

# A NATIONAL STUDY OF PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS WITH HISPANIC MINISTRY IN THE USA

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## **QUESTIONNAIRE HSUSA-#1: DENOMINATIONAL OVERVIEW**

[NOTE: Please refer to page two for definitions of key words/phrases used in this questionnaire.]

- 1.0 Name of DENOMINATION (English)** \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.1 Name of DENOMINATION (Spanish) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.2 Denominational Code/Acronym used: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.0 International Headquarters:**
- 2.1 Name & title of chief executive officer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.2 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.3 City: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.4 State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.5 Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.6 Telephones: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.7 FAX number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.8 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.9 Internet: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.0 USA National Headquarters:**
- 3.1 Name & title of chief executive officer: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.2 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.3 City: \_\_\_\_\_ 3.4 State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.5 Telephones: \_\_\_\_\_ 3.6 FAX number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.7 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 3.8 Internet: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.0 National Director/Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries Office:**
- 4.1 Name & title: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.2 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.3 City: \_\_\_\_\_ 4.4 State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.5 Telephones: \_\_\_\_\_ 4.6 FAX number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.7 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ 4.8 Internet: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.0 Denominational Historical Overview:**
- 5.1 When was your denomination founded? Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.2 By whom? Name of founder(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.3 Where was it founded? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.4 When did your denomination first begin its Hispanic ministry in the USA? Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.5 Where did your denomination first begin its Hispanic ministry in the USA? City/State: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.6 Who were your denomination's first leaders in Hispanic ministry in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_
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## DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS USED IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

"denomination"	An organized religious group that has achieved substantial growth in total membership, as well as in the number of affiliated local congregations along with their geographical expansion over a wide area of one or more states; usually incorporated as a non-profit organization in the state where their principal office is located and is governed by an elected or appointed body of officers; and has defined itself theologically by affirming a "creed" or producing an official "doctrinal statement".
"denomination-in-formation"	A fellowship of mother/daughter congregations (or sister congregations) that is growing in total membership and in the number of affiliated congregations, so that it now constitutes a "religious movement", but has not yet incorporated under an "official name" with an appointed or elected body of officers and an official creed or doctrinal statement; usually a "denomination-in-formation" has less than 50 affiliated local congregations. However, in some cases, a denomination or mission agency from one country (country "A") may have begun work in another country (country "B") where presently it has only a few affiliated local congregations; in this instance, the "organized religious group" (under the leadership of foreign missionaries or national pastors) constitutes a "denomination" in country "B" by expansion from country "A".
"church"	An organized, local congregation of believers who provide leadership and financial resources for the maintenance of the work, usually with its own pastor and facilities (whether owned, leased, rented or shared).
"mission"	A "church-in-formation", or daughter church, that depends on a mother church (or mission agency or other sponsoring body) for leadership and financial assistance; a "mission" usually lacks something before it can achieve "church" status—a minimum number of baptized members, internal leadership, organization, a pastor, a church building, self-support, etc.
"department"	A ministry within an existing "mother" church that provides encouragement, use of their facilities (chapel, fellowship hall, basement, etc.), financial support for the ethnic pastor (who may or may not form part of the church staff), etc.
"congregation"	A body of believers or sympathizers who attend a church, mission or department; or used collectively to refer to all churches, missions and/or departments of a particular denomination or religious movement.
"baptized member"	A baptized believer, usually at least 12 years of age, who is in full communion with a local congregation, regardless of the frequency of his/her church attendance.
"catechumen"	An unbaptized believer (convert), who is receiving instruction in the fundamentals of Christianity and the particular doctrines of the church he/she attends, in preparation for baptism, confirmation and church membership.
"worship attendance"	The total number of people of all ages (adults, youth and children) who normally attend the worship services of a church, mission, or department; the "regular" or "average" attendance.
"Sunday School attendance"	The total number of people of all ages (adults, youth and children) who normally attend the Sunday school classes of a church, mission, or department; the "regular" or "average" attendance.
"total church community"	The total number of people who are affiliated (at least nominally) with a local congregation, denomination or religious movement, including all age groups (adults, youth and children), members and non-members; those who attend regularly as well as those who attend infrequently; and those who identify themselves as part of the extended church family although they seldom attend (for example, relatives or close friends of church members, or those who previously attended regularly but are now inactive, etc., including adult children of church members who used to attend along with their parents, whether actively or infrequently); for limitations of space, this term is often shortened to "community".

