

PAOC Churches by the Numbers

The results of the 2015 Annual Church Life Report

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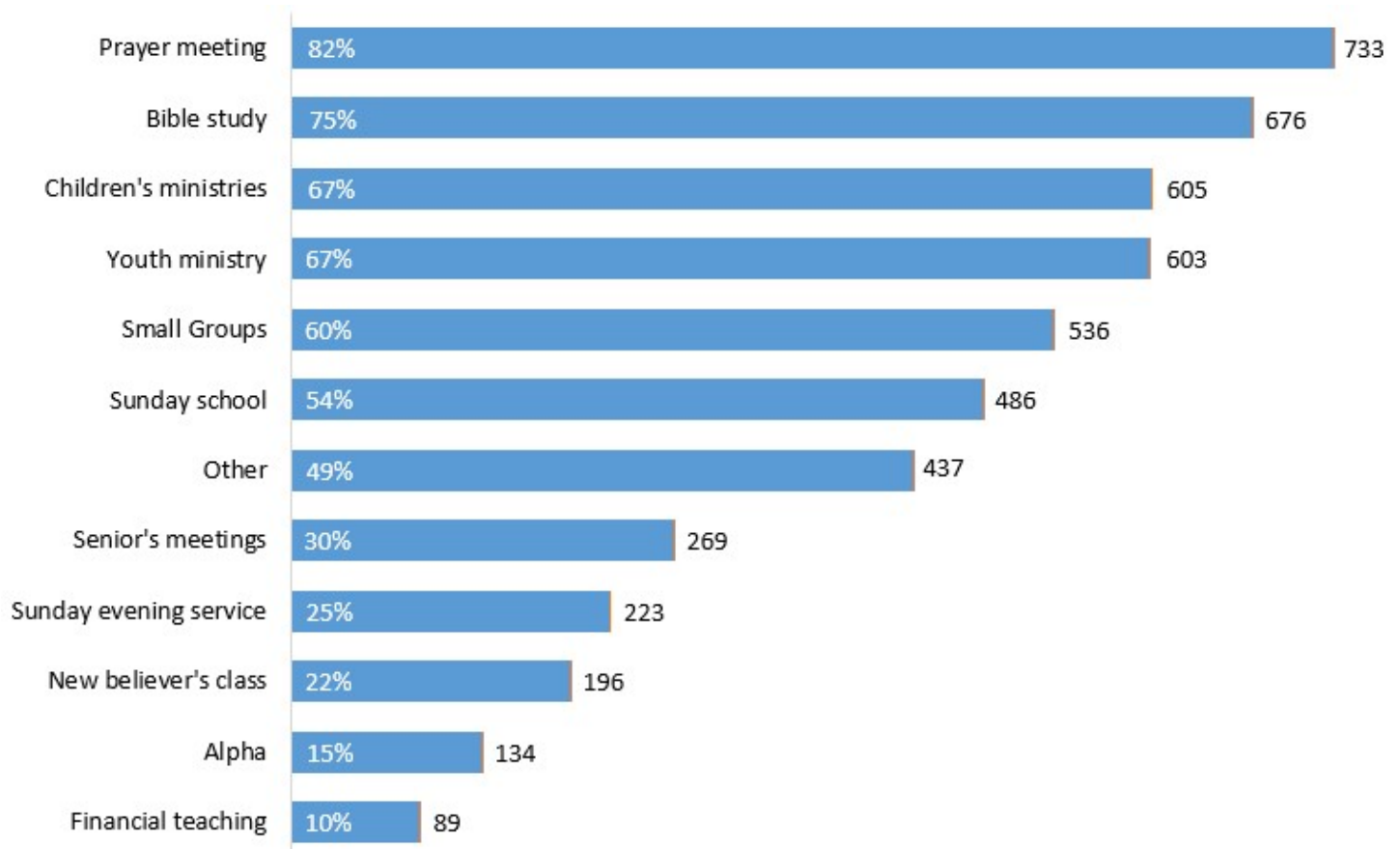
Observations

- ⇒ **Traditional ministries** such as: prayer meeting, Bible study, small groups, children's & youth ministries and Sunday school remain **strongly utilized methods of engaging our congregations**.
- ⇒ **37%** of regular attenders **serve as volunteers** (up from 36% in 2014).
- ⇒ Approximately **15%** of PAOC churches **rent** their meeting space.
- ⇒ **63% of churches** have a **strategic initiative to encourage corporate prayer and scriptural engagement** (down from 68% in 2014).



