

## **Introduction**

In order to place one evangelizing church within the reach of each 2000 Canadians by AD 2000, Canada requires the planting of 6,700 new evangelical churches.

At the turn of the century approximately one third of Canadians were evangelical Christians. As we enter this last decade of the century the percentage of evangelicals has declined to about 6.5%. The original research outlined in this dissertation is designed to be the servant of a much needed Canadian "Whole Nation" church planting strategy, an important step towards remedying this situation.

The dissertation outlines the need for new church planting in Canada, the research model used in determining that need, and the locations and language groups where new church planting is most urgently required in responding to the challenge of re-evangelizing Canada.

The challenge before Canadian evangelicals to plant 6,700 new evangelical churches during this decade in order to place an evangelizing church within the reach of each 2000 Canadians by the year AD 2000 is here shared as it was at the "National Congress on Canadian Evangelism" in Ottawa, Ontario, May 16-20. 1990.

The research is also outlined in "Church Planting: The Key to Growth" and "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" contributed to Reclaiming a Nation, pp. 83-116, edited by Arnell Motz, Richmond, B.C.: Church Leadership Library, V7A 4X9, 1990.

The dissertation explains why church planting is required, making extensive use of tables to detail, in order of priority, what is needed for new church planting, by language, location, and number of churches.