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NEWSLETTER

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7 surprising trends in global Christianity in 2019, published by the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary. Evaluating their research and predictions provides an encouraging and potential surprising picture for the current and future state of Christianity.

1. Christianity is growing faster than the global population but Islam, Sikhs and Hindus are growing faster.

Globally, Christianity is growing at a 1.27% rate. Currently, there are 2.5 billion Christians in the world. The world's population, 7.7 billion, is growing at a 1.20% rate. Islam (1.95%), Sikhs (1.66%) and Hindus (1.30%) are the only religious groups growing faster than Christianity, though followers of Jesus outnumber every other faith and are predicted to continue to do so at least through 2050.

2. Pentecostals and Evangelicals are growing the fastest and are still picking up speed.

Among Christian groups, Pentecostals (2.26%) and evangelicals (2.19%) are growing faster than others.

They are both also growing faster than they did just two years ago. In 2017, Pentecostals' growth rate was 2.22% and evangelicals was 2.12%.

3. Atheism has peaked.

There are fewer atheists in the world today (138 million) than there were in 1970 (165 million).

4. Christianity is growing in cities, but not fast enough.

Today, 1.64 billion Christians live in urban areas, growing at a 1.58% rate since 2000. But more than 55% of the world's population lives in cities and that is continuing to grow at a 2.15% rate.

5. The center of Christianity has moved to the global south.

In 1900, twice as many Christians lived in Europe than in the rest of the world combined. Today, both Latin America and Africa have more. By 2050, the number of Christians in Asia will also pass the number in Europe.

6. There are more evangelism opportunities for Christians than ever.

The vast majority of non-Christians live their lives and never interact with a Christian, but that number is shrinking. In 1900, only 5.5% of non-Christians knew a Christian. Today, that has grown to 18.3%.

7. The percentage of the unevangelized is shrinking.

More than half of the world's population in 1900 (54.3%) were unevangelized. That percentage continues to shrink, dropping to 28.4% in 2019.

That still means, however, that almost 2.2 billion people living today are still considered unevangelized.

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***ROTAS FOR
ELDERS AND WELCOMERS***

COMMUNION

Sept 1 st	Neil Watts Val Barritt
Oct 6 th	Tom Rose Liz Hunter
Nov 3 rd	Kathy Gillott Lin Paddock

Welcoming Organised by: Philip Slinn

Vestry Duty

Sept 1 st	Lin Paddock
Sept 8 th	Kathy Gillott
Sept 15 th	Sam Shepherd
Sept 22 nd	Tom Rose
Sept 29 th	Val Barritt
Oct 6 th	Lin Paddock
Oct 13 th	Sam Shepherd
Oct 20 th	Neil Wattts
Oct 27 th	Kathy Gillott
Nov 3 rd	Tom Rose

Please arrange a substitute if you are unable to fulfil your duty

Preaching Plan

Sept 1 st	Wyn Funnell
Sept 8 th	Barbara Sayers
Sept 15 th	Liz Montgomery
Sept 22 nd	Neil Watts
Sept 29 th	Simon Franklin
Oct 6 th	Neil Watts
Oct 13 th	David Goldin
Oct 20 th	Barbara Sayers
Oct 27 th	Wyn Funnell
Nov 3 rd	Neil Watts

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SERVING ELDERS

Treasurer	Sam Shepherd
Asst Treasurer	Linda Paddock
Church Secretary	Neil Watts
Asst Church Sec	Kathy Gillott

Preaching Plan	Val Barritt
Serving Elder	Tom Rose
Serving Elder	Liz Hunter

Non Serving Elder	Janet Coghlan
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FABRIC COMMITTEE

Tom Rose
Elizabeth Hunter
Philip Slinn
Max Rosser

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Linda Rose

CHURCH MUSIC:

Mark Hatherley
Kathryn Gillott

**Any items for the newsletter can be
e-mailed to:
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER – 6.30 PM PRAYER MEETING
SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER – 2PM FILM AFTERNOON
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER – HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER – CHURCH MEETING
SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER – QUIZ NIGHT
TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER – 6.30 PM PRAYER MEETING