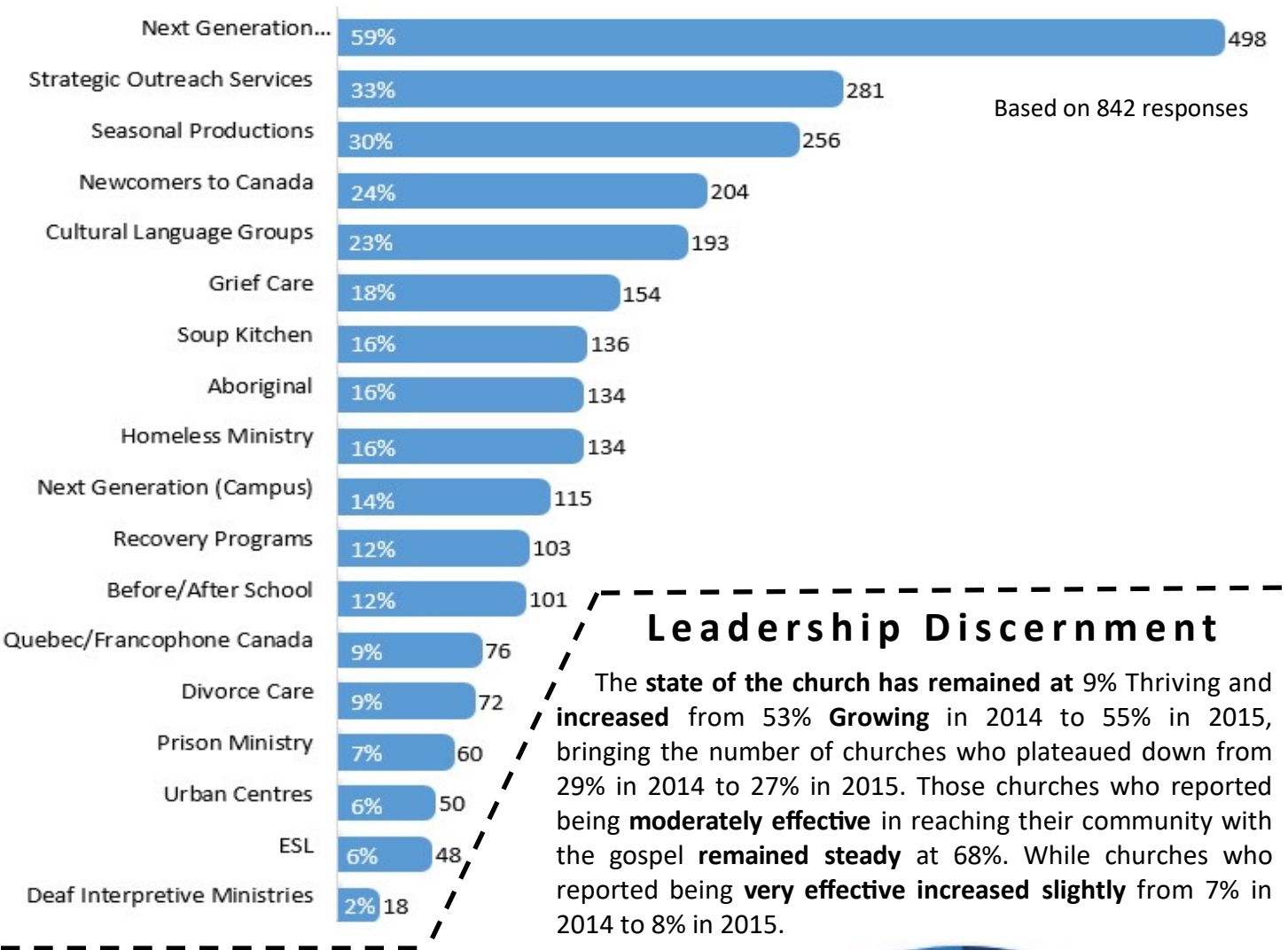
Spiritual and Theological Vitality

The **Spiritual and Theological Vitality** bar graph describes the activities of the local church throughout the week. Over **53,000 volunteers** serve alongside our pastoral leadership to make these ministries happen. This is an increase from 52,000 reported in 2014.