NOTE: These "working definitions" were created by Clifton L. Holland, President of IDEA Ministries and Director of PROLADES, in an effort to achieve some standardization of terms as part of a major study of religion in Latin America conducted under the auspices of PROLADES (Programa Latinoamericano de Estudios Sociorreligiosos).

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**7.0 How many Hispanic "congregations" (churches, missions, departments) are affiliated with your denomination in the USA?**

7.1 Total number of "churches": \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

7.2 Total number of "missions": \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

7.3 Total number of "Hispanic departments" in other churches: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

**8.0 Membership and attendance in Hispanic congregations:**

8.1 Total "baptized members" NOW: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.2 Total "baptized members" 5 YEARS AGO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.3 Total "baptized members" 10 YEARS AGO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.4 Total "worship attendance" NOW: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.5 Total "worship attendance" 5 YEARS AGO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.6 Total "worship attendance" 10 YEARS AGO: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.7 Total Sunday School "attendance" NOW for all ages: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.8 Total number of "catechumens" NOW: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

8.9 Estimated size of your "total Hispanic church community" NOW: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

**9.0 What nationalities/countries of origin are represented among those who attend the Hispanic congregations of your denomination?**

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>LANGUAGE USED IN WORSHIP</u>
9.1 Largest group: _____	_____	_____	_____
9.2 Second largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
9.3 Third largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
9.4 Fourth largest: _____	_____	_____	_____
9.5 All others: _____	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS:	_____	100%	

**10.0 What percentage of all your denomination's congregations are in the following categories?**

10.1 Part of a "multi-congregational church?" (one church but different ethnic groups hold their own worship services in their own languages): \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

10.2 Hispanic congregations that share facilities with another church of your denomination, but organizationally they are separate church bodies: \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

10.3 Hispanic congregations that rent/lease/share facilities from/with a church of another denomination: \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

10.4 Hispanic congregations that own or are buying their own facilities: \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

10.5 Our denomination owns the church facilities that are used by our Hispanic congregations: \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

10.6 Other arrangements/don't know: \_\_\_\_\_ (%)

**11.0 How many Hispanic pastors/ministers does your denomination/association have in the entire country?**

11.1 Total number of pastors/ministers: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

11.2 How many are "ordained" pastors? \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

11.3 How many are "licensed" preachers? \_\_\_\_\_ (date of statistics: \_\_\_\_\_)

11.4 What other categories of "pastors/ministers" exist in your denomination/association and how many are in each category?

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12.0 How many home or foreign missionaries work with your denomination's Hispanic ministry in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_

(Please give the nationality of each missionary; list husbands and wives separately)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13.0 How many of these home or foreign missionaries are serving as pastors, evangelists, or church planters in your denomination's Hispanic ministry in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_ (data of statistic: \_\_\_\_\_)

14.0 What other kinds of ministry are done by these home or foreign missionaries involved in Hispanic work? Please list their major areas of specialization (examples: theological education, literature distribution, literacy, health, child services, illegal immigrants, etc.):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15.0 Where do you train your leaders for Hispanic ministry in the USA? Please mark the appropriate categories listed below:

15.1 Bible Institute (give name/address/contact info): \_\_\_\_\_

15.2 Theological Seminary (give name/address/contact info): \_\_\_\_\_

15.3 Other programs (give name/address/contact info): \_\_\_\_\_

16.0 Please provide us with a list of all the local Hispanic congregations (churches, missions and departments) that are currently affiliated with your denomination/association: if you already have a digital or printed national directory of all your Hispanic congregations, please send us a copy.

We can provide you with a digital copy of the congregations that we have tentatively identified as affiliated with your denomination; these congregations are part of our national database of Hispanic congregations in the USA, which is available in our online search engine at: [http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/search\\_hsus/](http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/search_hsus/)

17.0 SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

17.1 Name and title of person filling out this form:

\_\_\_\_\_

17.2 Telephone number for source: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 17.3 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

17.4 Internet: \_\_\_\_\_

17.5 Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

18.0 COMMENTS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!