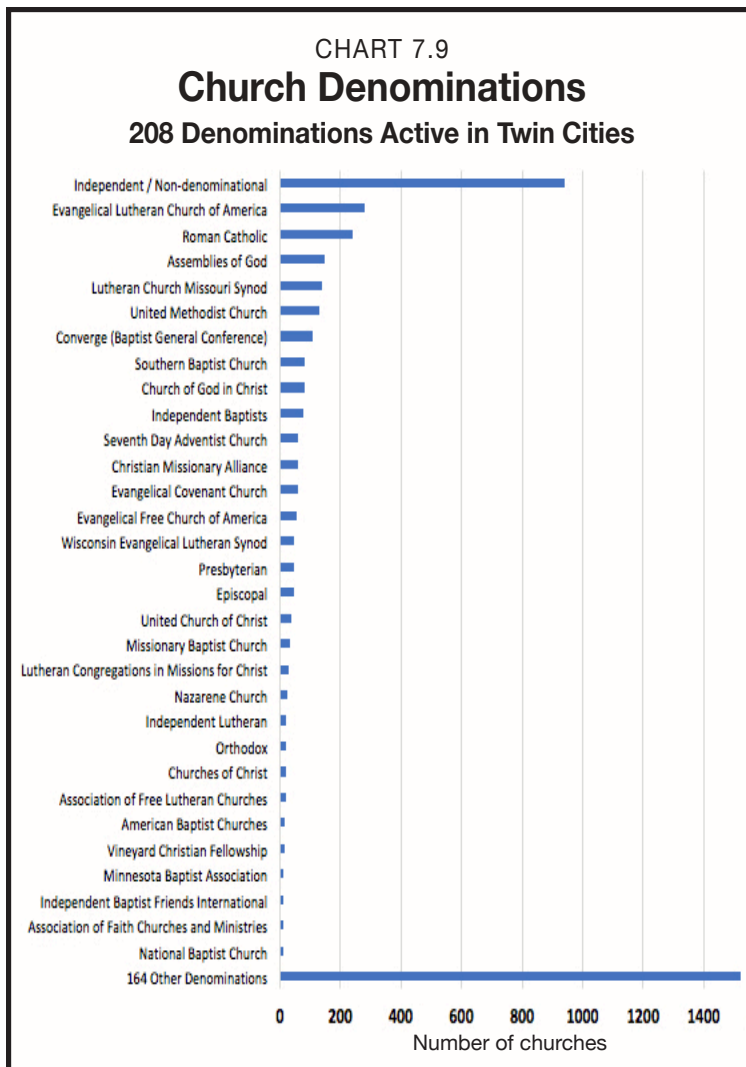
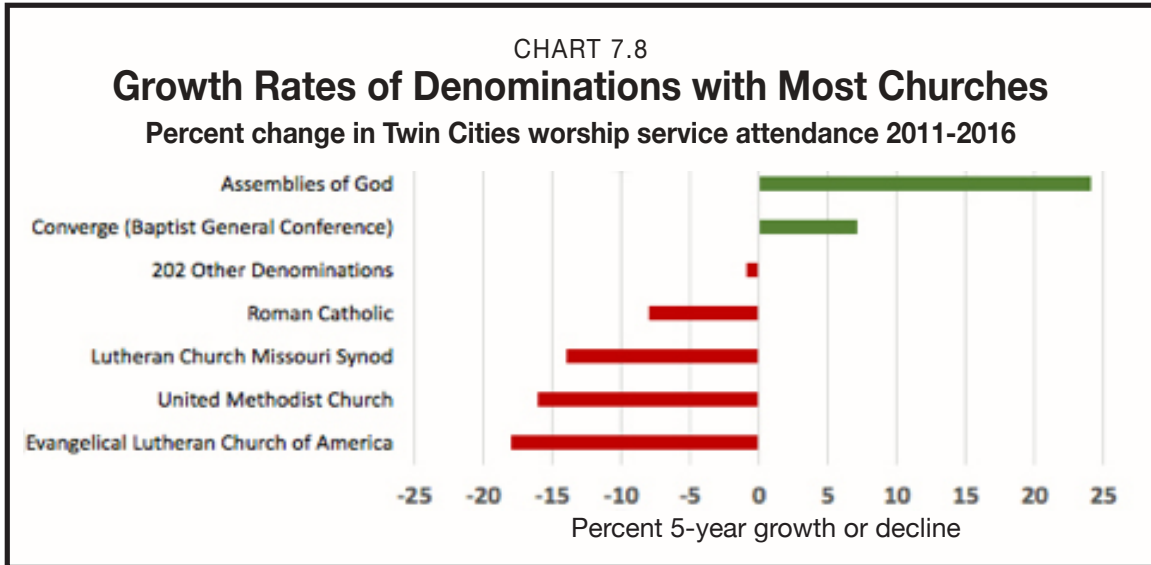
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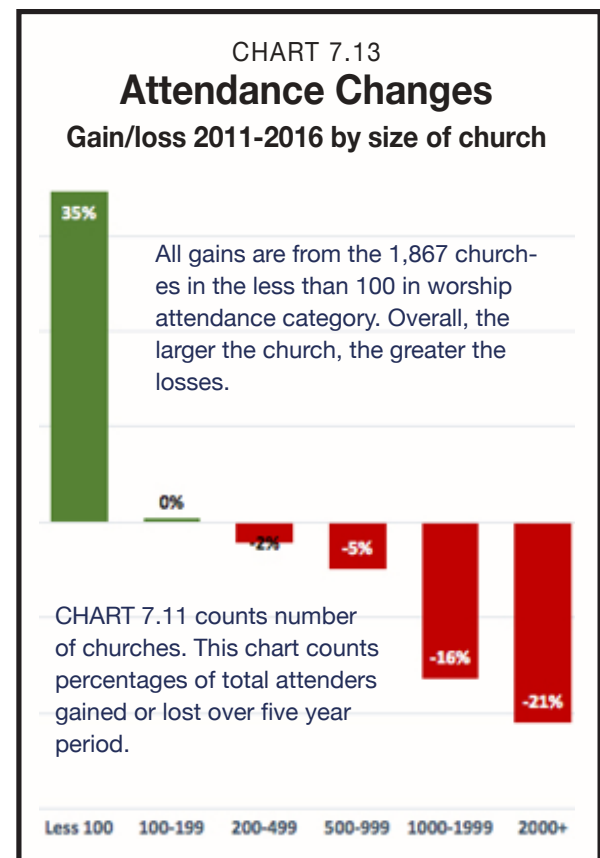
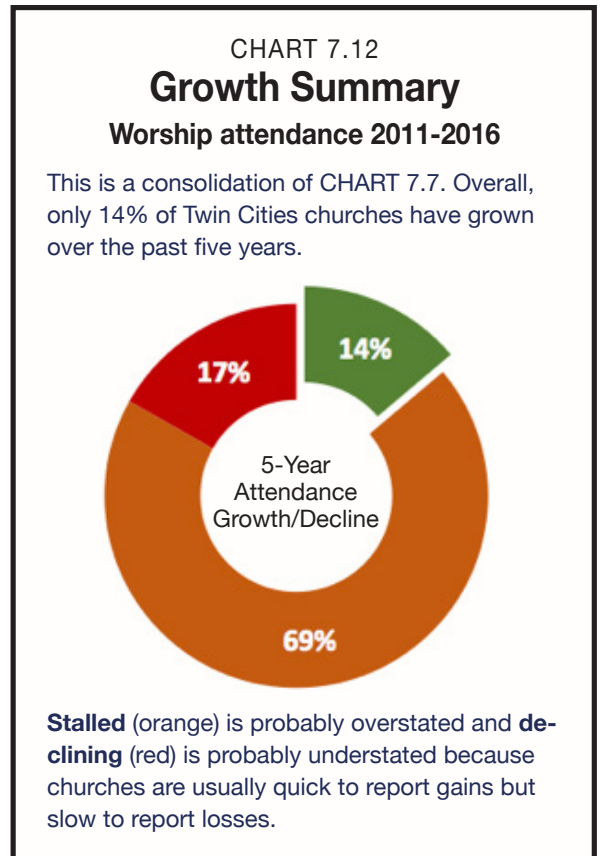
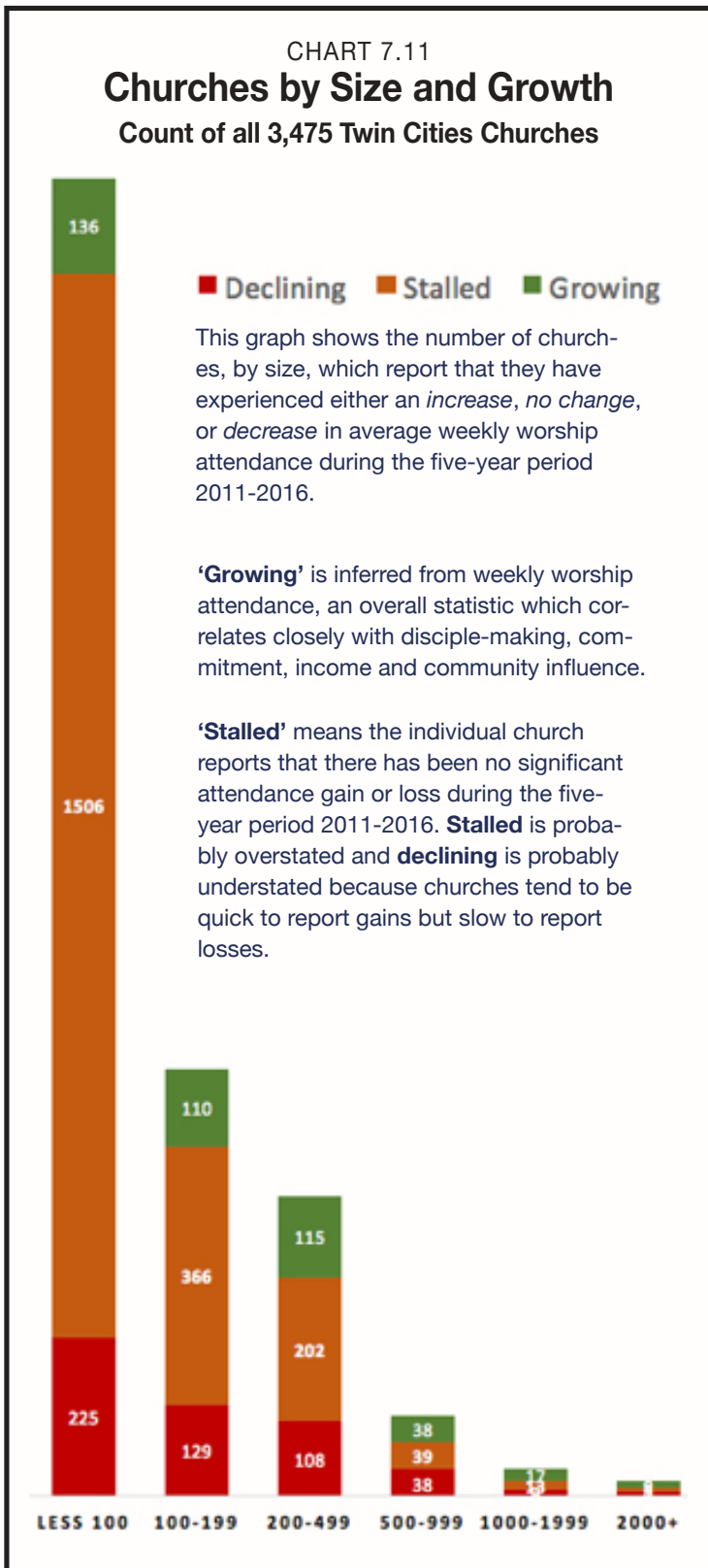
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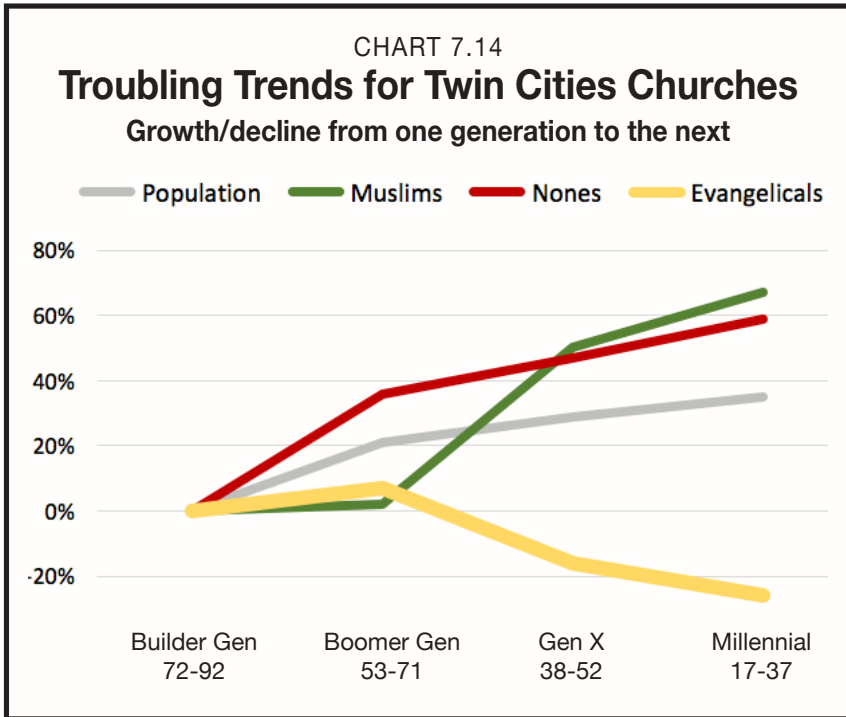




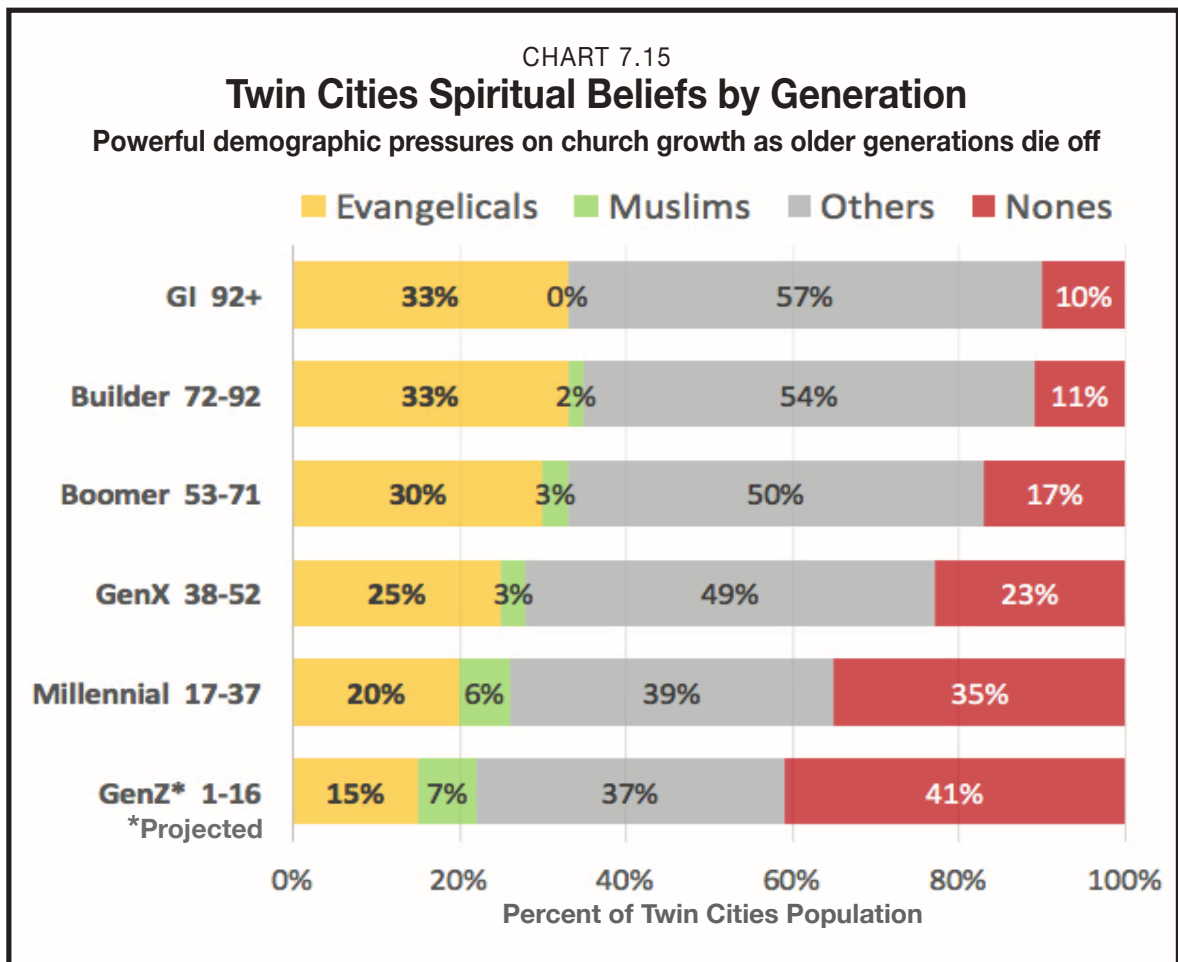








Most important chart in this Briefing









# 100 Largest Protestant Churches

Twin Cities Metro MN / Year 2016

Grey is average weekly worship attendance 2011 • Black is average 2016 • *Purple italics is multisite total*

Church	City	2011	2016	Multi	Denomination	
1	Hosanna Lutheran Church / Lakeville	Lakeville	6,100	<b>6,600</b>	<b><i>7,460</i></b>	Lutheran Congregations in Missions & ARCH
2	Eagle Brook Church / Lino Lakes	Centerville	7,330	<b>5,990</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
3	Living Word Christian Center	Brooklyn Park	9,000	<b>5,730</b>		International Convention of Faith Ministries
4	Eagle Brook / Woodbury	Woodbury	2,100	<b>5,050</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
5	Grace Church	Eden Prairie	4,850	<b>5,000</b>		Non-Denominational
6	Eagle Brook Church / Blaine	Blaine	2,190	<b>4,160</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
7	Emmanuel Christian Center / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	3,000	<b>4,120</b>	<b><i>4,650</i></b>	Assemblies of God
8	Westwood Community Church / Excelsior	Excelsior	3,000	<b>3,640</b>	<b><i>3,900</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
9	Church of the Open Door	Maple Grove	3,600	<b>3,600</b>		Non-Denominational
