

Buffalo City Survey Results

Leading Questions:

How is your church, network, denomination doing?

How is your church, network, denomination doing in relation to the lostness of your city or region? Could we say individually that we are winning?

How is The Church doing in relation to the lostness of your city?

- Building a new dashboard for a collective of churches in a city committed to the shared outcome of Gospel Saturation.
- These metrics would allow churches a way to measure the evangelistic effectiveness of a vision for every man, woman and child
- Namely, is The Church being effective at mobilizing and multiplying disciples to give greater access to the Gospel?
- We would measure four domains: City or Region, Church Collective, Individual Church, and Everyday Christian

City of Buffalo:

1. Buffalo: 7th most post-Christian city in the nation when they started.
2. 700,000 of the 1.2 million population say they are Catholic
3. The city of Buffalo is decreasing in population, while The Church of Buffalo is growing

City Survey:

1. 10 year span measuring collective church attendance of 90 churches (been at this for 10 years)
2. It took roughly 2 1/2 weeks to collect this data
3. 90 churches that they surveyed are relationally connected to the CT efforts of The Church of WNY/ This demonstrates the importance on the priority of collaboration for the shared outcome for every man, woman, and child
4. The city population decreased 0.4% over 10 years - The Church increased attendance by 28%
5. Roughly 90% of the church growth is coming from mainline liberal denominations and from post-Catholicism/ Small percentage of sheep swapping
6. They have now moved to #13 on Barna's list.

7. This demonstrated that when the gospel saturation tide rises in the harbor, all the ships rise together. Every church benefited that was a part of the journey.

On the priority of multiplication and church planting:

1. The Church of WNY formed the C.P.I. (Church Planting Institute) - a multi denominational collective of churches committed to planting churches with the DNA of Gospel Saturation
2. CPI diversity of church leadership that forms the sub committee is 8 churches (Non- Denominational, Wesleyan Church of Christ, SBC, NA Baptist, Acts 29, Free Methodist, AG)
3. 57% of the attendance increase came from church planting - 42% of the attendance increase came through existing churches
4. Combined attendance of all new church plants is 4500 with a 10% conversion growth rate / National average is 2 - 3% conversion growth rate according to Barna
5. Of the new churches that have been planted over the last 10 years, which is 36 total, the CPI of Western NY (Church Planting Initiative focused on Gospel Saturation) planted 25 of these 36 new churches
6. They are hitting their metrics (They planted 1 church for every 50,000 people in 7 1/2 years. Phase II will be to plant to 1 church for every 25,000 people within 5 years)
7. Very diverse model of church planting from the CPI. In 2018 they have planted 2 refugee churches, 1 African American church, and 2 church plants that are in the ring 1 circle of the city
8. The collective of churches committed to C.P.I have committed to 250K a year to go toward the planting of new churches.

