

PAOC Churches by the Numbers

The results of the 2019 Annual Church Life Report

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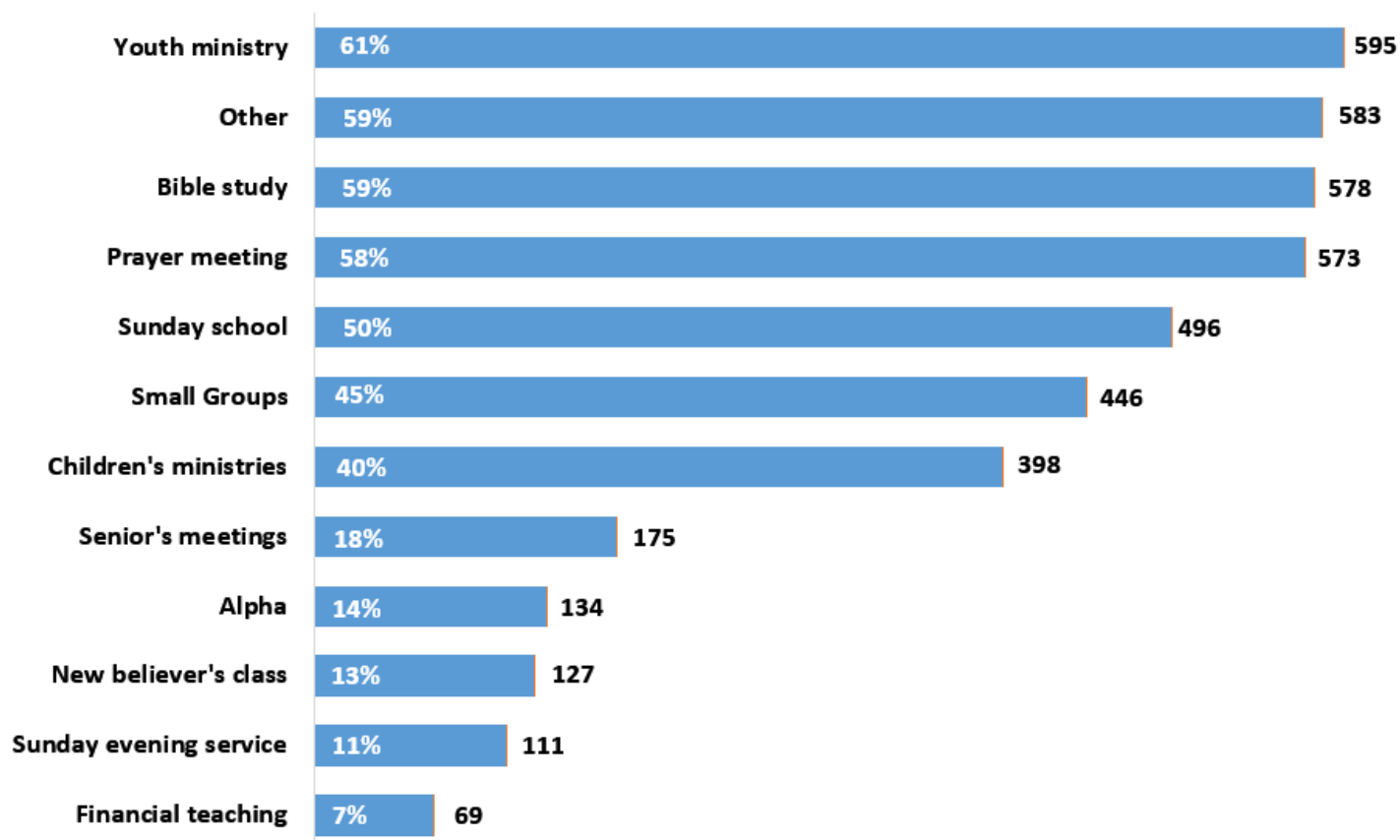
Observations

- 27% of churches used the Internet for **online streaming** prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In 2019, churches reported **50,178 first time visitors** ↑ from 41,200 in 2018.
- **41%** of regular attenders continue to **serve as volunteers**.
- Churches report **total membership of over 72,000** (ave. membership remains at 67 people per church).
- Approximately **21%** of PAOC churches **rent** their meeting space.



Spiritual and Theological Vitality

Describes the activities of the local church throughout the week. In 2019 reporting, there are noticeable changes in: **Prayer meeting** (↓ from 84%); **Bible Study** (↓ from 80%); **Children's ministries** (↓ from 66%). **Youth Ministry** has moved up to take top spot at 61% (↑ from 60%) in 2018 reporting.



