

AMECEA FACTS AND FIGURES

AMECEA is the 'Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa'. It was founded in 1961 and comprises of the Episcopal Conferences from eight countries: Eritrea (1993), Ethiopia (1979), Kenya (1961), Malawi (1961), Sudan (1979), Tanzania (1961), Uganda (1961) and Zambia (1961). There are two affiliated members the Somalia (1995).

AMECEA Totals		
	1961	1995
Number of Countries	5	8
Eccl. Territories	47	107 *
Total Population	31,841,000	186,100,000
Total Catholics as % of Pop.	5,371,072 17%	30,643,000 16.5%
Cardinals	-	5 *
Bishops	-	123 *
Total Priests	2,871	6,684
Permanent Deacons	-	15
Total Sisters	4,416	15,724
Total Brothers	1,053	1,957
Total Catechists	43,408	51,085 *
Lay Missionaries	-	406

Source: 'AMECEA in Brief, 1998' * figures for 1998.

AMECEA Countries - Catholic Church Information								
Country	Eritrea	Ethiopia	Kenya	Malawi	Sudan	Tanzania	Uganda	Zambia
Population •	3,582	53,098	30,520	9,790	28,100	30,340	21,300	9,370
Eccl. Territories *	3	8	22	7	9	29	19	10
Bishops *	4	9	22	9	11	32	24	12
Diocesan Priests	65	141	712	245	107	1,258	1,001	243
Religious Priests	208	249	835	152	108	651	320	389
Sisters	328	703	3,387	660	271	6,544	2,878	953
Brothers	78	66	592	84	65	544	386	142
Catechists	na	1,553	8,263	6,369	3,410	11,761	11,074	8,655
Lay Missionaries	na	15	159	6	10	129	40	47
Catholics no. •	126	346	6,367	2,350	2,279	7,355	9,143	2,677
% of pop.	3.5%	1.0%	20.8%	24.0%	8.1%	24.0%	42.9%	29.0%
Orthodox	41.76%	55.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Protestants	-	2.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Christians	-	-	53.2%	42.6%	3.2%	20.3%	28.4%	43.5%
Muslims	46.0%	31.8%	5.6%	16.6%	74.1%	31.0%	7.2%	0.2%
Trad. Religions	8.74%	9.5%	16.1%	13.0%	13.3%	23.9%	14.0%	19.6%

Source: 'AMECEA in Brief, 1998' • figures in thousands, * figures for 1998, all others for 1995.

AMECEA Countries - Christian Churches Information								
Country	Eritrea	Ethiopia	Kenya	Malawi	Sudan	Tanzania	Uganda	Zambia
Population	3,531	55,053	28,261	11,129	28,100	32,892	21,297	9,456
Anglican	-	0.7	1,580	172	870	1,120	4,750	20
Baptist	-	2,253	648.7	304.5	0.66	175.7	28.75	152.5
Catholic	8 §	165 §	5,520	2,000	1,867	5,550	8,270	1,600
Indigenous	-	13.1	2,323.3	1,100	6.2	199	195	528
Lutheran	20.32	990	43.1	18.3	-	1,900	-	5.65
Methodist	-	-	220	55.9	-	-	-	92.4
Orthodox	1,020	18,801	565	630	197	10	32.8	3.14
Pentecostal	4	719	1,473.25	199.66	5.3	374.1	426.1	256.54
Presbyterian	-	100	886.3	1,100	104.48	-	-	155.66
Other Churches	31.93	300.92	4,705.56	601.35	153.05	1,369.63	195.49	1,502

Notes on the Various Churches

Indigenous: these Churches are the local 'Independent Churches' which have developed in Africa over the years.
Pentecostal: the major ones are the Apostolic Church (Ethiopia, Zambia), Assemblies of God (Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda), Church of God (Kenya, Uganda, Zambia), Church of God (Cleveland)(Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia), Church of God of Prophecy (Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda), Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia), Elim Pentecostal Fellowship (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda), International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Ethiopia, Kenya), Pentecostal Assemblies of God (Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia), Pentecostal Holiness Church (Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia), United Pentecostal Church (Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda).
Other Churches: the main ones are the Africa Inland Church (Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania), Christian Brethren (Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia), Christian Missionary Fellowship (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania), Church of the Nazarene (Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Zambia), Churches of Christ (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia), Religious Society of Friends (Kenya, Uganda), Salvation Army (Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia), Seventh-day Adventist Church (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia), United Church (Malawi, Uganda, Zambia).

Source: The figures above are of the 'Community' for 1995, taken from 'World Churches Handbook' (pub. Christian Research, 1997). They are in thousands and some have been rounded up. § also includes the Coptic Church.