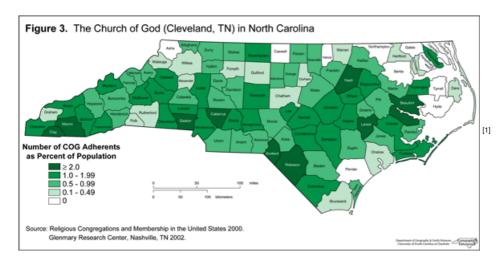
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The Church of God (Cleveland, TN) in North Carolina

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Adherents of the Church of God denomination that is headquartered in Cleveland, TN also experienced rapid growth between 1990 and 2000, rising in number by nearly 48% (<u>Table 1 [2]</u>). In fact, among the larger denominations, their growth rate was second only to that of the <u>Catholic Church [3]</u>. The congregations are relatively smaller, each averaging 185 adherents. Figure 3, above, shows that these congregations, while well represented in the <u>Charlotte [4]</u> metro area, are concentrated primarily in many of the state's rural areas. Most notable is a belt along the <u>Inner Coastal Plain [5]</u> that crosses the state from <u>Halifax [6]</u> to <u>Robeson County [7]</u>. On the other hand, northeastern North Carolina contains most of the counties that contain no Church of God congregations.

Additional Resources:

2012 Statistical Abstract. Population: Religion. U.S. Census Bureau. http://www.census.gov/library/publications/2011/compendia/statab/131ed/p... [8]

Guide to Researching the History of Religion in North Carolina: Church of God. UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries. https://library.unc.edu/wilson/ncc/golden.ch/

Hartford Institute for Religion Research. http://www.hartfordinstitute.org/[10]

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