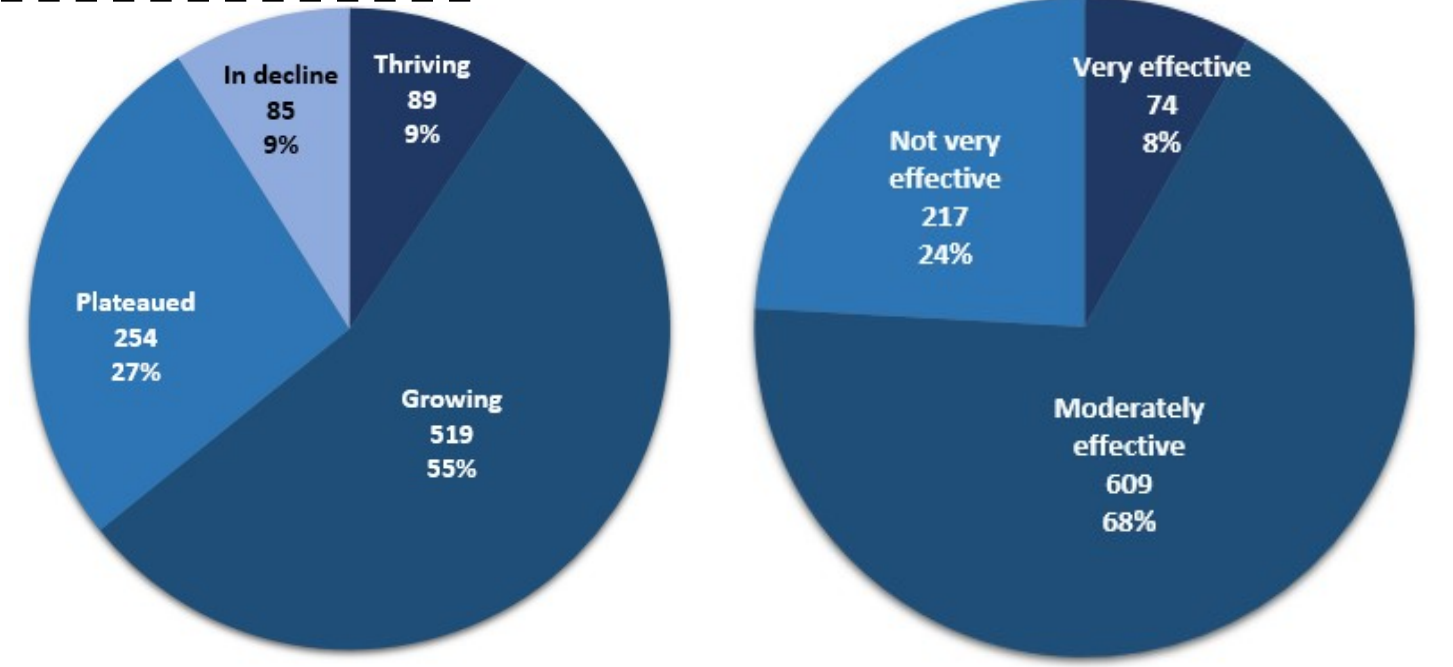
Missional Vitality

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**.

