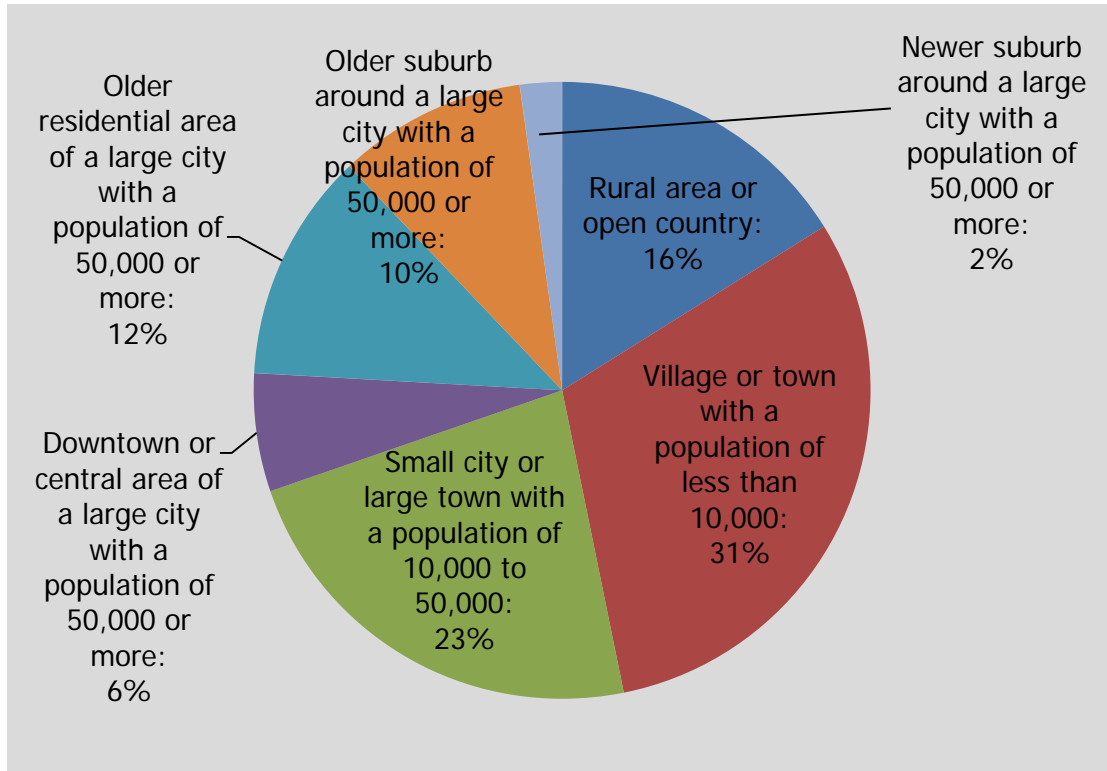


FACTS ON UCC CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR SETTINGS

Findings from the United Church of Christ 2015 Faith Communities Today (FACT) Survey of Congregations



- 70% of UCC congregations are located within population areas of less than 50,000.
- Over 17% of churches share their buildings with another worshipping congregation. Of these churches, one in five has two or more other congregations worshipping in their building. Six in ten of these worshipping communities (64.5%) are of a different racial/ethnic group, and eight in ten (83.7%) belong to a denomination other than the UCC.
- Over half (55%) of congregations in rural areas believe modern communication technologies (email, social media, texting, etc.) should be utilized in the life of the church. On contrast, nine in ten congregations (90%) in downtown areas with more than 50,000 people believe modern technologies should be used in the church.
- In populations of more than 50,000, 36% of congregations have taken on new social advocacy issues over the last two years.
- Overall, more than one-third (35.3%) of authorized ministers with a doctoral degree (PhD or DMin) serve churches in population areas of less than 10,000.