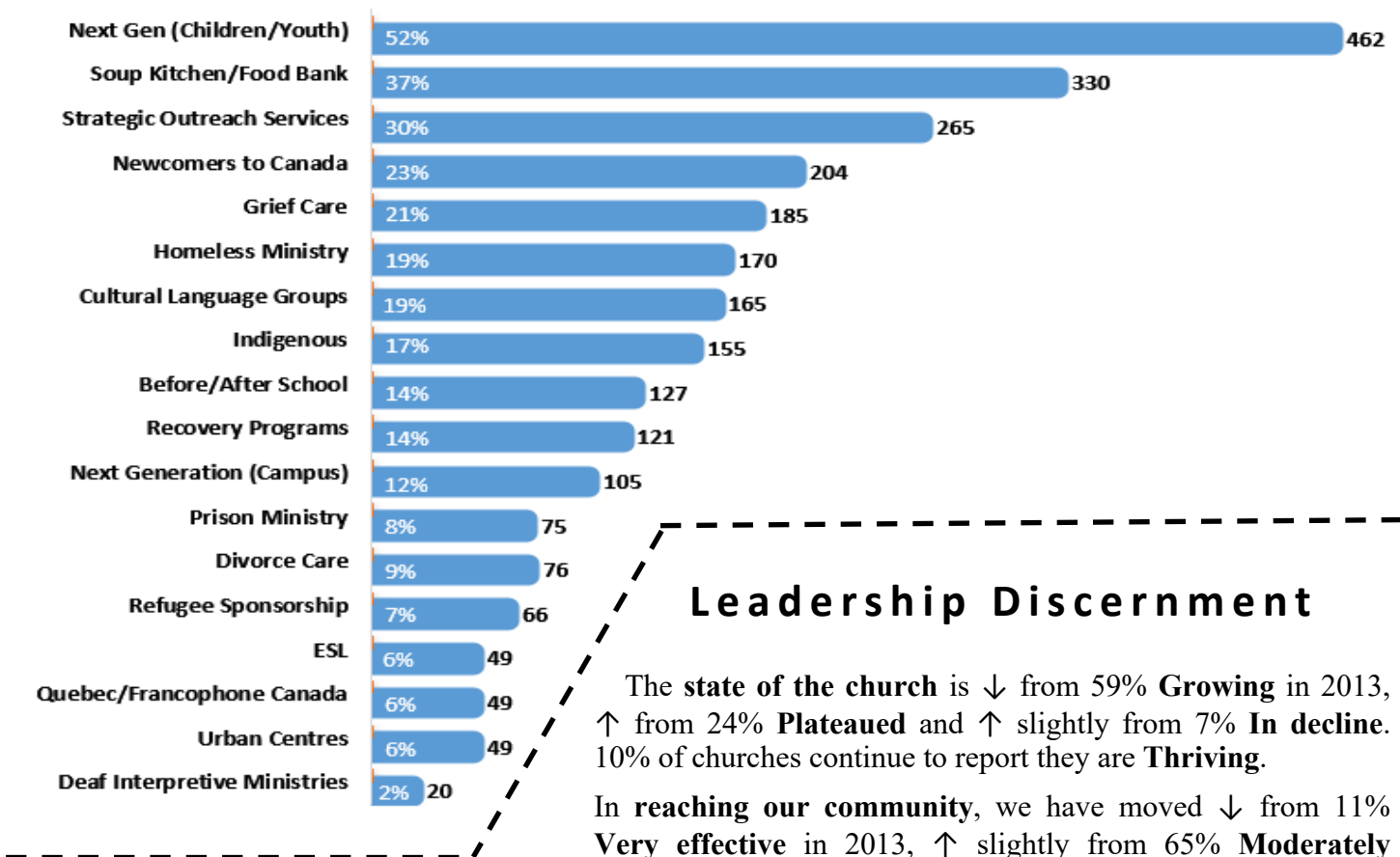
Based on 983 responses

Missional Vitality

Describes the way we serve our communities. **Soup Kitchen** which now includes **Food Bank** is ↑ from 17% in 2013. **Refugee Sponsorship** is new in 2019.