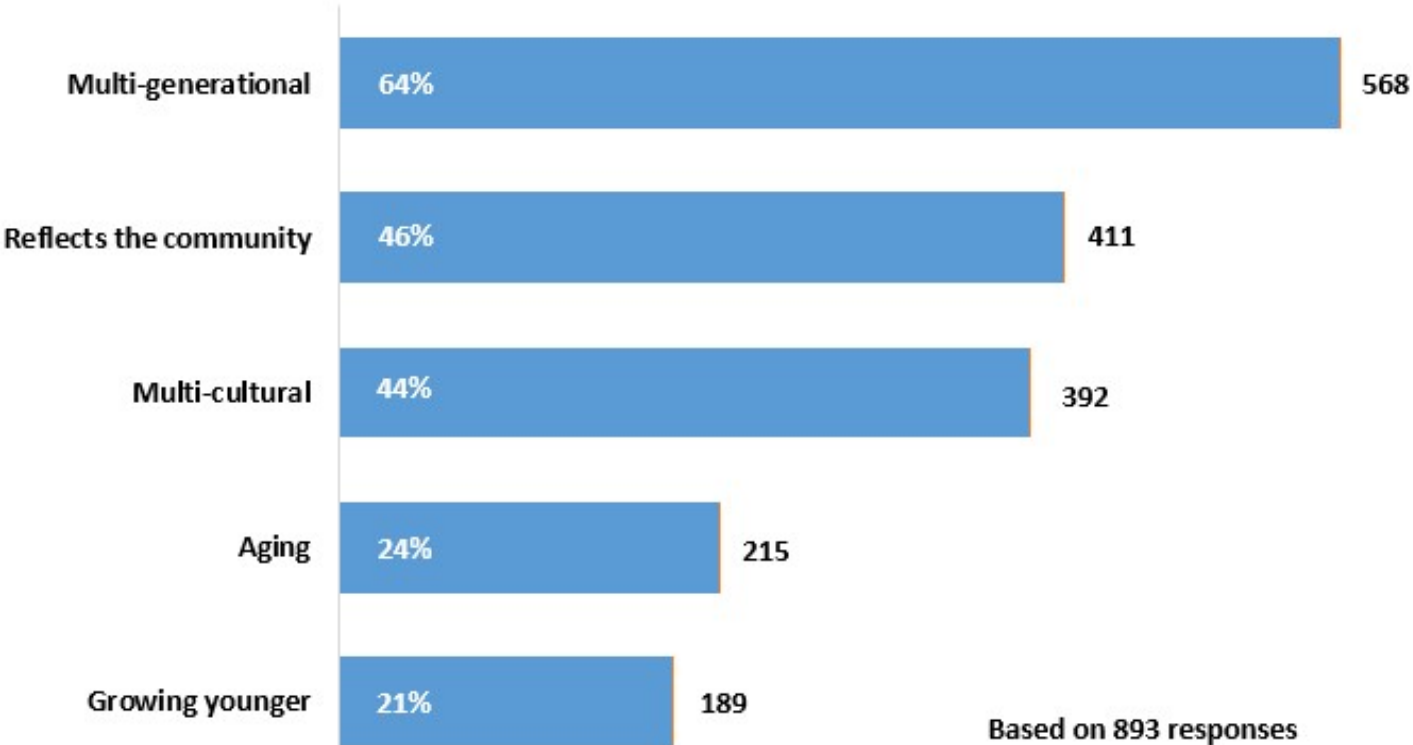


Leadership Discernment

The **state of the church** has remained at 9% Thriving and **increased** from 53% **Growing** in 2014 to 55% in 2015, bringing the number of churches who plateaued down from 29% in 2014 to 27% in 2015. Those churches who reported being **moderately effective** in reaching their community with the gospel **remained steady** at 68%. While churches who reported being **very effective** **increased slightly** from 7% in 2014 to 8% in 2015.



