

PAOC Churches by the Numbers

The results of the 2018 Annual Church Life Report

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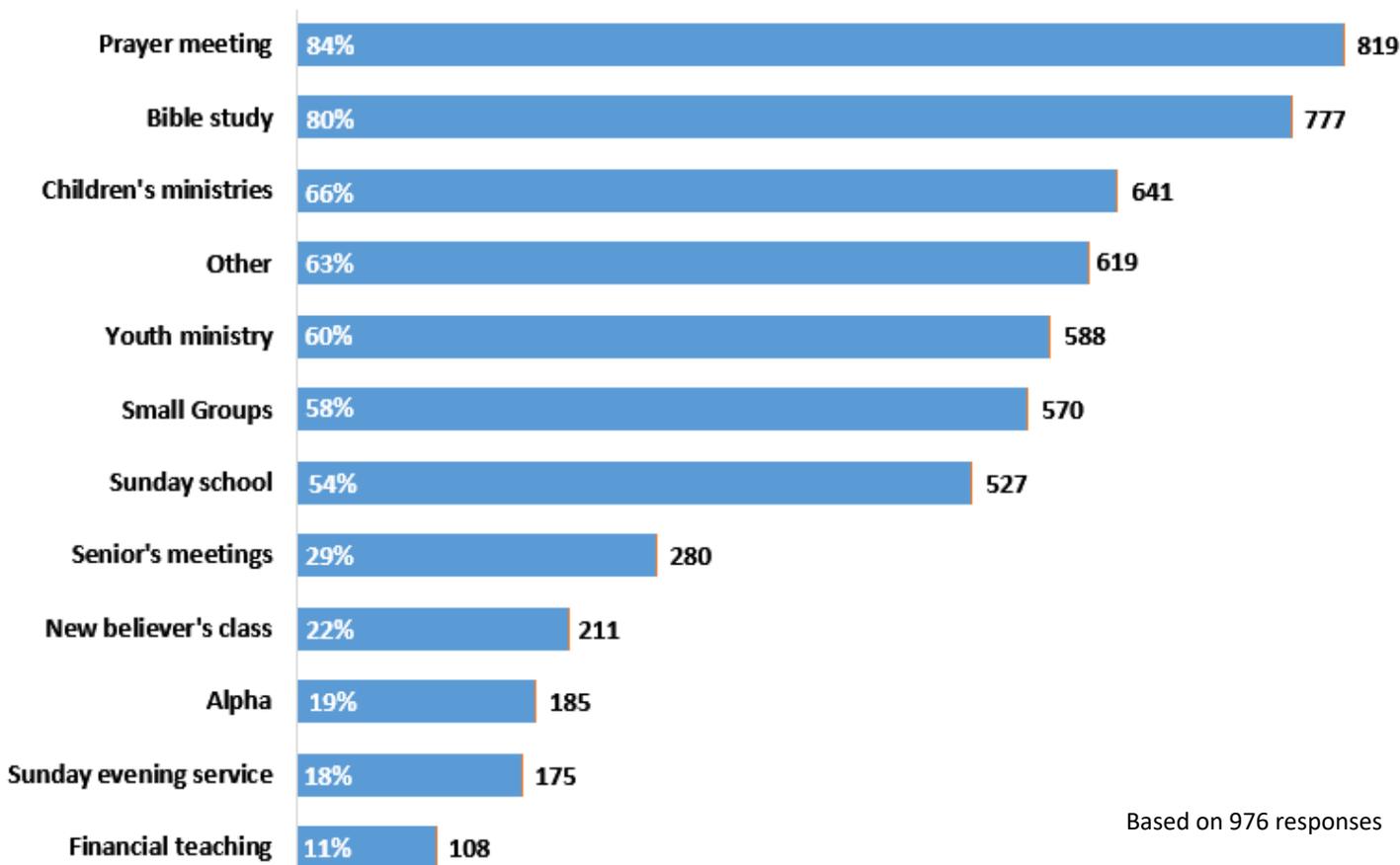
Observations

- ⇒ In 2018, churches reported **41,200 first time visitors**
- ⇒ **41%** of regular attenders **serve as volunteers** (up from 39% in 2017).
- ⇒ Churches report **total membership of over 71,000** (average membership is 67 people per church).
- ⇒ **72% of churches** have a **strategic initiative to encourage corporate prayer and scriptural engagement** (up from 70% in 2017).
- ⇒ Approximately **19%** of PAOC churches **rent** their meeting space (up from 17% in 2017).



Spiritual and Theological Vitality

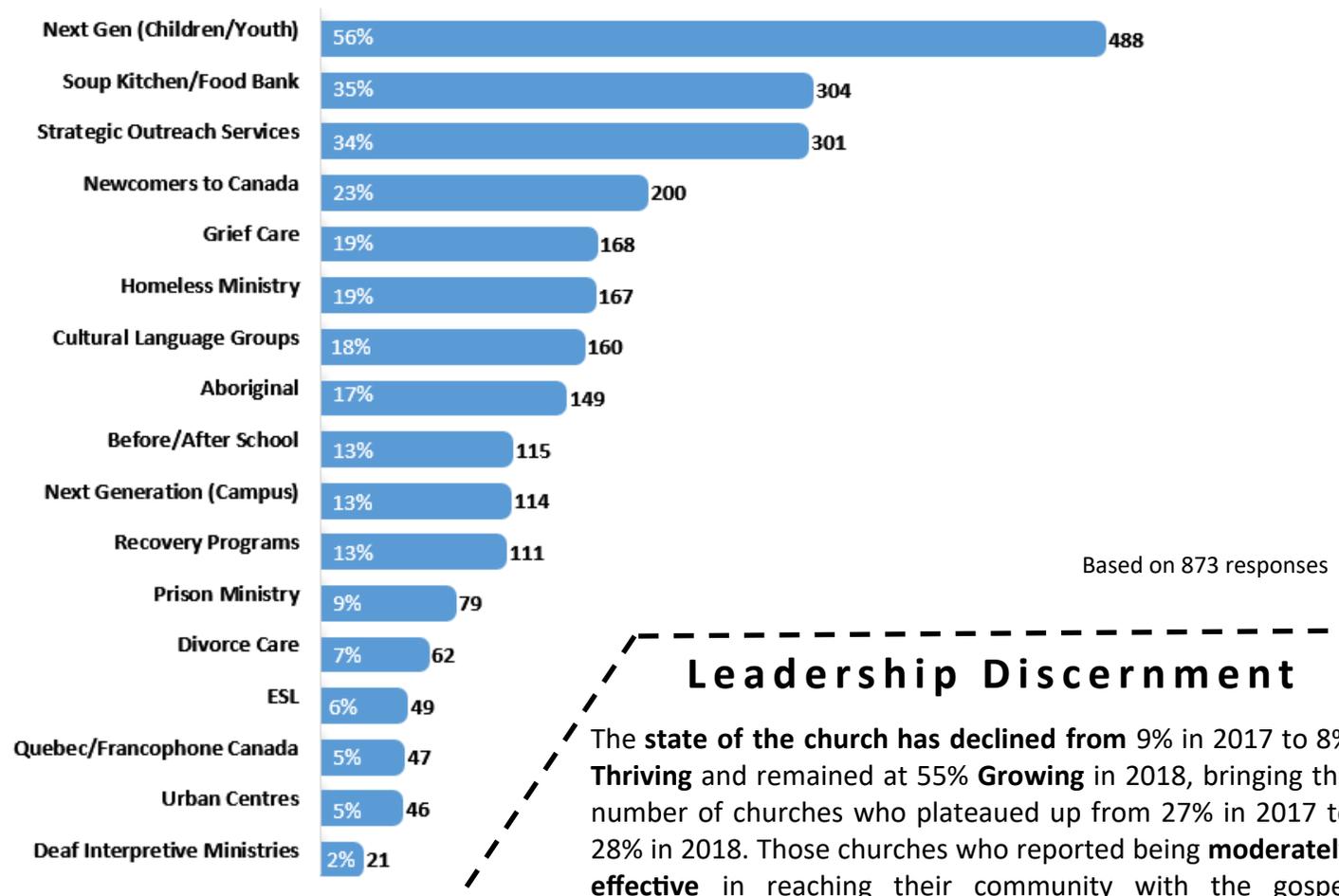
The **Spiritual and Theological Vitality** bar graph describes the activities of the local church throughout the week. Over **60,000 volunteers** serve alongside our pastoral leadership to make these ministries happen. This is an increase from 57,000 reported in 2017.