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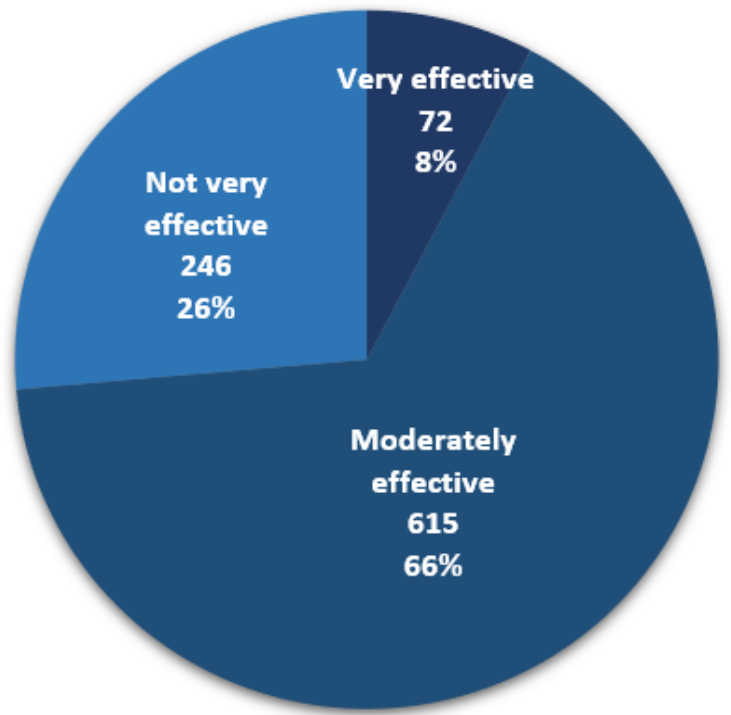
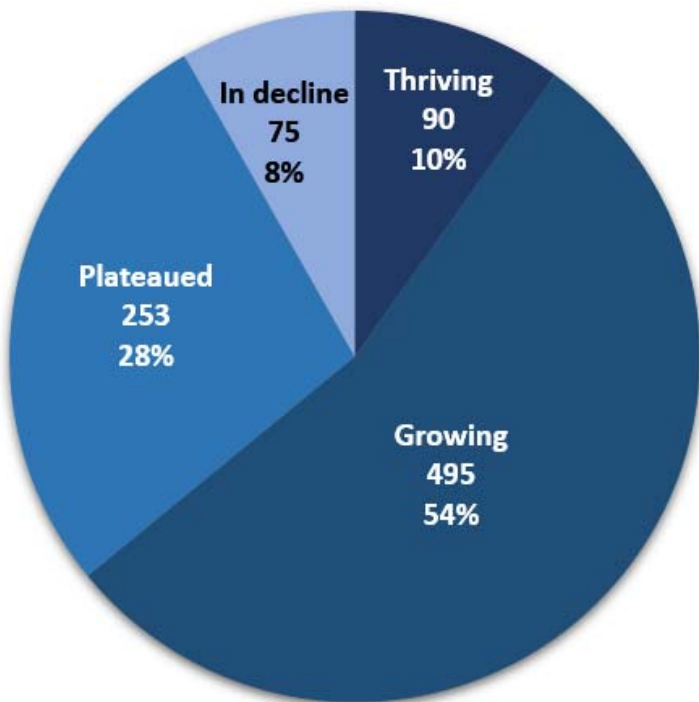
Based on 886 responses



Leadership Discernment

The **state of the church** is ↓ from 59% **Growing** in 2013, ↑ from 24% **Plateaued** and ↑ slightly from 7% **In decline**. 10% of churches continue to report they are **Thriving**.

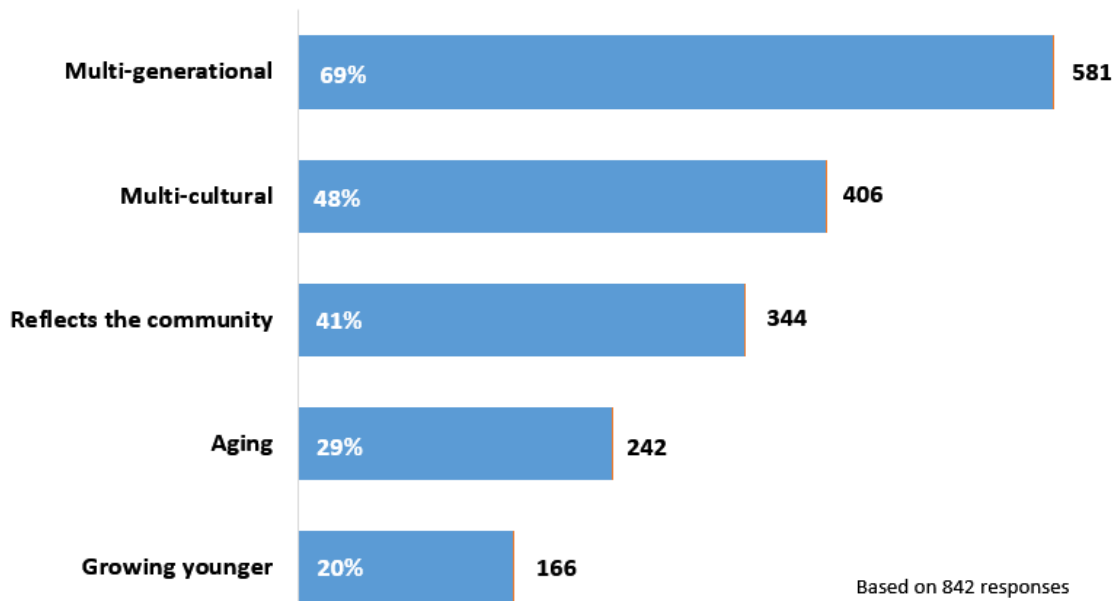
In **reaching our community**, we have moved ↓ from 11% **Very effective** in 2013, ↑ slightly from 65% **Moderately effective** and ↑ slightly from 24% **Not very effective**.



Make-up of the Local Church

There has been no change in the order of the church dynamics since 2013.