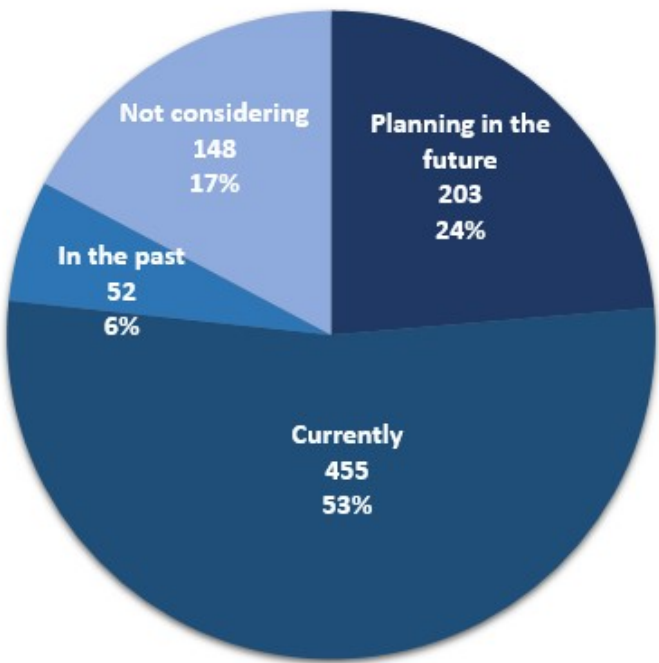
Make-up of the Local Church



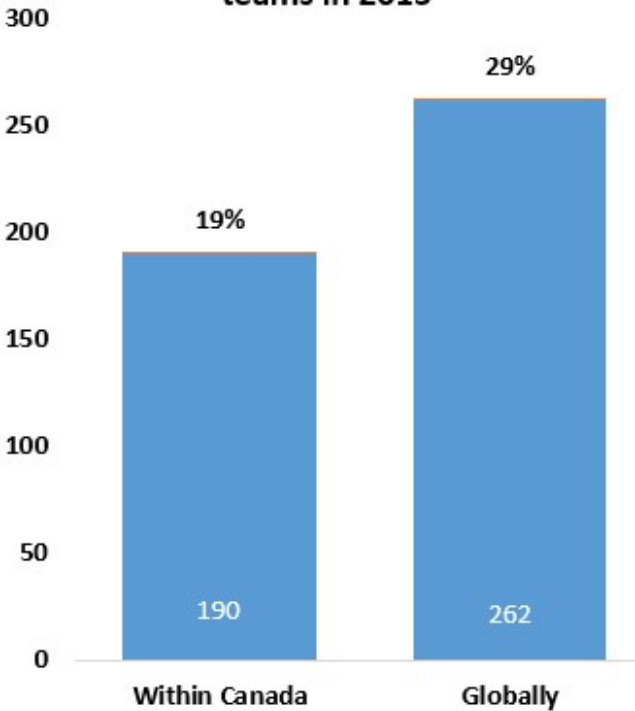
Other Vitality Indicators

The number of churches who reported that they are **currently involved in a revitalization process** changed from 54% in 2014 to **53% in 2015**. With an increase from 23% to 24% who are planning a revitalization process in the future. In 2015, **190 churches sent out missions teams within Canada** and **262 churches sent out short-term missions teams globally**.

Engaged in a Revitalization Process
(out of 858 responses)