10	River Valley Church / Apple Valley	Apple Valley	3,800	<b>3,500</b>	<b><i>8,000</i></b>	Assemblies of God & Assn Related Churches
11	Wooddale Church / Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	5,900	<b>3,360</b>	<b><i>3,930</i></b>	Converge & CCCC
12	New Hope Church / New Hope (1)	New Hope	3,210	<b>3,110</b>	<b><i>3,450</i></b>	Evangelical Free Church of America
13	Substance Church / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	3,000	<b>2,900</b>	<b><i>3,800</i></b>	Association of Related Churches
14	Eagle Brook Church / White Bear Lake	White Bear Lake	2,830	<b>2,900</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
15	Christ Presbyterian Church	Edina	2,620	<b>2,850</b>		Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians
16	Woodland Hills Church	Maplewood	5,000	<b>2,500</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
17	Crossroads Covenant Church / Woodbury	Woodbury	2,230	<b>2,390</b>	<b><i>2,830</i></b>	Evangelical Covenant Church
18	Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church	Mahtomedi	2,360	<b>2,310</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
19	Berean Baptist Church / Burnsville	Burnsville	2,100	<b>2,200</b>	<b><i>2,500</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
20	Mount Olivet Lutheran Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	5,190	<b>2,130</b>	<b><i>2,630</i></b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
21	Speak the Word Church	Golden Valley	2,580	<b>2,050</b>		Non-Denominational
22	Saint Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church	Plymouth	2,100	<b>2,000</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