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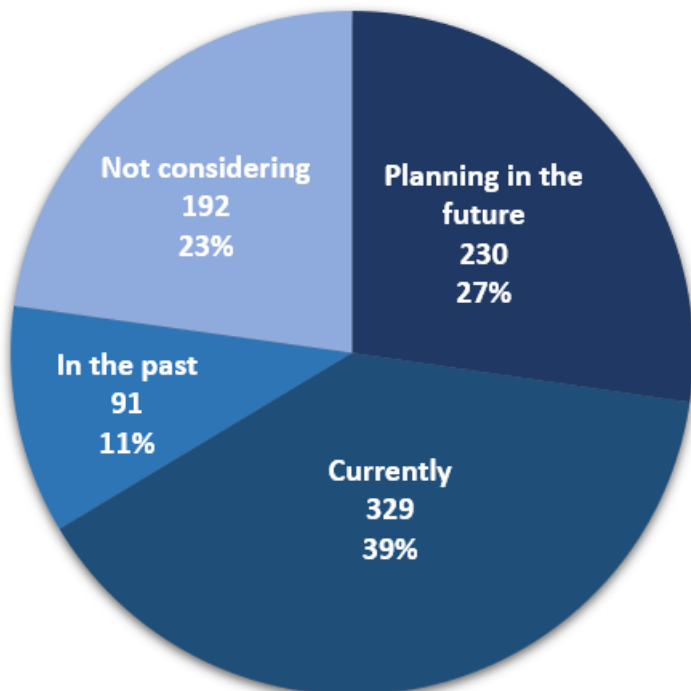
Other Vitality Indicators

Churches who reported that they are **currently involved in a revitalization process** is ↓ from 44% in 2018 and those who engaged in revitalization **in the past** is ↑ from 7%.

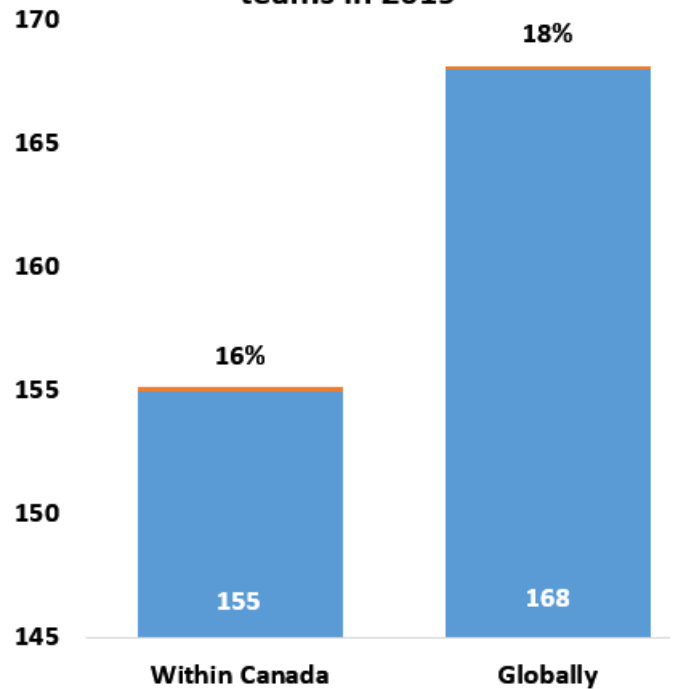
Out of 1007 responses, 623 (62%) churches have a **strategic initiative for corporate prayer and scripture engagement**, ↓ from 72% in 2018.

Engaged in a Revitalization Process

(out of 842 responses)