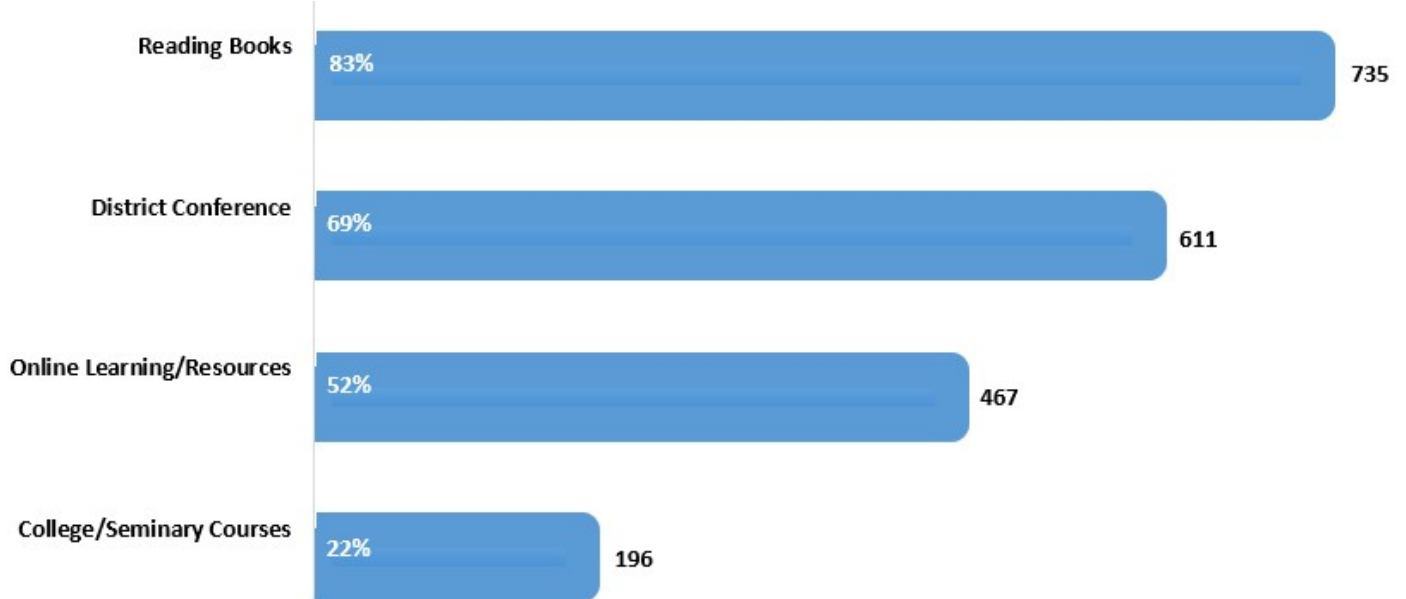


Churches who sent out missions teams in 2015

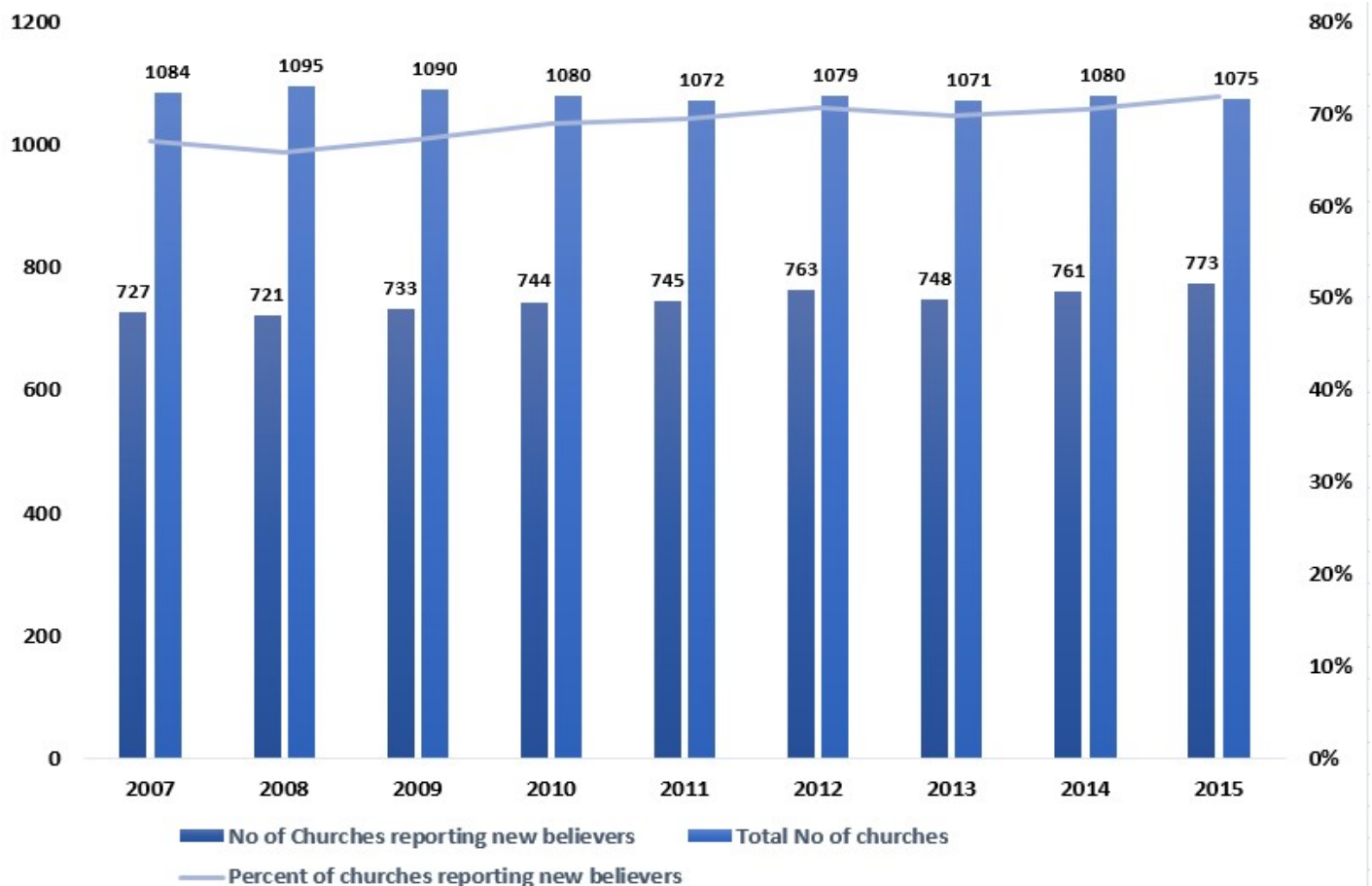


Leadership Development

The majority of our Lead Pastors who completed the 2015 ACLR are developing their leadership skills through reading books. Over 2/3 attended their District Conference in 2014. 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.