23	Eagle Brook Church / Spring Lake Park	Spring Lake Park	2,060	<b>2,000</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
24	Eagle Brook Church / Anoka	Anoka	0	<b>1,940</b>	<b><i>22,030</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
25	Bethlehem Baptist Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	3,200	<b>1,940</b>	<b><i>3,950</i></b>	Converge & Treasuring Christ Together
26	Passion Church / Maple Grove	Maple Grove	380	<b>1,800</b>		Association of Related Churches & COGCT
27	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Maple Grove	1,930	<b>1,750</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
28	Bethlehem Lutheran Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	1,700	<b>1,750</b>	<b><i>1,880</i></b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
29	River Valley Church / Shakopee	Shakopee	0	<b>1,750</b>	<b><i>8,000</i></b>	Assemblies of God & Assn Related Churches
30	Saint Paul Hmong Alliance Church	Maplewood	1,600	<b>1,750</b>		Christian Missionary Alliance
31	Calvary Baptist Church / Roseville	Roseville	1,400	<b>1,700</b>	<b><i>2,000</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
32	Hope Community Church	Minneapolis	1,130	<b>1,700</b>		Converge & Free Church & Acts 29
33	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Apple Valley	2,200	<b>1,660</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
34	Riverside Alliance Church	Big Lake	1,000	<b>1,650</b>		Christian Missionary Alliance
35	Woodridge Church / Medina	Medina	1,530	<b>1,630</b>	<b><i>2,080</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
36	Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley	Golden Valley	1,790	<b>1,600</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ
