

Appendix: Classifying congregations by religious tradition

Researchers developed a methodology for using the religious denomination information provided by InfoGroup to classify congregations into the major categories (religious “traditions”) used by the Center for analysis. The following table details the classification scheme that the Center developed.

Religious group (according to Infogroup)	Denomination (according to Infogroup)	Religious tradition
ADVENTIST	ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS	Evangelical Protestant
	SEVENTH DAY CHURCH OF GOD	Evangelical Protestant
	ADVENTISTS - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant
BAPTIST	AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	Evangelical Protestant
	ASSOC. OF GENERAL BAPTISTS	Evangelical Protestant
	BAPTIST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	Evangelical Protestant
	FREE WILL BAPTISTS	Evangelical Protestant
	GENERAL ASSOC. OF REGULAR BAPTISTS	Evangelical Protestant
	GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF SEPARATIST BAPTISTS	Evangelical Protestant
	INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GEN. CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION	Evangelical Protestant
	SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	UNITED BAPTIST	Evangelical Protestant
	WORLD BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	BAPTIST - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES/USA	Mainline Protestant
	COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP	Mainline Protestant
	BAPTIST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCHES	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA	Historically black Protestant
	NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION-USA	Historically black Protestant
	PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION	Historically black Protestant
	BAPTIST - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
BRETHREN	FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN	Evangelical Protestant
	OLD GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHREN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST	Evangelical Protestant
	BRETHREN - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN	Mainline Protestant
CATHOLIC	CONVENTS/RECTORIES/MONASTERIES	Catholic
	LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES	Catholic
	POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH	Catholic
	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	Catholic
CHRISTIAN/CHURCH OF CHRIST	CHRISTIAN & CHURCHES OF CHRIST	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCHES OF CHRIST (NON-INSTRUMENTAL)	Evangelical Protestant
	CHRISTIAN - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant
	CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)	Mainline Protestant
EPISCOPAL	ANGLICAN EPISCOPAL OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	ANGLICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	CHARISMATIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Mainline Protestant
	ANGLICAN - OTHER	Mainline Protestant

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EVANGELICAL MISC	EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	FEDERATED CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	UNITED/UNION CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant
	FRIENDS (QUAKERS)	Mainline Protestant
	INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHURCHES	Mainline Protestant (Unless majority black)
	METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES	Mainline Protestant
	MORAVIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA	Mainline Protestant
	INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHURCHES	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	UNION OF MESSIANIC JEWISH CONGREGATIONS	Other Christian
HOLINESS	CHRISTADELPHIANS	Other faiths
	MILITARY CHAPELS	Unclassifiable
	ALLEGHENY WESLEYAN METHODIST	Evangelical Protestant
	AMERICAN RESCUE WORKERS	Evangelical Protestant
	APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN (NAZAREAN)	Evangelical Protestant
	BIBLE METHODIST CONNECTION	Evangelical Protestant
	CH. OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION	Evangelical Protestant
	CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON IN)	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD (HOLINESS)	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCHES OF GOD (INDEPENDENT HOLINESS)	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	MISSIONARY CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOLINESS CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	PILLAR OF FIRE	Evangelical Protestant
	RESCUE MISSION	Evangelical Protestant
INDEPENDANT FUNDAMENTALIST	SALVATION ARMY	Evangelical Protestant
	WESLEYAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	HOLINESS - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	MOUNT CALVARY HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA	Historically black Protestant
	TRIUMPH THE CHURCH/KINGDOM OF GOD	Historically black Protestant
	HOLINESS - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	BEREAN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
JEWISH	CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR	Evangelical Protestant
	FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	GRACE GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	INDEPENDENT BIBLE CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	PLYMOUTH BRETHREN	Evangelical Protestant
LATTER DAY SAINTS	CONSERVATIVE JEWISH CONGREGATIONS	Jewish
	ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS	Jewish
	RECONSTRUCTIONIST JEWISH CONGREGATIONS	Jewish
	REFORM JEWISH CONGREGATIONS	Jewish
	JEWISH - OTHER	Jewish
LUTHERAN	CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST-LATTER DAY SAINTS	Mormon
	COMMUNITY OF CHRIST (RLDS)	Mormon
	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF LUTHERAN CONFESSION	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN BRETHREN	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD	Evangelical Protestant
	LATVIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD	Evangelical Protestant
	WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA	Mainline Protestant
	LUTHERAN - OTHER	Mainline Protestant