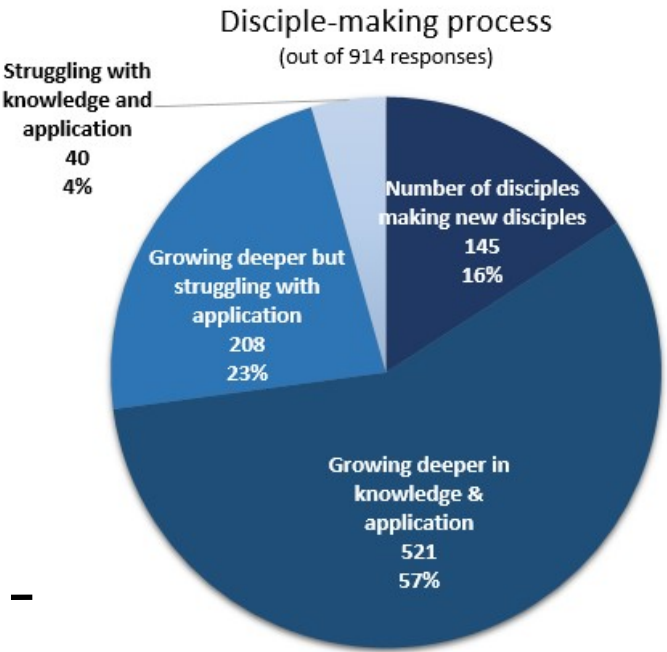
Number of conversions reported 2007—2015



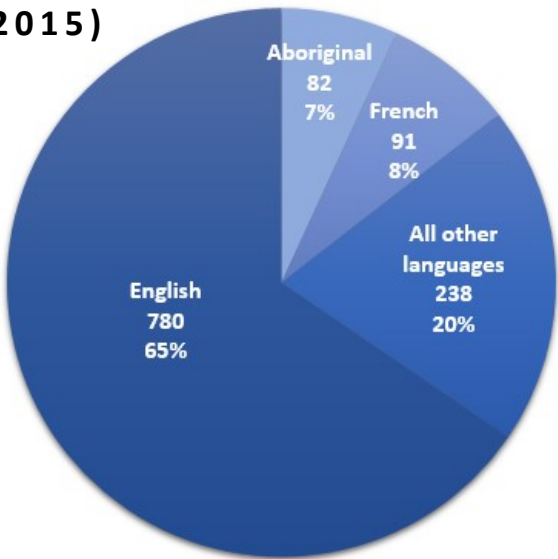
How churches describe the disciple-making process:

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.

