

2. Growth of the Pentecostal Movement

- a. It spread to Chicago, Winnipeg, and New York.
- b. Soon after 1906 A.D. it could be found on every continent.
- c. Today there are at least 26 church bodies that consider themselves a part of it. Some of the larger ones in the United States are as follows:

(1) Assemblies of God (Year Reported 1985)

- (a) Date of Beginning -1914 in Hot Springs, Arkansas
- (b) International Headquarters -Springfield, Missouri.
- (c) Churches in the U.S.-10,761
- (d) Inclusive Membership in U.S. - 2,082,878.
- (e) Pastors serving parishes -14,908
- (f) Ordained Clergy - 26,439
- (g) Sunday Schools 10,491
- (h) Main Training School -Central Bible Institute
- (i) Weekly Periodical -Pentecostal Evangel

Note: They also publish 14 other periodicals. These are all produced by the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

(2) The Church of God in Christ (Year Reported 1982)

- (a) Date of Beginning -1906 in Memphis, Tenn.
- (b) Founder - Charles Harrison Mason, a former black Baptist minister who pioneered the early stages of the Holiness movement beginning in 1895 in Mississippi.
- (c) Headquarters -Memphis, Tennessee
- (d) Governmental Structure-basically episcopal with the General Assembly being the Legislative body. The Presiding Bishop is presently Bishop J. O. Patterson,