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MENNONITE	AMISH (MENNONITE)	Evangelical Protestant
	BRETHREN IN CHRIST	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MENNONITE	Evangelical Protestant
	CONSERVATIVE MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL MENNONITE MISSION CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
METAPHYSICAL	MENNONITE CHURCH USA	Mainline Protestant
	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES	Other Christian
	NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION	Other Christian
	SPIRITUAL SCIENCE CHURCHES	Other Christian
	SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES/ORGANIZATIONS	Other Christian
	SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCHES	Other Christian
	UNITED CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE	Other Christian
	UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY	Other Christian
	METAPHYSICAL - OTHER	Other Christian
METHODIST	CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY	Other faiths
	CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL METHODIST CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	SOUTHERN METHODIST CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	Mainline Protestant
	METHODIST - OTHER	Mainline Protestant (Unless majority black)
	AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Historically black Protestant
	AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION	Historically black Protestant
	AFRICAN UNION METHODIST PROTESTANT	Historically black Protestant
	CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Historically black Protestant
	REFORMED ZION UNION APOSTOLIC	Historically black Protestant
	METHODIST - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
MISC/CLASSIFIED	BUDDHIST TEMPLES ZEN	Buddhist
	HINDU TEMPLES	Hindu
	YOGA INSTITUTES	Hindu
	JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES	Jehovah's Witness
	MUSLIM/MOHAMMED/ISLAM	Muslim
	UNIFICATION CHURCH	Other Christian
	BAHA'I FAITH	Other faiths
	ECKANKAR	Other faiths
	TENRIKYO CHURCHES	Other faiths
	UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION	Other faiths
	MISCELLANEOUS CULTS AND SECTS	Unclassifiable
	MISCELLANEOUS EASTERN RELIGIONS	Unclassifiable
	NON CLASSIFIED AFFILIATION	Unclassifiable
ORTHODOX	ALBANIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF AMERICA	Orthodox Christian
	AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX	Orthodox Christian
	ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN	Orthodox Christian
	ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH	Orthodox Christian
	ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA	Orthodox Christian
	BYELORUSSIAN ORTHODOX	Orthodox Christian
	GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH	Orthodox Christian
	ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA	Orthodox Christian
	ROMANIAN ORTHODOX EPISCOPATE	Orthodox Christian
	RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	Orthodox Christian
	SERBIAN EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH	Orthodox Christian
	UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH	Orthodox Christian
	EASTERN ORTHODOX - OTHER	Orthodox Christian

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PENTECOSTAL	APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF PENTECOST	Evangelical Protestant
	APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	ASSEMBLIES OF GOD	Evangelical Protestant
	ASSOCIATION OF VINEYARD CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	CALVARY CHAPEL	Evangelical Protestant
	CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD - MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD (CLEVELAND TN)	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD (ORIGINAL)	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCH ON THE ROCK	Evangelical Protestant
	CONGREGATIONAL HOLINESS CHURCH INC.	Evangelical Protestant
	DELIVERANCE CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	ELIM FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	FIRST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	FULL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP	Evangelical Protestant
	HALL DELIVERANCE FOUNDATION	Evangelical Protestant
	INTERNATIONAL FOURSQUARE GOSPEL	Evangelical Protestant
	INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF CHRIST	Evangelical Protestant
	INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	MARANATHA CHRISTIAN CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD	Evangelical Protestant
	PENTECOSTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	SEVENTH DAY PENTECOSTAL	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	VICTORY CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL	Evangelical Protestant
	WORD CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	APOSTOLIC CHURCHES - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	CHURCH OF GOD - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	PENTECOSTAL - OTHER	Evangelical Protestant (Unless majority black)
	APOSTOLIC OVERCOMING HOLY CHURCH	Historically black Protestant
	BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF LORD JESUS CHRIST	Historically black Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD (ORIGINAL)	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	CHURCH OF GOD BY FAITH	Historically black Protestant
	CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST	Historically black Protestant
	CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST OF APOSTOLIC FAITH	Historically black Protestant
	CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD	Historically black Protestant
	CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST	Historically black Protestant
	DELIVERANCE CHURCHES	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	FIRE-BAPTIZED HOLINESS CHURCH	Historically black Protestant
	FIRST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE WORLD	Historically black Protestant
	UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER	Historically black Protestant
	WORD CHURCHES	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	APOSTOLIC CHURCHES - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	CHURCH OF GOD - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
	PENTECOSTAL - OTHER	Historically black Protestant (If majority black)
PRESBYTERIAN/REFORMED	ASSOCIATION REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	CHURCHES OF GOD (FINDLAY OH)	Evangelical Protestant
	CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE	Evangelical Protestant
	CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	FREE REFORMED CHURCHES OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	Evangelical Protestant
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant

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PRESBYTERIAN/REFORMED	PROTESTANT REFORMED CHURCHES	Evangelical Protestant
	REFORMED CHURCH IN THE USA	Evangelical Protestant
	REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES IN NORTH AMERICA	Evangelical Protestant
	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)	Mainline Protestant
	REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA	Mainline Protestant
	UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	Mainline Protestant
	PRESBYTERIAN/REFORMED - OTHER	Mainline Protestant
	CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CH IN AMERICA	Historically black Protestant

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