## A CHRONOLOGY OF PROTESTANT BEGINNINGS: BERMUDA ISLANDS

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#### **Historical Overview:**

| Settled by British colonists:              | 1609 |
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| Becomes a British dependency:              | 1684 |
| Slavery Abolished:                         | 1838 |
| Becomes self-governing under British rule: | 1968 |

Indicates European society\*

## Significant Protestant Beginnings or other Special Events:

- \*Settlement established by shipwrecked Anglicans from England; St. George's Anglican Church, constructed in 1612, by Governor Richard Moore is the oldest Anglican Church in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere; the Church of England becomes the Established Church; now an extra provincial diocese directly under the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- \*Presbyterian settlers from the Church of Scotland arrived; Christ Church in Warwick becomes the oldest Presbyterian Church in the British Colonies.
- 1800s \*Missionaries of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Great Britain arrive; later joined by missionaries from the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the USA during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Roman Catholic missionaries arrive from Canada; becomes an outpost of the Diocese of Halifax, Nova Scotia; in 1953 it was made a prefecture and three years later a vicariate; in 1957, the Diocese of Hamilton was created as a suffragan, subordinate to the Diocese of Kingston, Jamaica.
- 1905 Church of God (Anderson, IN)
- 1966 Southern Baptist Convention

## **Date of Origin Unknown:**

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

# Presbyterian Church of Canada United Church of Canada

#### **NOTES:**

- (1) Dates listed indicate the earliest recorded ministry or in case of discrepancies, the date most frequently indicated.
- (2) North American Agencies include U.S. and Canadian.

#### **SOURCES:**

- (1) PROLADES (Latin American Socio-religious Studies Program), international headquarters in San José, Costa Rica: <a href="www.prolades.com">www.prolades.com</a>, <a href="mailto:prolades.com">prolades@racsa.co.cr</a>
- (2) J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann, editors, *Religions of the World* (ABC-Clio Publishers, 2002)