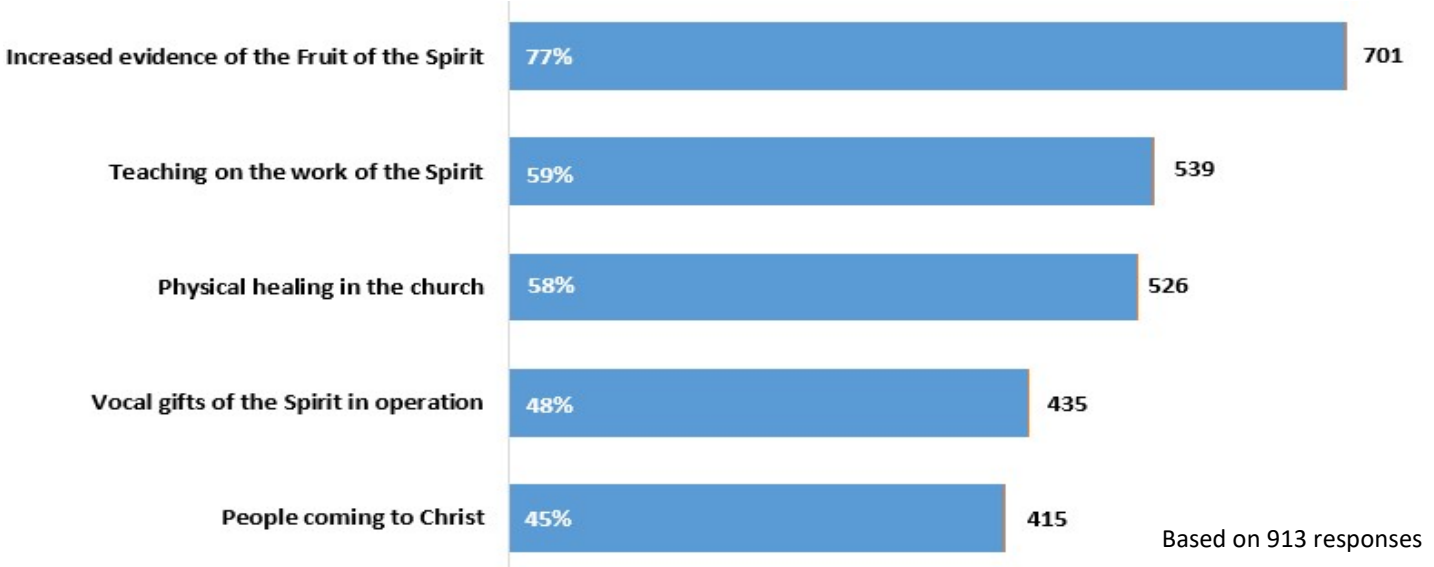


1190 DM Communities (2015)



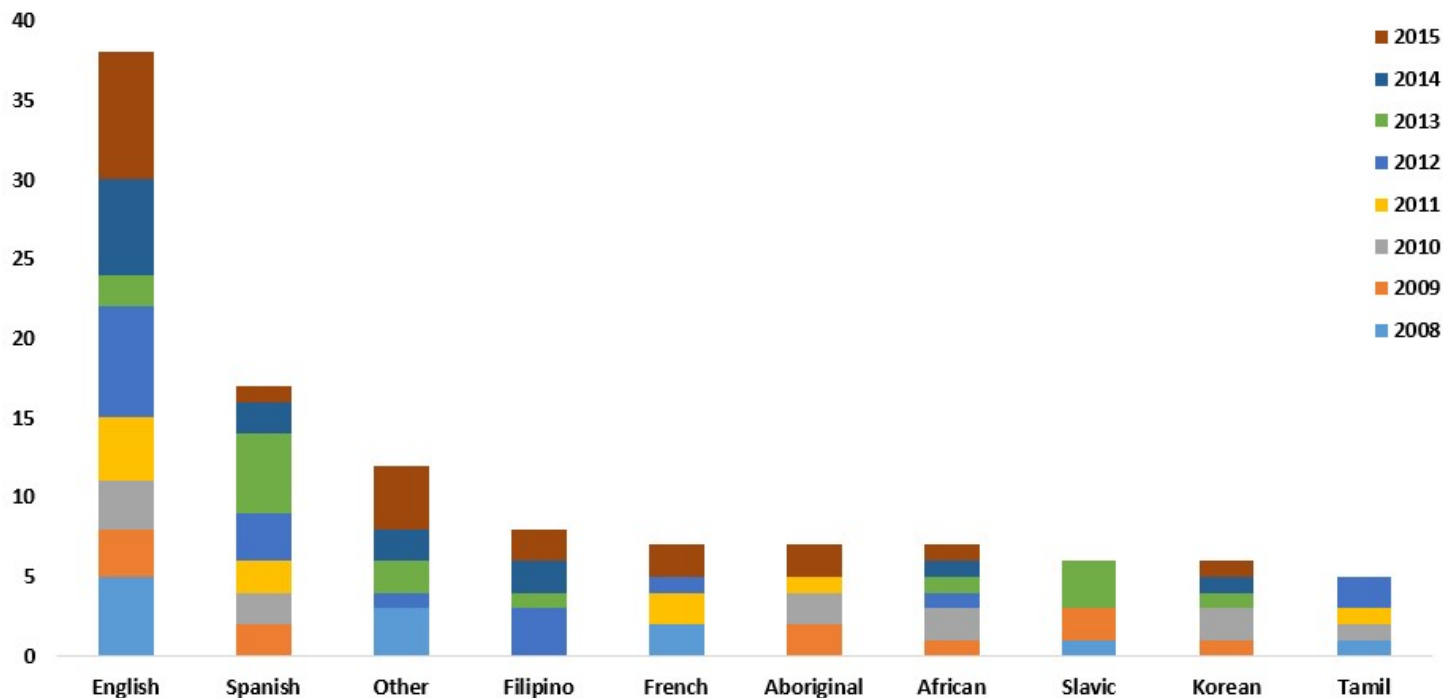
A disciple-making community is defined as:
“A Christ-centered gathering of people, with the support of leadership, meeting regularly for worship, caring, teaching, praying, and actively engaging in mission with the intention of continuing to meet for these purposes indefinitely.”

Churches describe the work of the Spirit in their gatherings:



New Church growth: Affiliated Assemblies

There have been 113 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

Over the last 4 years, the number of Satellite churches has grown significantly. Since 2012, there has been a modest increase in Church Plants. And in 2014, the Missional Initiatives category was added to recognize the ministries that occur outside of a church setting (ie: campus).