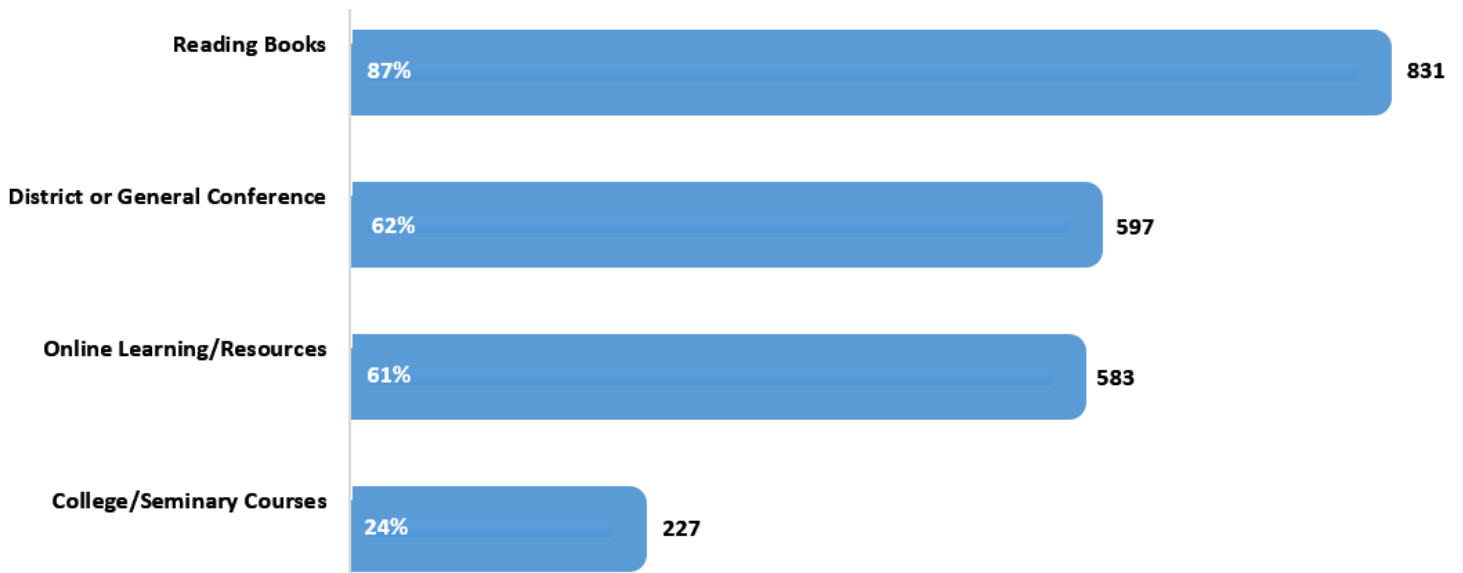


Churches who sent out missions teams in 2019



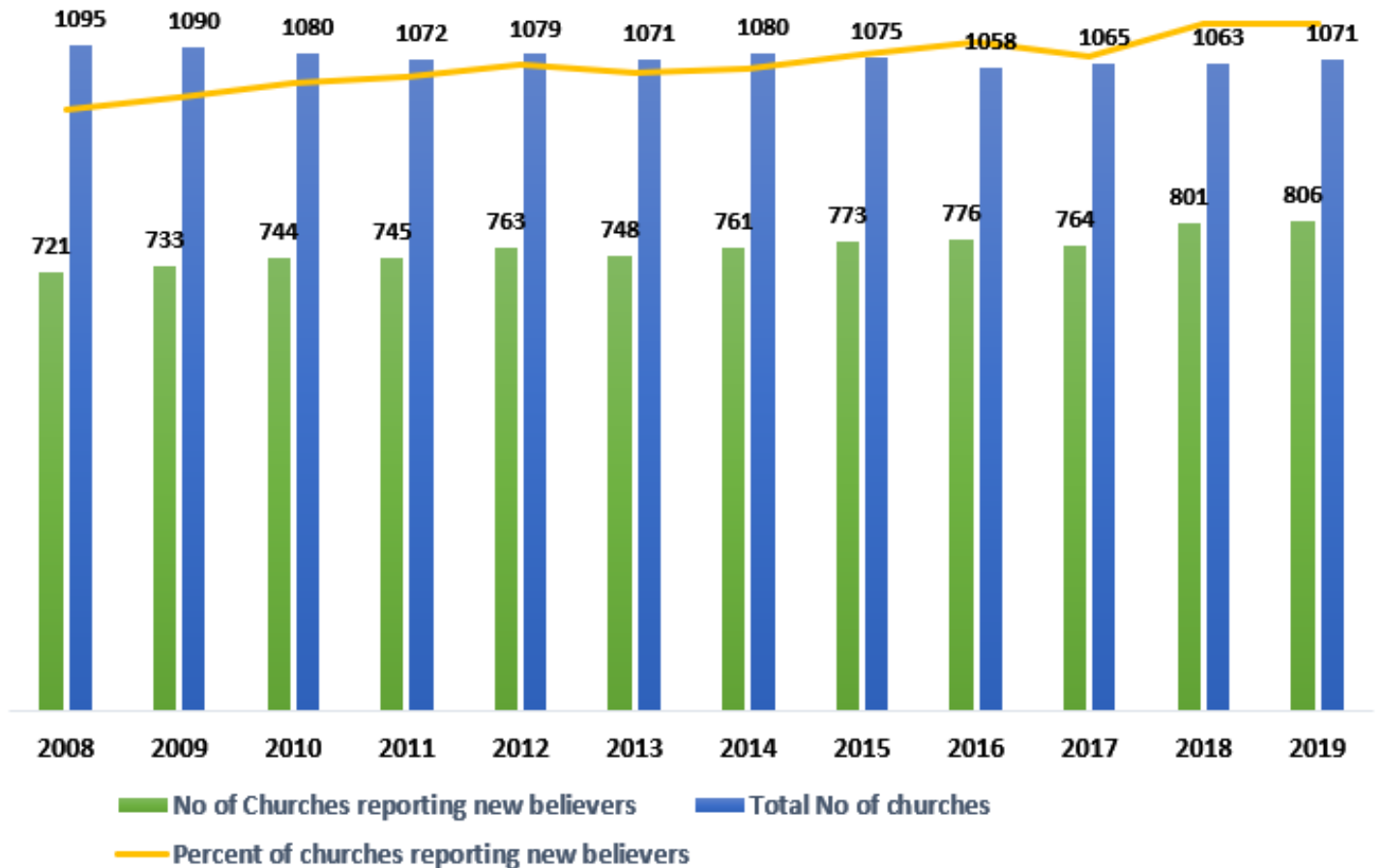
Leadership Development

The majority of our Lead Pastors who completed the 2019 ACLR are developing their leadership skills through reading books. More than half are attending District or General Conference.