37	Cedar Valley Church	Bloomington	2,030	<b>1,600</b>		Assemblies of God
38	Wayzata Community Church	Wayzata	1,100	<b>1,500</b>		United Church of Christ
39	Bethlehem Baptist Church / Mounds View	Mounds View	1,900	<b>1,450</b>	<b><i>3,950</i></b>	Converge & Treasuring Christ Together
40	Constance Evangelical Free Church	Andover	1,250	<b>1,450</b>		Evangelical Free Church of America
41	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	Burnsville	1,780	<b>1,450</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
42	Progressive Missionary Baptist Church	St. Paul	1,500	<b>1,400</b>		Missionary Baptist Church
43	The Crossing Church / Elk River	Elk River	2,800	<b>1,400</b>	<b><i>1,600</i></b>	Converge (Baptist General Conference)
44	Mount Calvary Lutheran Church	Excelsior	1,380	<b>1,380</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
45	Plymouth Covenant Church / Plymouth	Plymouth	1,110	<b>1,370</b>	<b><i>1,430</i></b>	Evangelical Covenant Church
46	Grace Fellowship	Brooklyn Park	1,480	<b>1,350</b>		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
47	King of Kings Lutheran Church	Woodbury	1,170	<b>1,200</b>		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
48	Northgate Church	Ramsey	710	<b>1,200</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions & ARCH
49	Woodbury Lutheran Church / Woodbury	Woodbury	1,260	<b>1,160</b>	<b><i>1,440</i></b>	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
50	Maranatha Assembly of God Church / Forest	Forest Lake	1,000	<b>1,150</b>	<b><i>1,350</i></b>	Assemblies of God
51	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Afton	1,150	<b>1,150</b>		Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ
