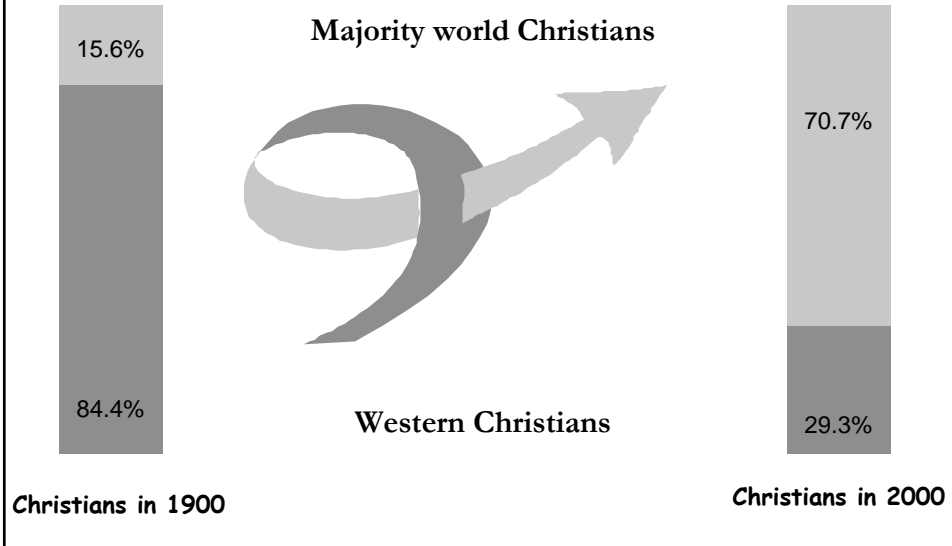


Growth of the Majority World Church

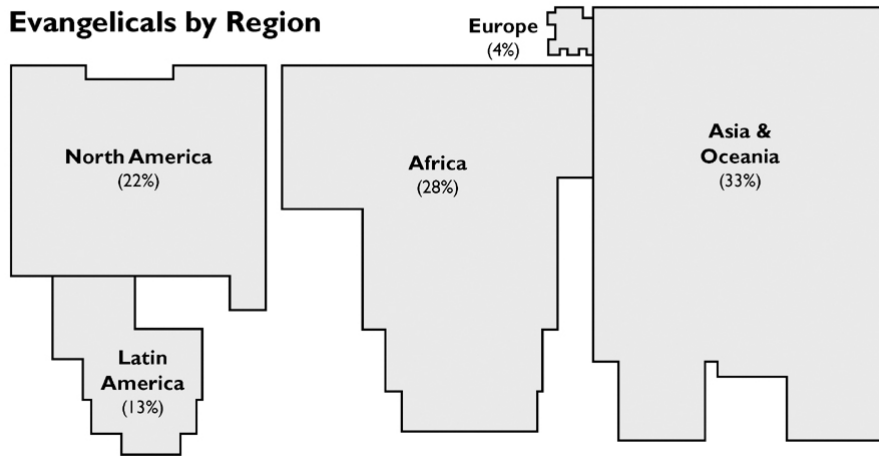
(Barrett data for year 2000)



Active Christians



Evangelicals by Region



Contextual Commonalities

- The reality of poverty
- Experience of colonialism and economic dependence
- Political realities
- Ideological struggles
- Basic needs: physical, spiritual, psychological

Theological Commonalities

- Theology from the underside of life
- Theological bondage to the West
- Tools of social science as important elements in theological development and reflection
- Majority world theologians have been both victims and oppressors
- Most recent trend: explosion of Pentecostalism

Emerging Agendas

- Intentionally contextual: deep appreciation of cultural, social, and historical dimensions
- Intentionally occasional (limited in time and place)
- Awareness of missiological nature of all theology
- **Who** interprets is just as important as *how* interpretation takes place
- The questions of non-Christian religions cannot be overlooked