Number of conversions reported 2008—2019

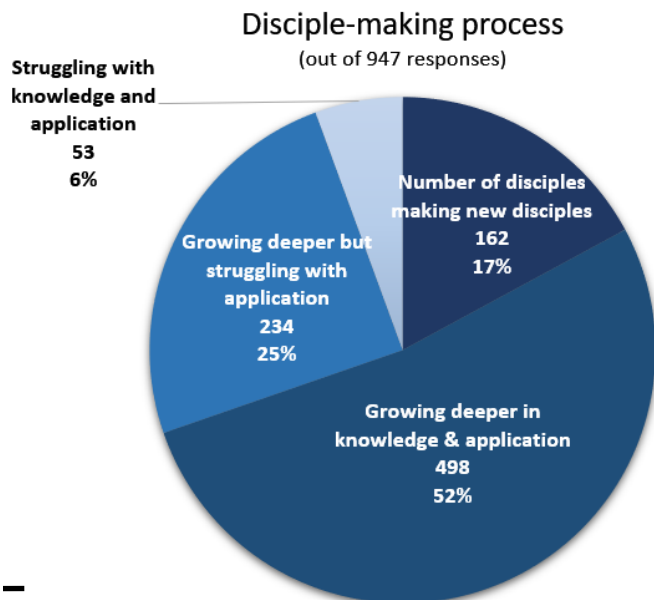
Churches reporting new believers is ↑ from 66% in 2008 to 75% in 2019.



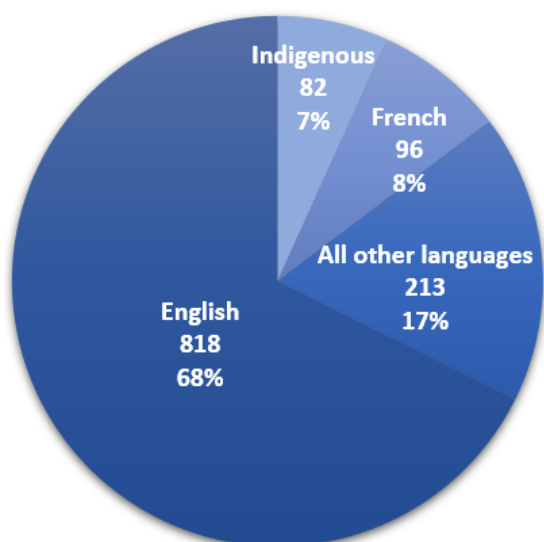
How churches describe the disciple-making process:

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.**



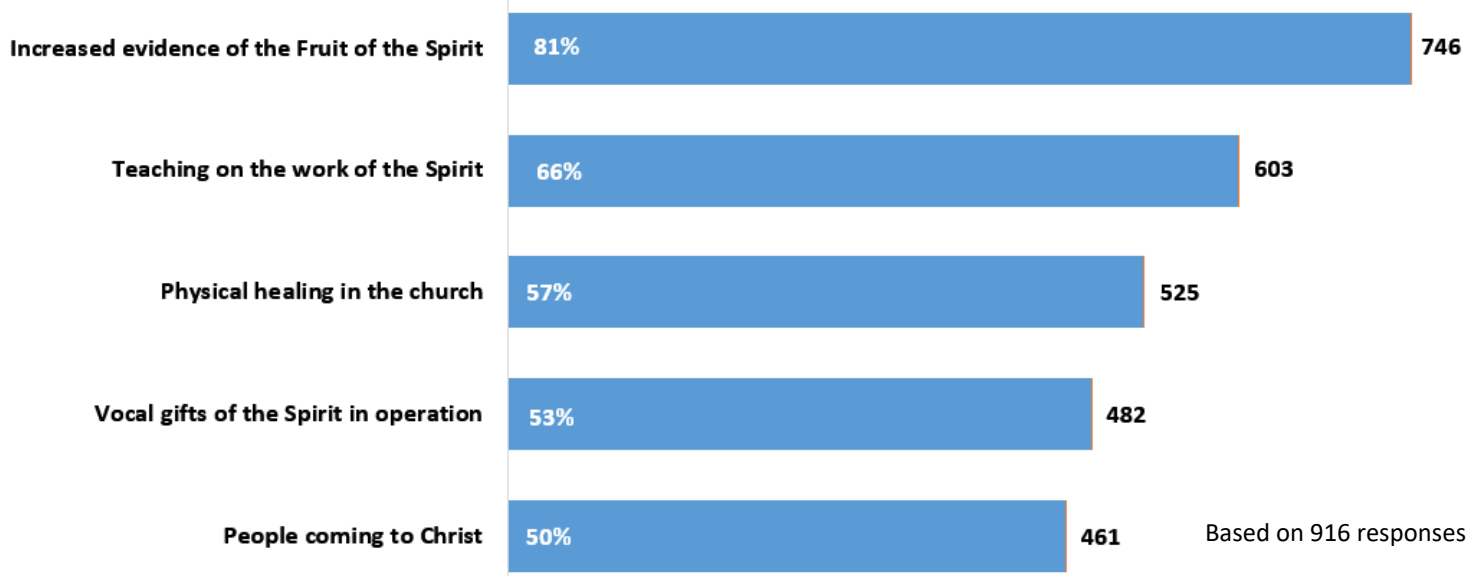
1209 DM Communities by Language at November 16, 2020



On any given Sunday, churches in Canada are meeting in 71 different languages.