Based on 976 responses

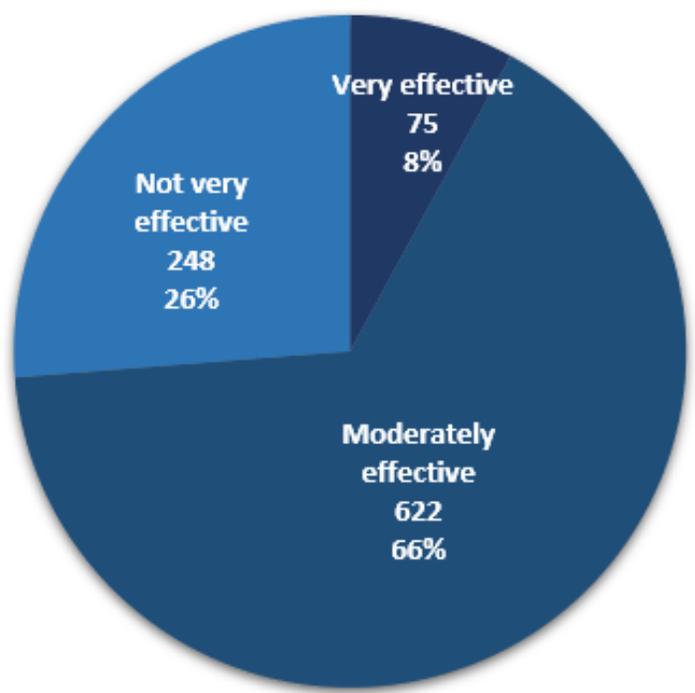
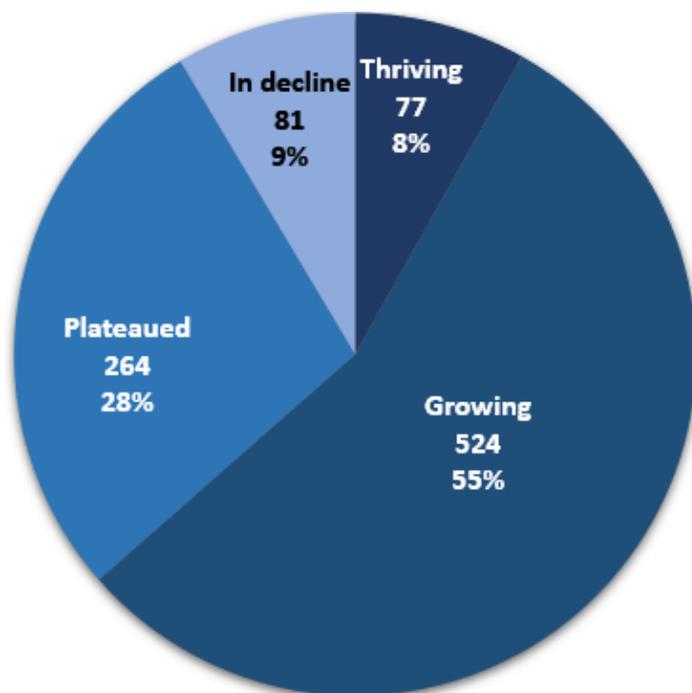
Missional Vitality

Our **Missional Vitality** describes the way we seek to serve our communities. The bar graph shows a wide variety of ministries to reach those around us. A significant focus remains on the **Next Generation**.



