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In order to place one evangelizing church within the reach of each 2000 Canadians in a given people group or community speaking any of the 49 most commonly used languages in Canada by the year AD 2000, Canada requires the planting of 6,700 new evangelical churches.

This dissertation demonstrates the need for a D.A.W.N. ("Discipling A Whole Nation") church planting strategy in Canada. It does so by describing the state of need of the church and by recommending the model of national church planting cooperation developed in the Philippines by Dr. James Montgomery, formerly of Overseas Crusades, and implemented successfully in numerous other nations under the DAWN acronym.

The dissertation supplies data on the locations and languages where there are insufficient evangelical churches in proportion to the population in Canada. This data is based upon original research in which existing Canadian

evangelical churches as of 1989 were located and compared with the anticipated population of each language group in AD 2000. Findings regarding population to evangelical church ratios and the numbers of new churches required are listed, largely in appendices, by national summary, province or territory (12), census division (266), census metropolitan area (139), and/or census sub-division (6,009).

A summary of this material is published in Reclaiming a Nation: The Challenge of Re-Evangelizing Canada by the Year 2000, edited by Arnell Motz, and was presented at the 1990 Canadian D.A.W.N. congress, the National Leadership Consultation on Evangelism of Vision 2000 Canada in Ottawa.

Included in the opening and closing chapters of the dissertation is a theological rationale for evangelism, planting, and church growth, as well as working Canadian church planting model, with proposed steps for denominations and local churches to take in planting the thousands of evangelical churches necessary to provide every person in Canada with the opportunity to see, hear and respond to the gospel by the year AD 2000.

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