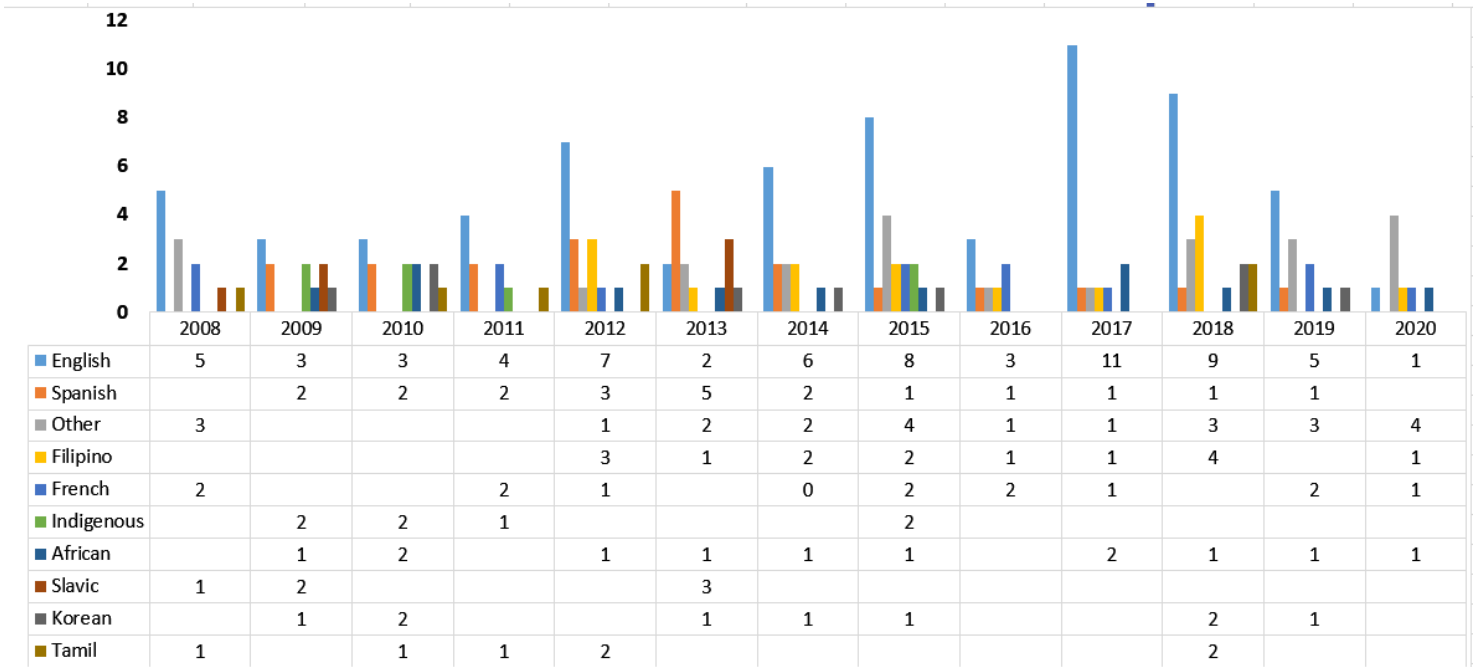
A disciple-making community is defined as:
 “A Christ-centered gathering of people, with the support of leadership, meeting regularly for worship, caring, teaching, praying, and actively engaging in mission with the intention of continuing to meet for these purposes indefinitely.”

Churches describe the work of the Spirit in their gatherings:



