

# Research Resources

## Denominational

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/4/25/pcusa-2021-statistics-continue-show-declining-memb/>

[https://pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2021\\_stats\\_comparativesummary\\_update06\\_2022.pdf](https://pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2021_stats_comparativesummary_update06_2022.pdf)

## Religion in America

Pew Research: <https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/religion/>

## Church Trends

Barna Research Group: <https://www.barna.com>

## Community Demographics

MissionInsite: <https://www.acstechnologies.com/missioninsite/mission-impact-guide/>

## The Church in a Changing Culture

[Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory](#), by Ted Bolsinger (book)

## Congregational Study/Survey

You want your mission study to involve as many members of the congregation as possible. There are two reasons for this: you want your mission study to truly reflect your whole congregation and you want your congregation to accept ownership of the study when it is done. If you do a mission study that does not involve the whole congregation, there is a strong likelihood that the congregation will resist implementing it or react with anger when the Session seeks to implement it.

It is possible for a MST to design its own congregational survey, distribute and collect it, and do its own tabulations and correlations. Be sure to read pp. 217-227 of *Studying Congregations* for excellent information both about creating surveys and distributing them.

## **Other**

[Church Life Cycle](#) (PowerPoint)