

As of late December 2017, the Mormon Church in the United States reported no net change for the number of congregations for the entire year (184 new wards/branches organized, 184 wards/branches discontinued).

Recovery from Mormonism (RfM) discussion forum.

West Africa Saves 2017 - There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **sharapata** ()

Date: December 31, 2017 01:10AM

Very interesting gems in the link below. Don't know where to begin except that West Africa is where nearly all growth is these days and it's no exaggeration:

http://cumorah.com/index.php?target=view_case_studies&story_id=481&cat_id=8

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **Babyloncansuckit** ()

Date: December 31, 2017 03:54AM

Brigham Young would be so proud.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **sharapata** ()

Date: December 31, 2017 12:00PM

Yep...How utterly and sadly ironic...All that growth in nations the Church avoided up until just 40 years ago due to the predominant skin color of the populace.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()

Date: December 31, 2017 07:47AM

My brain keeps trying to add the letter "l" ...as in the first letter in letter

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Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **Humberto** ()

Date: January 02, 2018 12:08AM

I had to read it about four times to make the "l" go away.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **CrispingPin** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 07:54AM

The stone cut without hands has almost stopped rolling.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **cheezus** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 12:46PM

Maybe it is about to start rolling backwards.

Church in the United States reported no net change in congregations

Posted by: **Eric K** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 11:14AM

From the site:

"LDS growth rates in the United States continued to decelerate in 2017 as part of a trend of slowing growth that began approximately 15 years ago.

As of late December, the Church in the United States reported no net change for the number of congregations for the entire year (184 new wards/branches organized, 184 wards/branches discontinued). To contrast, the Church in the United States has historically reported a net increase of 100–150 new wards/branches a year during the past decade...."

There is a supposed reason:

"However, emphasis on the organization of larger wards in some areas of the country in order to better maximize LDS meetinghouses and provide more socialization opportunities for youth has appeared partially responsible for these changes."

Membership growth:

"Membership growth rates have also continued to decelerate. Annual membership growth rates decreased to the lowest level reported by the Church since 1988 during 2016 (0.9%). To contrast, the Church generally reported annual membership growth

rates of approximately 2.0% in the late 1990s and early 2000s..."

Growth is cut by more than 50% – from 2.0% twenty years ago to 0.9% recently.
Tough to be a missionary almost anywhere now.

This is purely anecdotal – Exmormon.org visits have stayed the same or grown since 2000. We are still over 200,000 hits per day even with the proliferation of other sites. This is approximately 20,000–35,000 unique visitors per day depending on the day of the week. More and more people are searching on Mormonism and leaving the corporation in developed countries.

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Re: Church in the United States reported no net change in congregations

Posted by: ificouldhietokolob ()
Date: January 02, 2018 10:33AM

Eric K Wrote:

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- > "Membership growth rates have also continued to
 - > decelerate. Annual membership growth rates
 - > decreased to the lowest level reported by the
 - > Church since 1988 during 2016 (0.9%).

"The latest data from the Census Bureau shows that US population growth for 2016 is running at between 0.7% and 0.9% per year."

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demography_of_the_United_States)

They're pretty much at the same figure as population growth overall in the US. And below most of the world.

Shrinkage is a reality :)

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **GNPE** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 11:26AM

Remember, it's about the \$, which LDS Inc. Refused to disclose.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 12:21PM

Am I correct in my belief that the church has never made a year end announcement regarding how many resignations were received that calendar year?

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 12:45PM

You can visit the 'quit mormon' stats page at

quit*mormon.com/stats (remove the *)

They submitted over 10,000 resignations, starting from February of this year, if I read another page correctly...

Roughly 5,000 were from Utah residents.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **kathleen** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 12:57PM

No doubt the church has interest in Africa.

Replace the word KOLOB with COBALT.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **3X** ()
Date: December 31, 2017 01:17PM

"Growth is cut by more than 50% – from 2.0% twenty years ago to 0.9% recently."

Nice way to start the new year.

Is this trend reversible? I don't see how.

Stretch goal for next year: growth declines to 0.5%

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **elderolddog** ()

Date: December 31, 2017 02:40PM

Again, correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the church's yearly growth figure totally bogus if they don't show a factoring in of the number of resignations?

Do they tally deaths and remove the number of deceased mormons from the membership figure to which they add births and conversions (but not resignations), to get their growth figure?

But then we have to ask ourselves, why would the church lie, right?

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **smirkorama** ()

Date: January 01, 2018 07:22AM

LD\$ Inc is scrambling to avoid the painful reality that their THE (MORmON) church is imploding, growth wise and financially, and that their implosion is ONLY going to be hastening in the future.

Re: West Africa Saves 2017 – There would have been a decrease in units without

Posted by: **brigidbarnes** ()

Date: January 01, 2018 11:00PM

Hooray! But I feel so sad for the West Africans. Hungry children with swollen bellies--yet 10% will be demanded. They will receive very little in the way of welfare assistance. Why can't Mormons just go away and leave people alone? Others churches serve them rather than take the little they have for their children.

**West Africa Saves 2017: most people wouldn't
have any idea what this means**

Posted by: **anybody** ()

Date: January 02, 2018 06:27AM

outside of the Zion Curtain. They'd probably think you meant either politics or football or some other important story from West Africa that "saved" 2017...

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/west-africa-offered-many-reasons-to-be-cheerful-in-2017-gjtsgek3cb>

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/28/world/africa/george-weah-liberia-election.html?_r=0

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The growth of the Mormon church in the US has significantly slowed or even stopped. The number of people leaving appears to equal those joining. The number of new congregations is the best measurement of growth. The Mormon church refuses to reveal the number of members dropping out.

The number of congregations is one of the better metrics of supposed church growth.

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