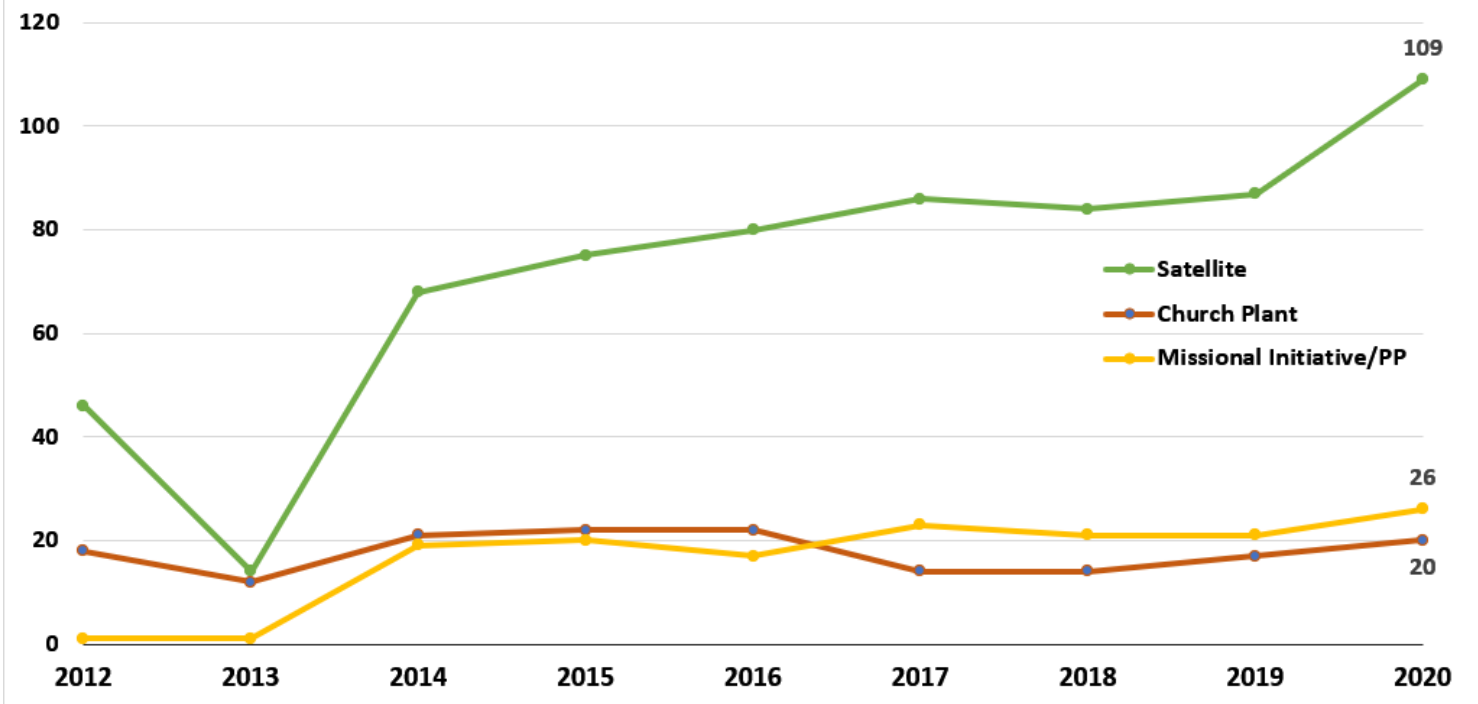
New Church growth: Affiliated Assemblies

There have been 181 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

Growth of Disciple-Making Communities (excluding Affiliated Assemblies)

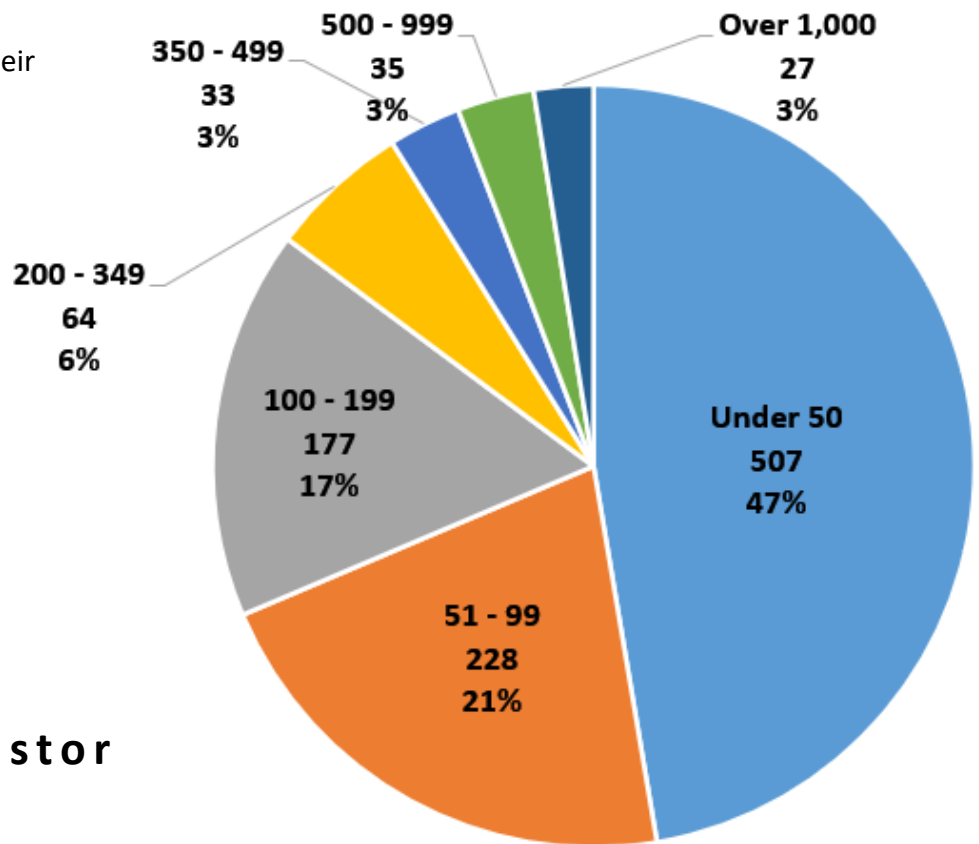


Attendance by Church Size (2019 ACLR)

Currently, 85% of PAOC churches are under 200 in attendance at their main worship service.

The average church attendance is 145 (↑ from 139 in 2018).

The median attendance range remains between 51-99.



Age of Senior Pastor (Nov 2020)