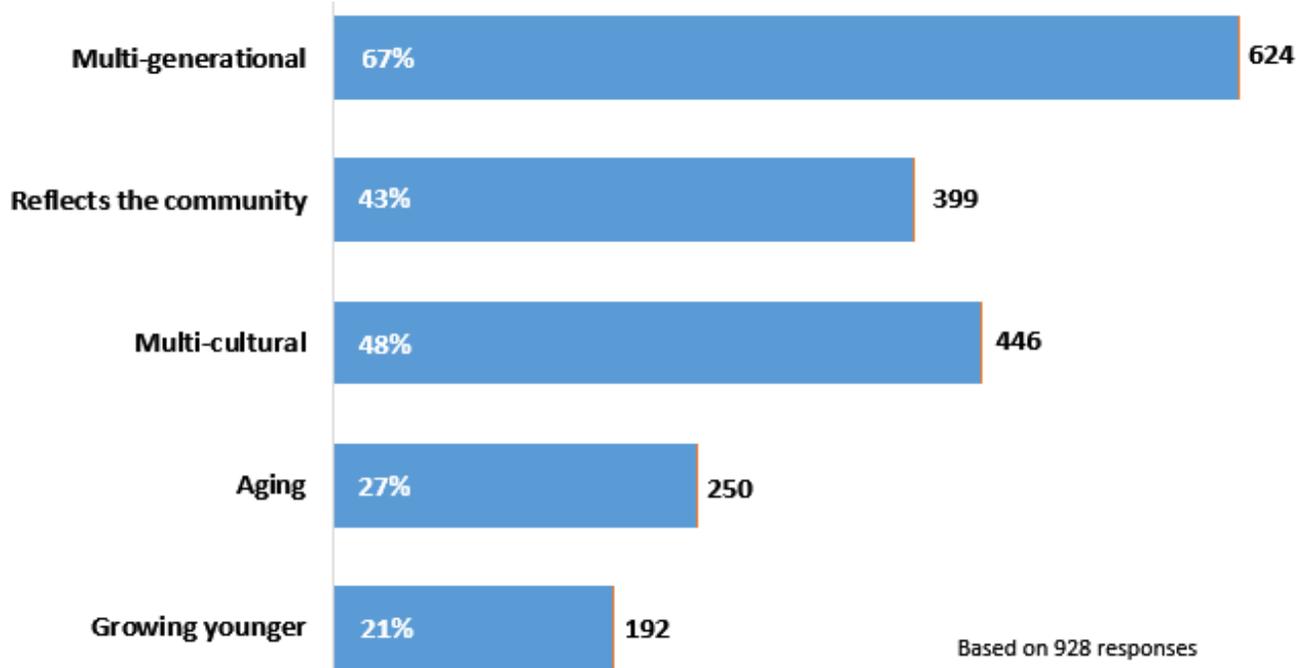
Leadership Discernment

The **state of the church has declined from 9% in 2017 to 8% Thriving** and remained at 55% **Growing** in 2018, bringing the number of churches who plateaued up from 27% in 2017 to 28% in 2018. Those churches who reported being **moderately effective** in reaching their community with the gospel remained at 66% in 2018, while churches who reported being **very effective** remained steady at 8% in 2018.



Make-up of the Local Church

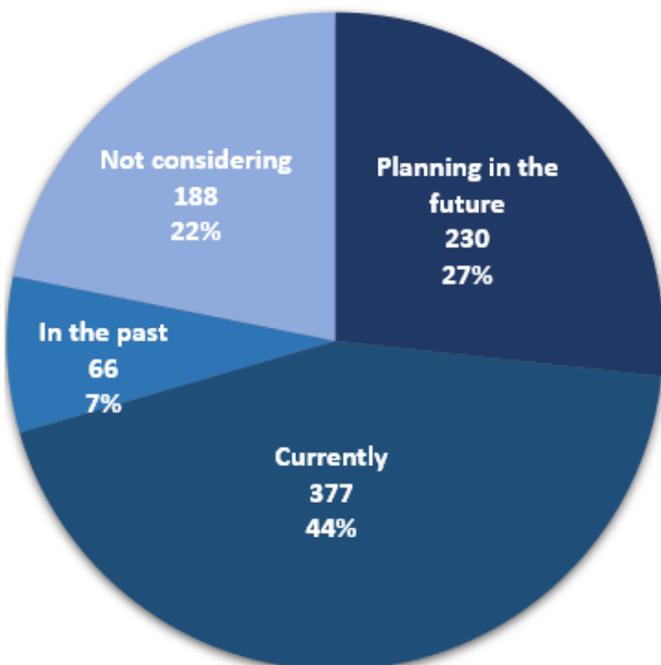
Churches are made up of many dynamics. The 2018 ACLR asked whether churches are: **multi-generational**, **multi-cultural**, **reflecting the community in demographics**, **aging**, **growing younger**, or any combination of those.



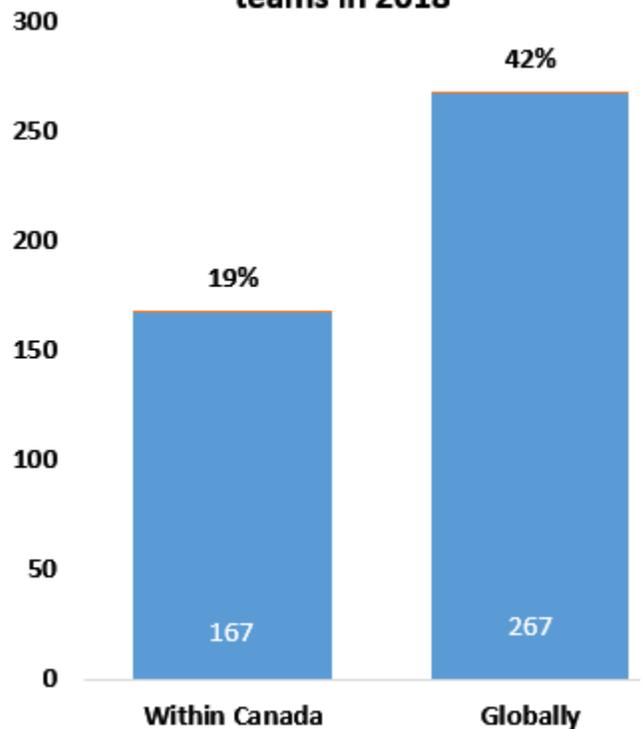
Other Vitality Indicators

The number of churches who reported that they are **currently involved in a revitalization process** changed from 48% in 2017 to **44% in 2018**. Churches who are planning a revitalization process in the future remained steady at 27%. In 2018, **167 churches sent out missions teams within Canada** and **267 churches sent out short-term missions teams globally**.

Engaged in a Revitalization Process
(out of 861 responses)

