

Methodological notes on Annual Statistical Table on Global Mission: 2009

(referring to numbered lines)

Indented categories form part of, and are included in, unindented categories above them. Definitions of categories are as given and explained in World Christian Encyclopedia (1st ed., 1982; 2nd ed., 2001) and World Christian Trends (2001), with additional data and explanations as below. The global diagram series and the analytical trichotomy of Worlds A, B, C are explained in WCT.

Lines 1-4. Demographic totals are as shown in World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision (New York: United Nations, 2007).

12. Widest definition: professing Christians plus crypto-Christians (secret believers), which equals affiliated (church members) plus unaffiliated Christians. World C is the world of all who individually are Christians.

23. Total of all non-Christians (sum of rows 13-22 above, plus adherents of other smaller religions). This is also the same as World A (the unevangelized) plus World B (evangelized non-Christians).

26-29. These categories overlap in varying degrees.

27. 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.

28. Great Commission Christians are defined as active church members of all traditions who take seriously Christ's Great Commission and his call to mission.

29. Church members involved in the Pentecostal / charismatic / neocharismatic renewal in the Holy Spirit, known collectively as Renewalists. Totals on lines 25-29 overlap with those on lines 31-36.

30. World totals of current long-term trend for all confessions. (See WCT , part 4, "Martyrology.") Figures reflect the collapse of Communism but also the expansion of terrorism.

58-64. Defined in WCT , part 20, "Finance."

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

65. Total general-purpose computers and word processors owned by churches, agencies, groups, and individual Christians.

75-77. These measures are defined, derived, and analyzed in WCT , part 23, "Evangelization."

78-79. Defined as in WCT , part 25, "Macroevangelistics."

80. Grand total of all distinct plans and proposals for accomplishing world evangelization made by Christians since A.D. 30. See WCT , part 27, "GeoStrategies."