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ABOUT THE YEARBOOK

The Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches has served as the definitive handbook of North American denominations since 1916. Over our 100 year history, The Yearbook has remained an authoritative source for the most accurate and complete compilation of statistical data for North American religious bodies. Now an interactive online application, The Yearbook continues to catalog census information for *** denominational religious bodies. As of 2020, the Yearbook represents ***,*** faithful members, ***,*** clergy, ***,*** congregations, **,*** educational bodies, and more than \$***,***,***,***.** in total financial commitment.

Each listing contains a brief paragraph about the religious body, contact information for the group, and informative graphs detailing current and historical statistical data. Previously stewarded by the National Council of Churches, The Yearbook is overseen by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). in partnership with The National Council of Churches and Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. We invite you to join our effort by adding data for your religious group, becoming an ASARB member or making a contribution to our cause.

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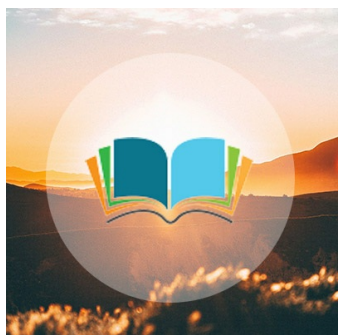
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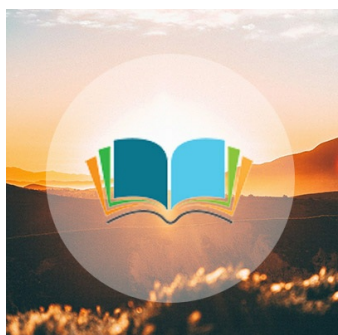
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The organization supports and organizes local interfaith worker justice groups around the country, publishes Faith Works four times a year providing congregations resources and updates on religion-labor work.

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