52	Horizons Community Church	Ham Lake	1,500	<b>1,050</b>		Non-Denominational

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53	Russian Evangelical Christian Church	Shakopee	1,030	1,050		US Mennonite Brethren
54	Spiritual Life Church	Brooklyn Center	1,030	1,050		Non-Denominational
55	Zion Lutheran Church	Anoka	1,180	1,050		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
56	Living Hope Lutheran Church / Bloomington	Bloomington	910	1,040	1,200	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
57	Bondservants	Spring Lake Park		1,030		Independent Lutheran
58	Hmong American Alliance Church	Maplewood	1,120	1,030		Christian Missionary Alliance
59	New Salem Baptist Church	Minneapolis	1,500	1,000		National Baptist Church
60	River Valley Church / Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	0	1,000	8,000	Assemblies of God & Assn Related Churches
61	Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church	St. Paul	2,000	1,000		Missionary Baptist Church
62	Discovery Church / Burnsville	Burnsville	450	980	1,000	Assemblies of God
63	Fresh Water Community Church / St. Bonifacius	St. Bonifacius	620	900	1,000	Christian Missionary Alliance & ARC
64	Rockpoint Church	Lake Elmo	950	900		Evangelical Free Church of America
65	Saint Andrew Lutheran Church / Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	1,070	900	1,150	Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
66	Substance Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	900	3,800	Association of Related Churches
67	Trinity Evangelical Free Church	Lakeville	880	900		Evangelical Free Church of America
68	New Life Church / Maple Grove	Maple Grove	780	900	1,000	Assemblies of God