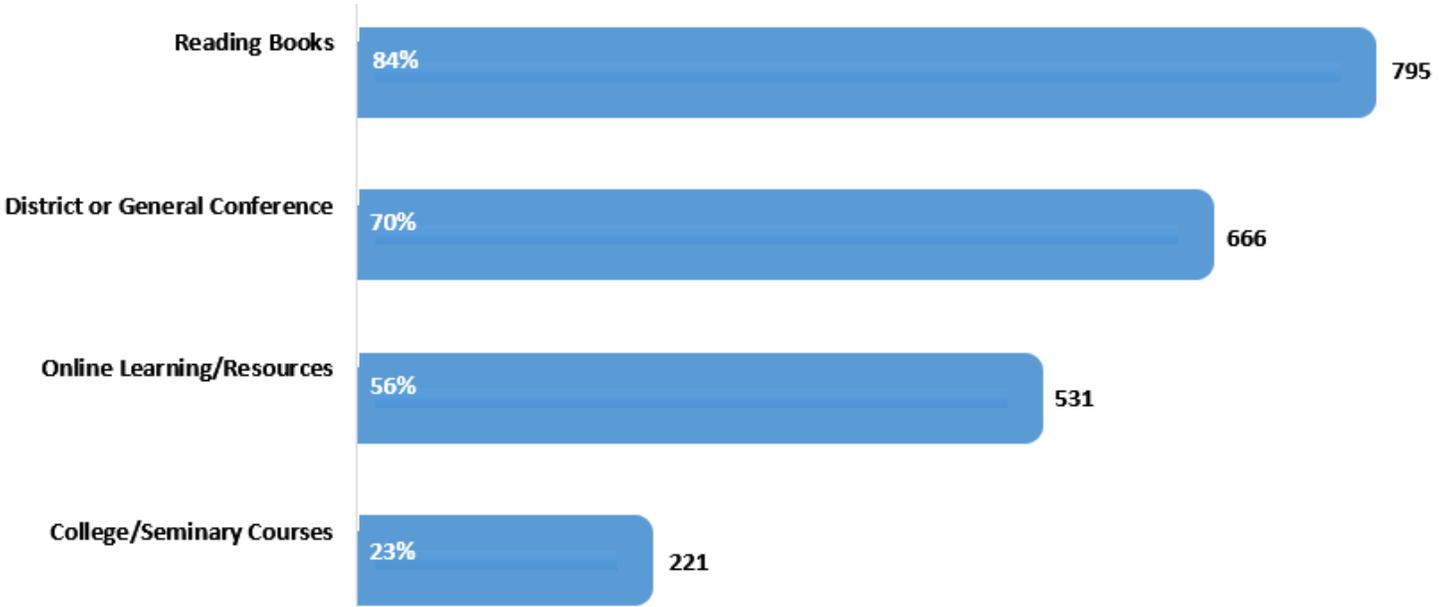


Churches who sent out missions teams in 2018

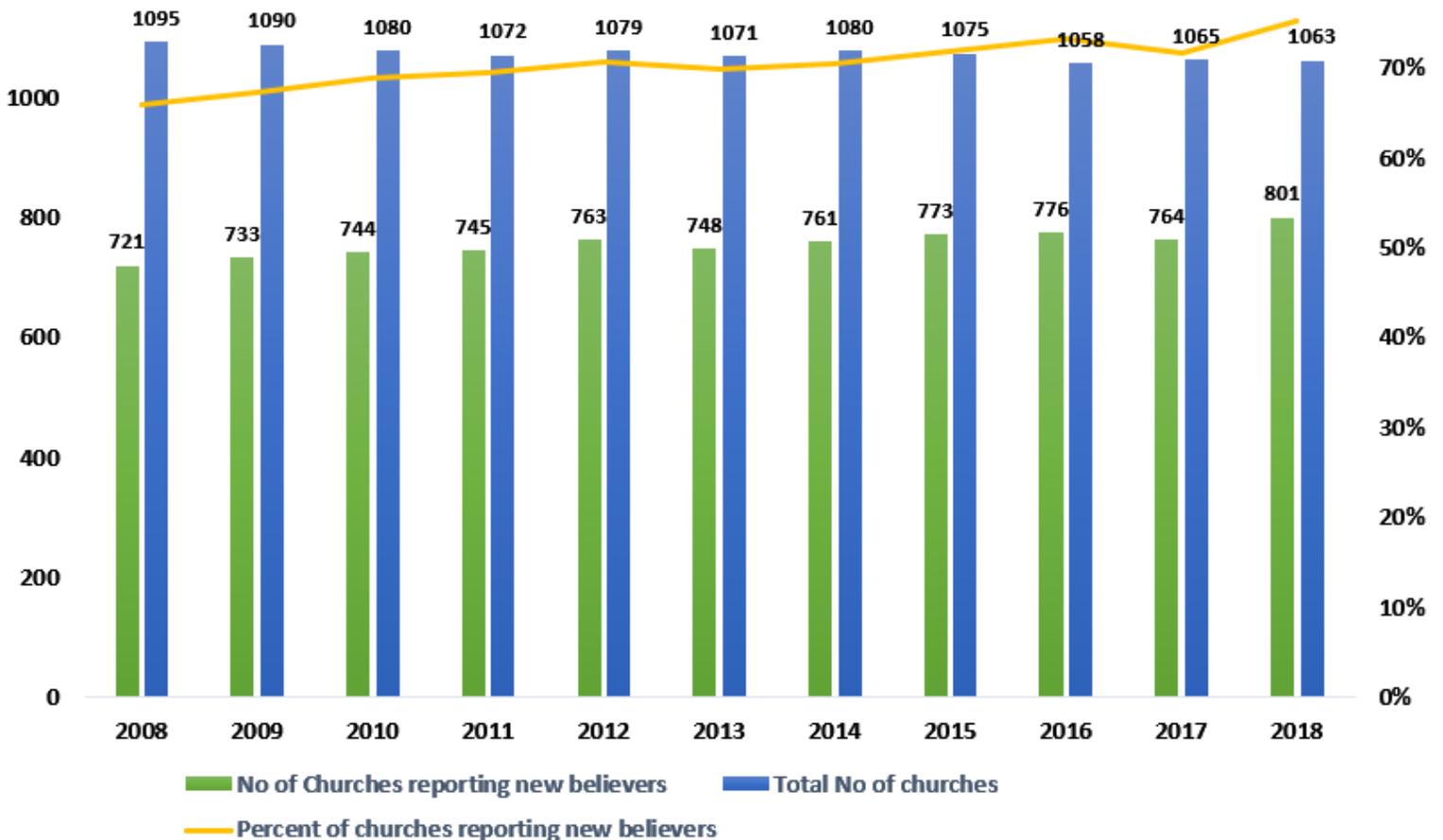


Leadership Development

The majority of our Lead Pastors who completed the 2018 ACLR are developing their leadership skills through reading books. Over 2/3 attended a General or District Conference in 2018. Just over half of respondents use online learning or resources to continue their leadership development while almost 1/4 are continuing their education through College or Seminary courses.



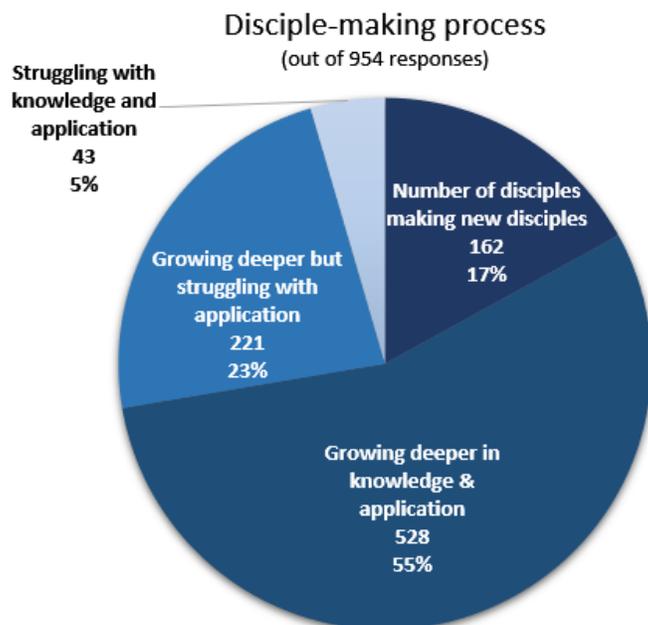
Number of conversions reported 2008—2018



