

THE PROLADES STUDY OF ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY & NORTHERN BAJA CALIFORNIA

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After the PROLADES Team completed its update of a similar study on the Los Angeles 5-county region (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties) in March 2013 (the original study was done during 1990-1997), our attention turned to San Diego County and Northern Baja California in mid-2013.

Staff members of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture (CRCC) at the University of Southern California (USC) expressed interest in having information for San Diego County (SDCO) similar to what we had compiled for the update on the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA), which was funded by CRCC-USC during 2012-2013.

After consulting with several professors at major universities in San Diego regarding existing databases on religious groups in both SDCO and Northern Baja California (NBC), we concluded that we needed to build on those existing databases and conduct our own research on ethnic and religious diversity utilizing information available from the 2010 national census as well as other resources.

The PROLADES staff worked on this new project between 1 July and 15 December 2013 under my direct supervision. The resulting databases of religious groups in SDCO and NBC are the fruit of our labor. The religious classification codes, denominational codes and ethnic codes used in these databases were assigned by the PROLADES Team based on our previous studies throughout the Americas (54 nations and dependent territories): www.prolades.com

The San Diego Country database has 2,040 listings of local religious groups.

The Northern Baja California database contains 1,997 listings of local religious groups.

We welcome the collaboration of other researchers and institutions in the continuous update of these databases.