69	The House Church	Eagan	500	880		Non-Denominational
70	Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church	Prior Lake	1,140	870		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
71	Hosanna Lutheran Church / Shakopee	Shakopee	0	850	7,460	Lutheran Congregations in Missions & ARCH
72	Christian Family Church / Minnetonka	Minnetonka	800	850	1,000	Non-Denominational
73	First Evangelical Free Church	Maplewood	850	850		Evangelical Free Church of America
74	Our Saviour Lutheran Church	East Bethel	810	840		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
75	Incarnation Lutheran Church	North Oaks	1,030	830		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
76	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Minneapolis	900	830		Presbyterian Church USA
77	Trinity Lutheran Church	Stillwater	1,030	820		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
78	Five Oaks Community Church	Woodbury	1,050	820		Evangelical Free Church of America
79	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	Plymouth	750	800		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
80	Roseville Lutheran Church	Roseville	900	800		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
81	Bethany Russian Baptist Church	Brooklyn Park	550	800		North American Baptist
82	Edinbrook Church	Brooklyn Park	1,200	800		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
83	Evergreen Church / Bloomington	Bloomington	1,020	780	2,180	Great Commission Churches
84	Faith Lutheran Church	Coon Rapids	920	760		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
85	Community of Grace	White Bear Lake	750	750		Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ