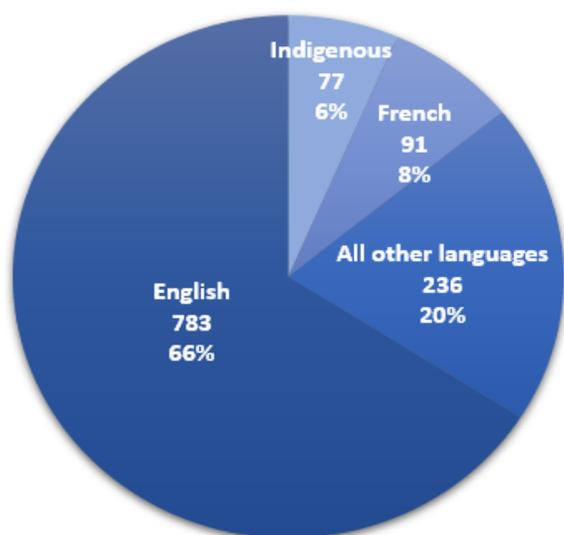
How churches describe the disciple-making process:

Questions asked on the ACLR:

1. People are **struggling in their knowledge and application** of the Bible.
2. People are **growing deeper in their knowledge but struggling with their application.**
3. People are **growing deeper in their knowledge and application** of the Bible.
4. People are growing deeper and it is resulting in the **disciples of the church making new disciples** themselves.



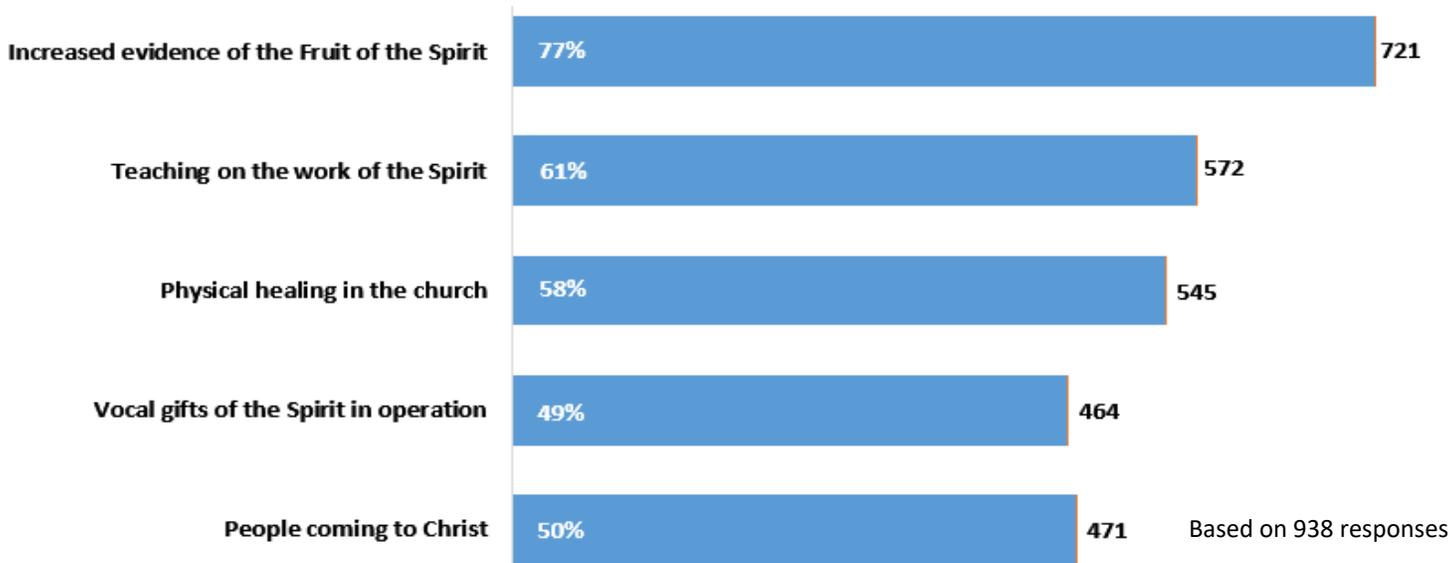
1187 DM Communities by Language at October 28, 2019



On any given Sunday, churches in Canada are meeting in 49 different languages.

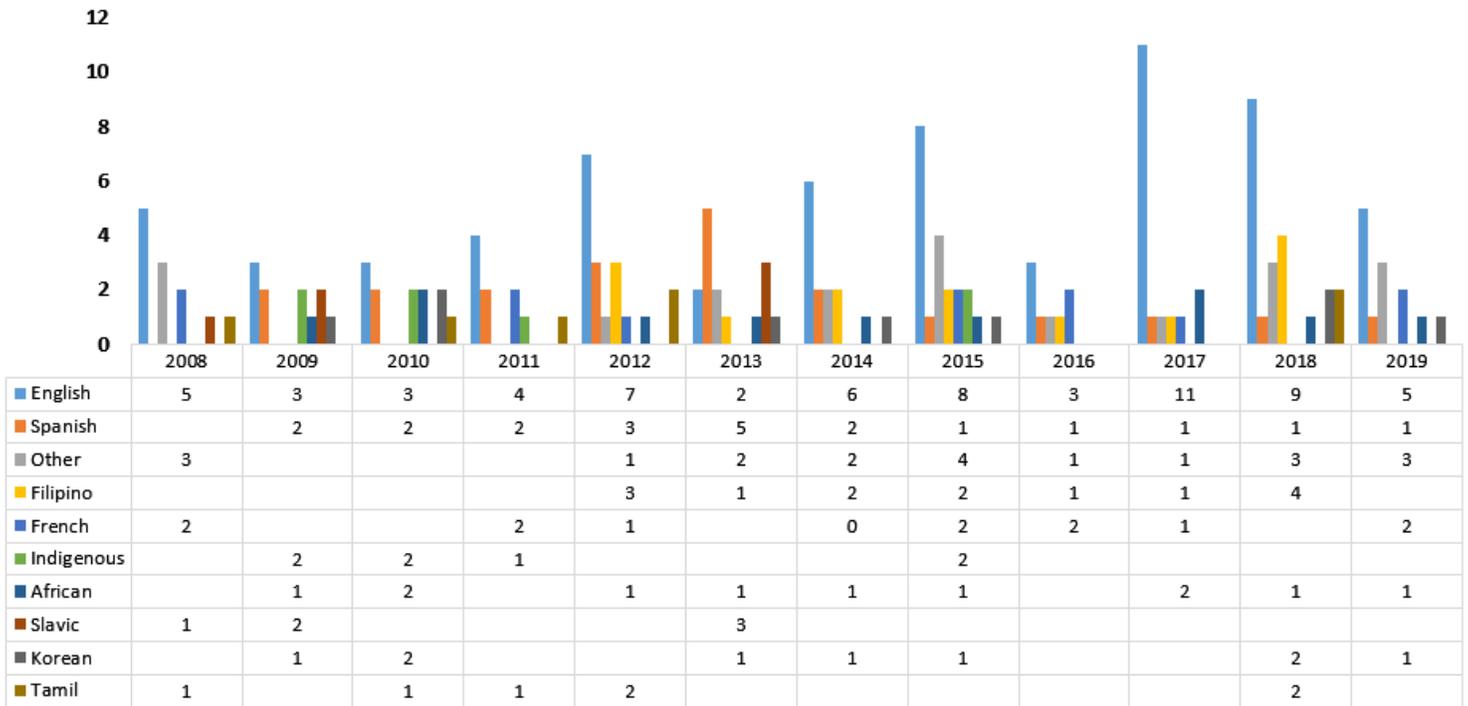
A disciple-making community is defined as:
 "A Christ-centered gathering of people, with the support of leadership, meeting regularly for worship, caring, teaching, praying, and actively engaging in mission with the intention of continuing to meet for these purposes indefinitely."

Churches describe the work of the Spirit in their gatherings:

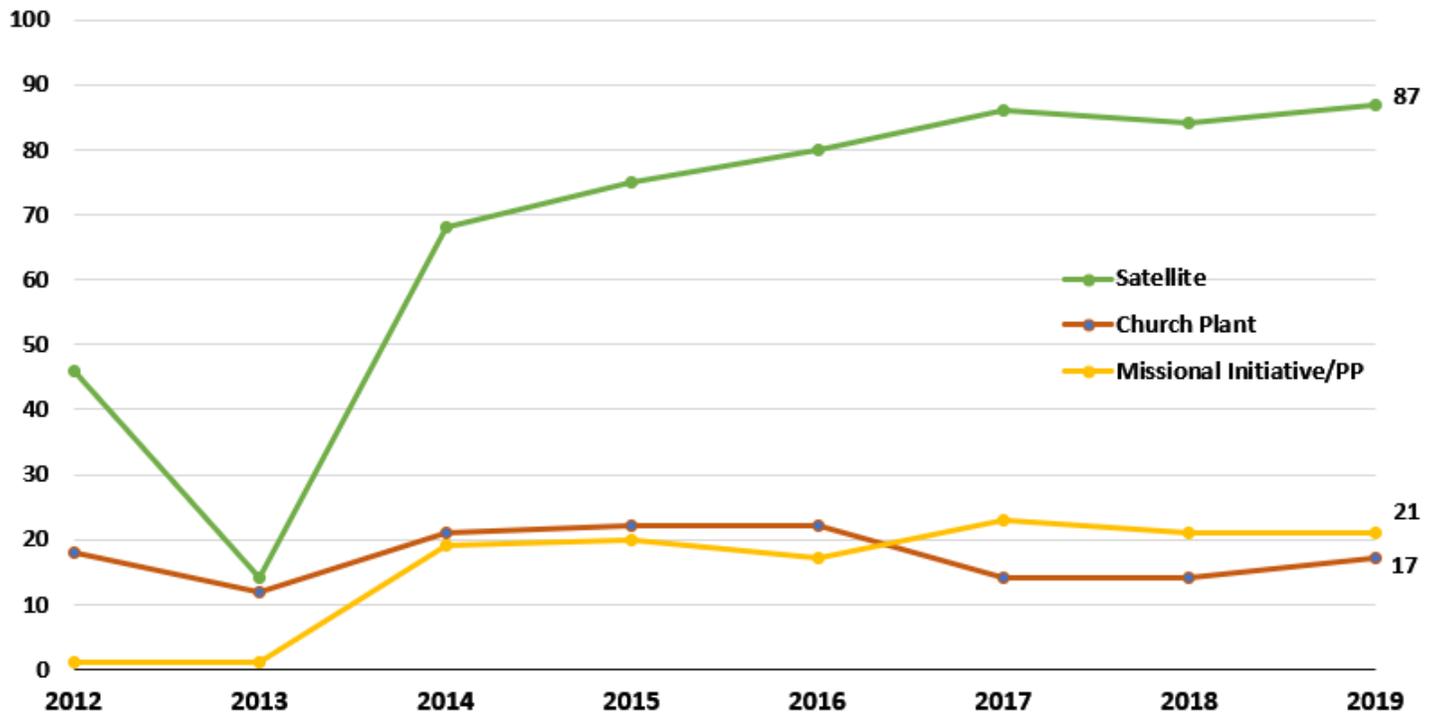


New Church growth: Affiliated Assemblies

There have been 173 new Affiliated Assemblies added to the PAOC since 2008. The following graph shows a breakdown of the most common cultural language of these new churches.