86	Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church	Minneapolis	880	750		Missionary Baptist Church
87	Holy Christian Church Cathedral	St. Paul	700	750		The Holy Christian Churches International
88	Mercy Vineyard Church	Minneapolis	750	750		Vineyard Christian Fellowship
89	Trinity Lutheran Church	Waconia	870	730		Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
90	North Ridge Fellowship	Rogers	280	730		Converge (Baptist General Conference)
91	Augustana Lutheran Church	West St. Paul	780	710		Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
92	Christ Lutheran Church	Otsego	450	700		Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ
93	Eagan Hills Alliance Church	Eagan	600	700		Christian Missionary Alliance
94	Grace Church Roseville	Roseville	1,000	700		Non-Denominational
95	Hope Presbyterian Church	Richfield	1,000	700		Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians
96	Revive Brooklyn Park Church	Brooklyn Park	1,000	700		Evangelical Free Church of America
97	River of Life Church	Elk River	1,000	700		Evangelical Free Church of America
98	River Valley Church / Minneapolis	Minneapolis	0	700	8,000	Assemblies of God & Assn Related Churches
99	Sanctuary Covenant Church	Minneapolis	1,020	700		Evangelical Covenant Church
100	Twin City Chinese Christian Church	Roseville	600	700		Non-Denominational

Average weekly worship attendance in 100 churches above      **165,706**   **164,202**   **-1%**      5-year growth 100 churches      **-1,504**  
Average weekly worship attendance in all 3476 Twin Cities churches      **792,587**   **755,412**   **-5%**      5-year growth all churches      **-37,175**

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