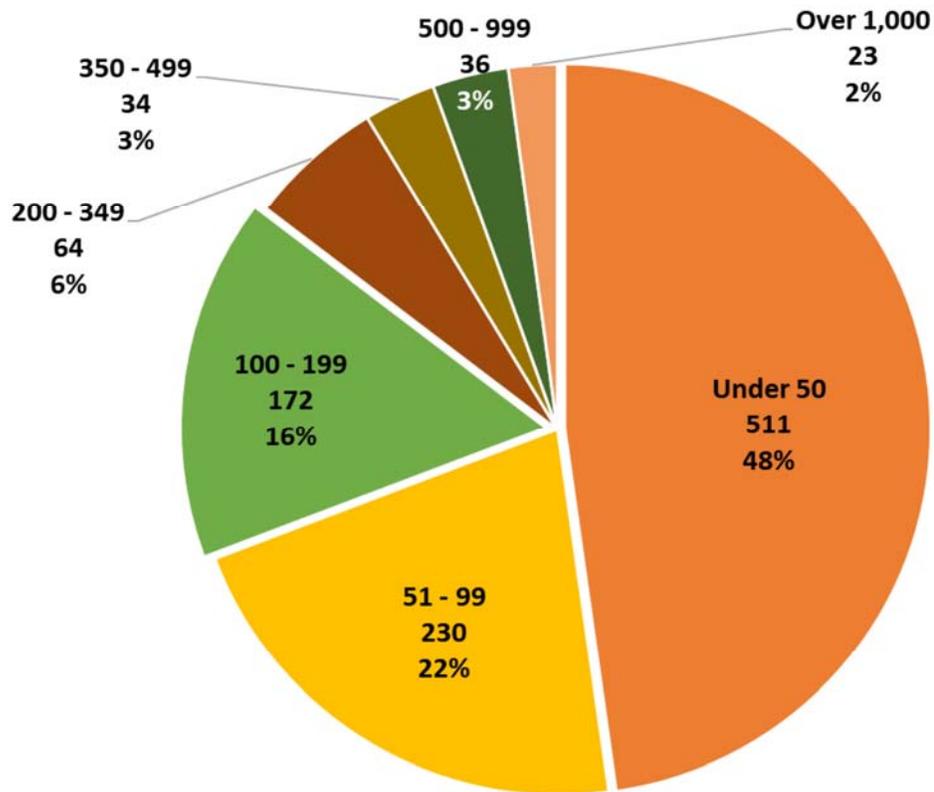


New church growth: Disciple-making communities

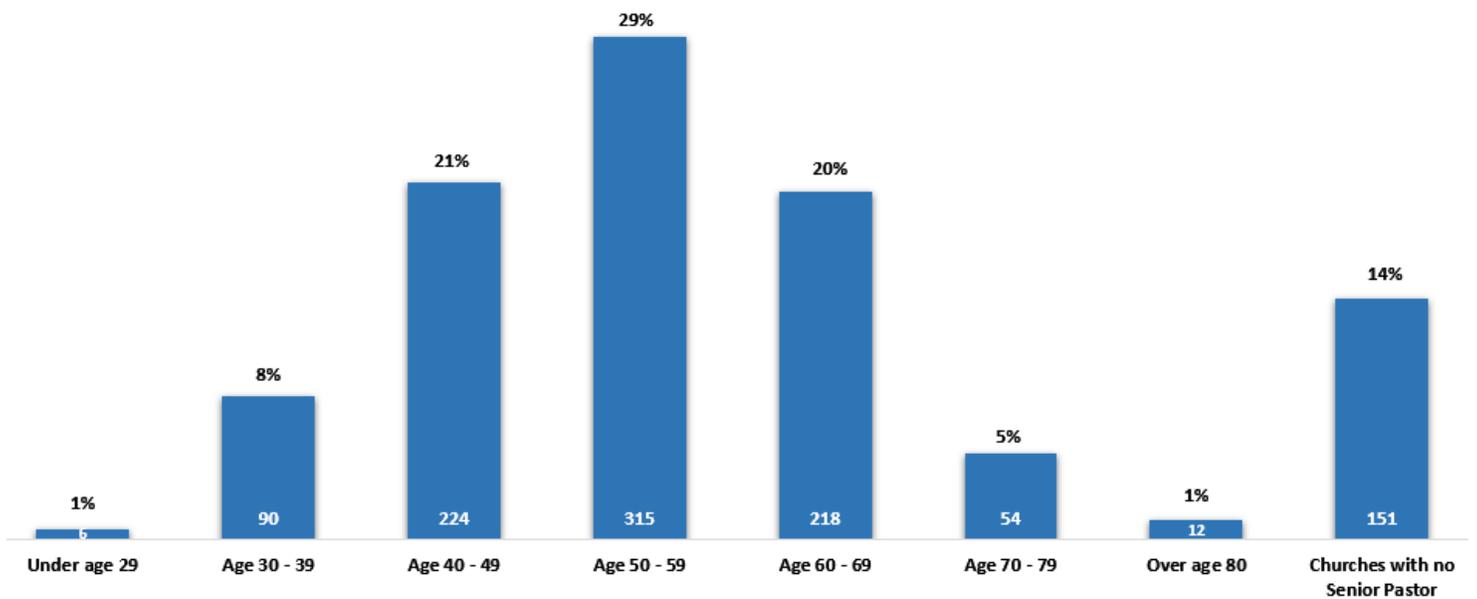


Attendance by Church Size (2019)

Currently, 86% of PAOC churches are under 200 in attendance at their main worship service. The average church attendance is 141. The median attendance range is between 51-99.

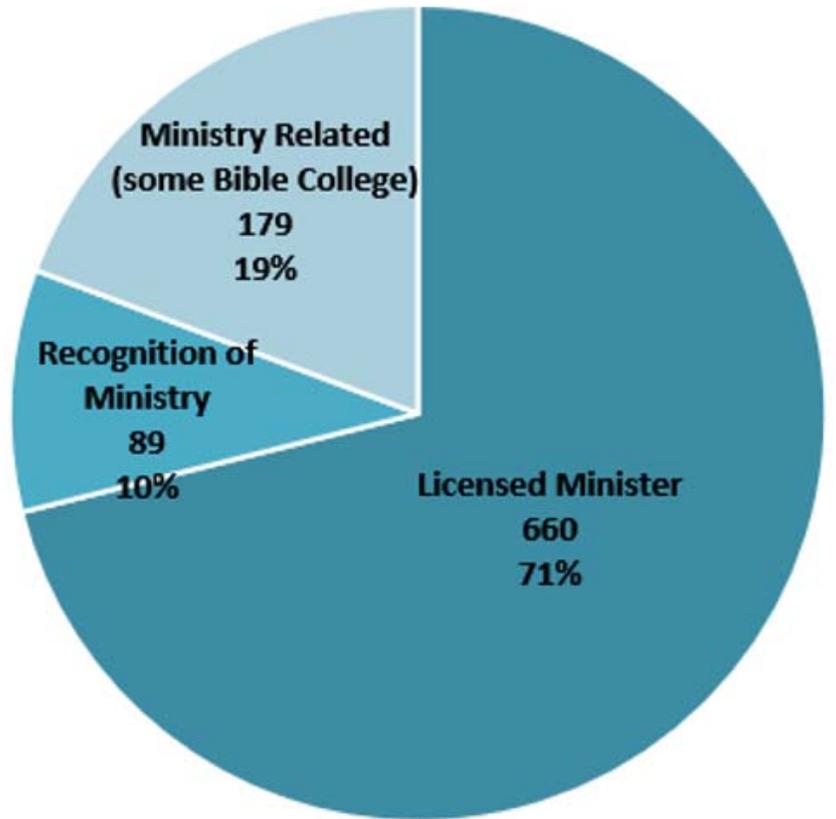


Age of Senior Pastor (2019)

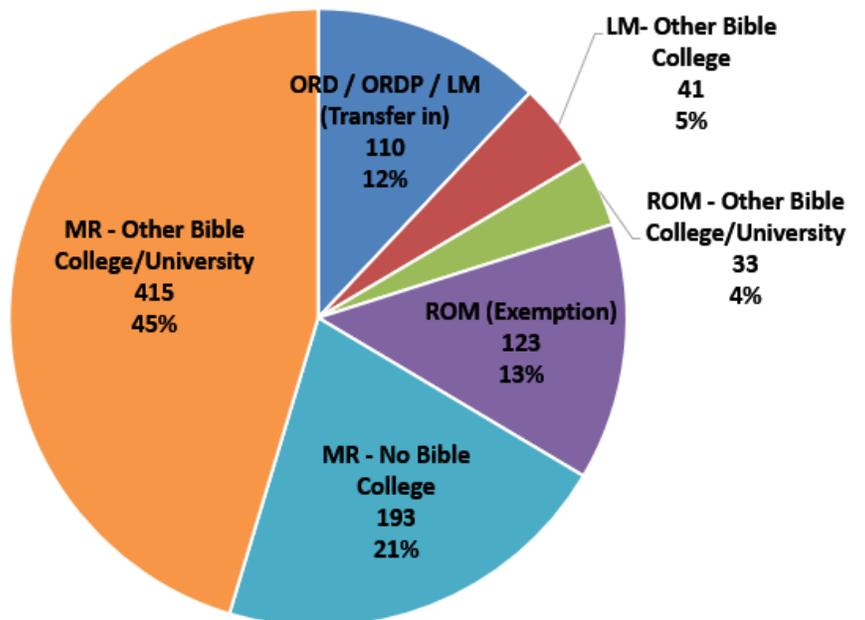


CREDENTIALS AND BIBLE COLLEGE EDUCATION: The pie graphs below illustrate the number of new credentials granted by category, based on PAOC Bible College education or other education between 2006 and November 2019.

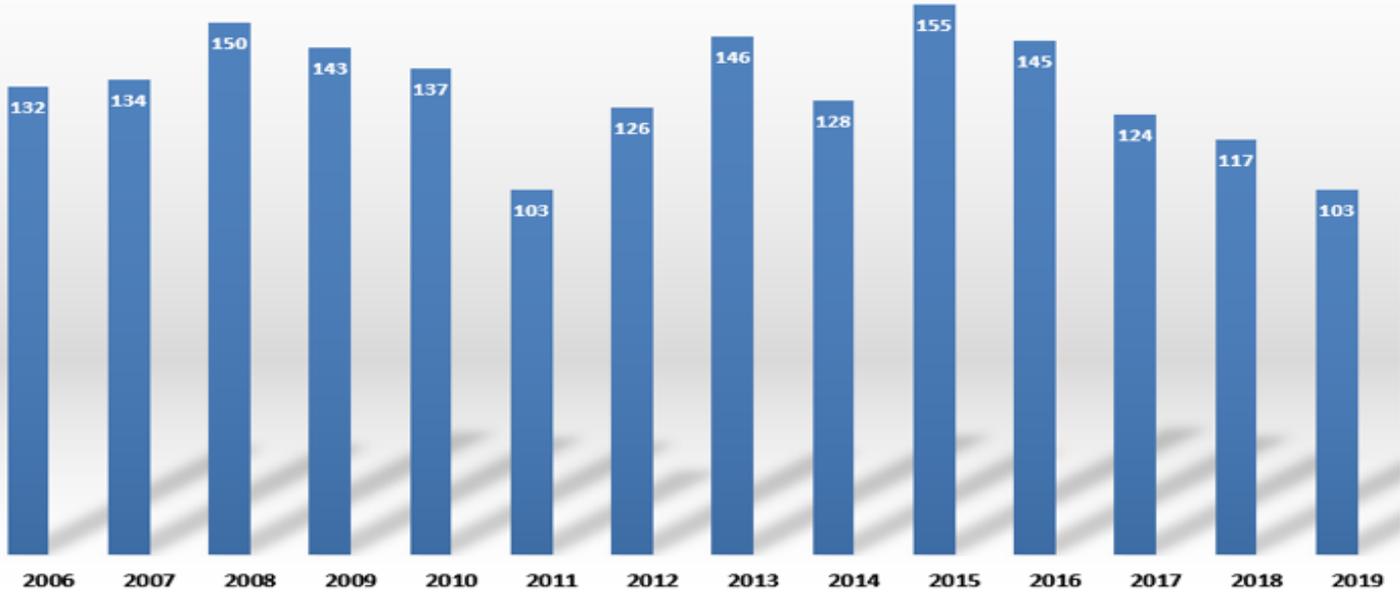
New credentials granted based on PAOC Bible College education 2006-2019



New credentials granted based on other education 2006-2019

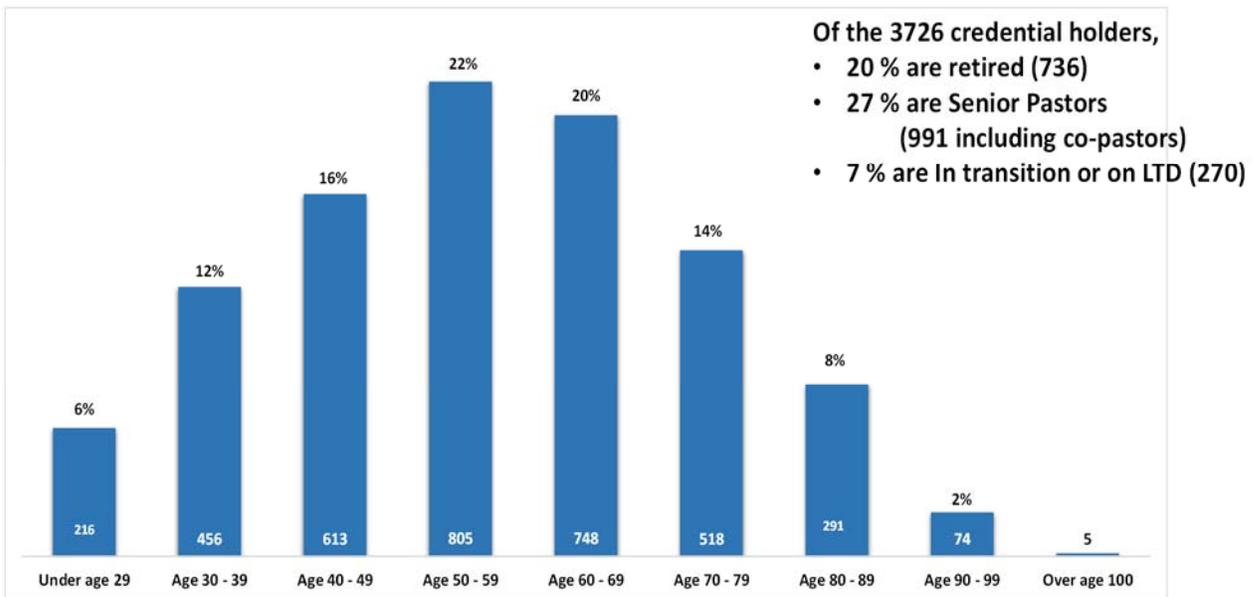


**Total new credentials granted by year
2006 - 2019**



Between 2006 and 2012, on average, 132 credentials were granted annually.

Between 2013 and 2019 (Nov), the average number of credentials granted annually is 131.



Age of all Credential holders by age range at 15 March 2019