

Church Revitalisation

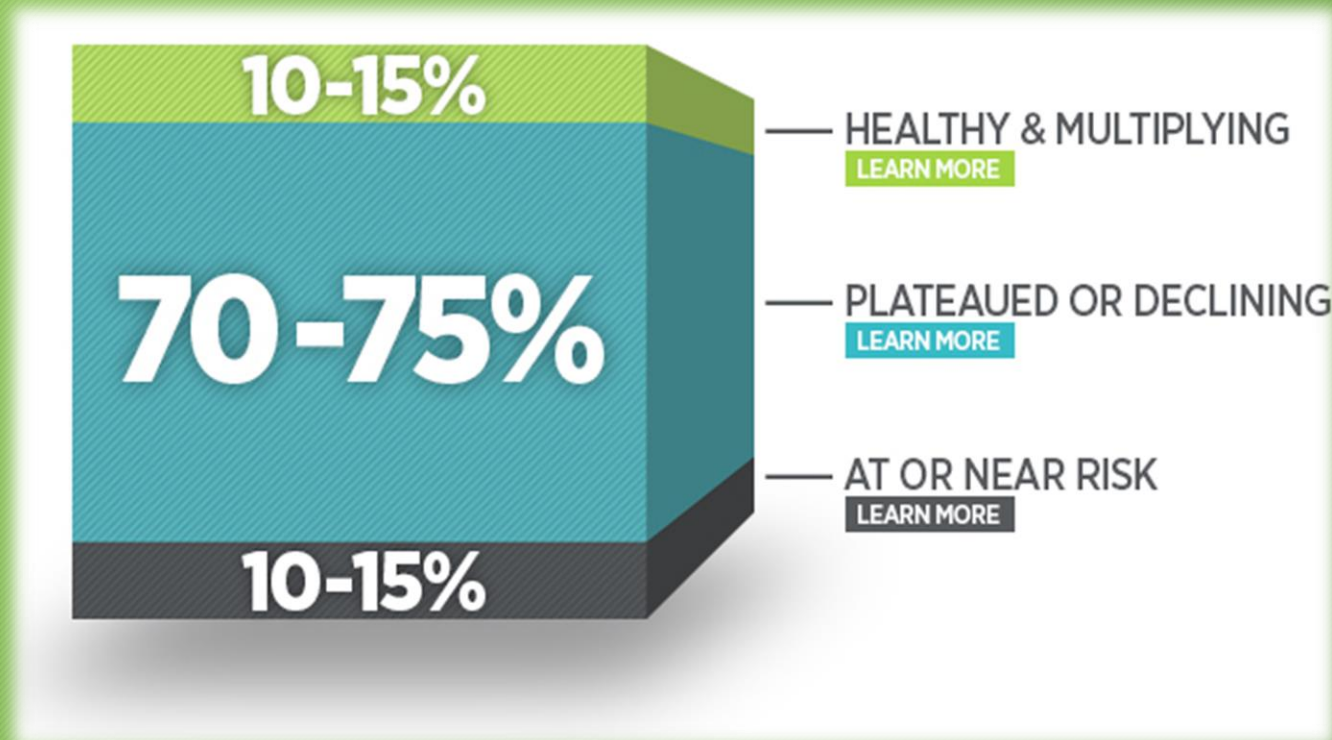
A 10 Week Online Training Course
Session One : the Need for Revitalisation

Why do we need revitalisation?

1. Numerical decline
2. We are not connecting with non-Christians when we preach the Gospel

The need for revitalisation

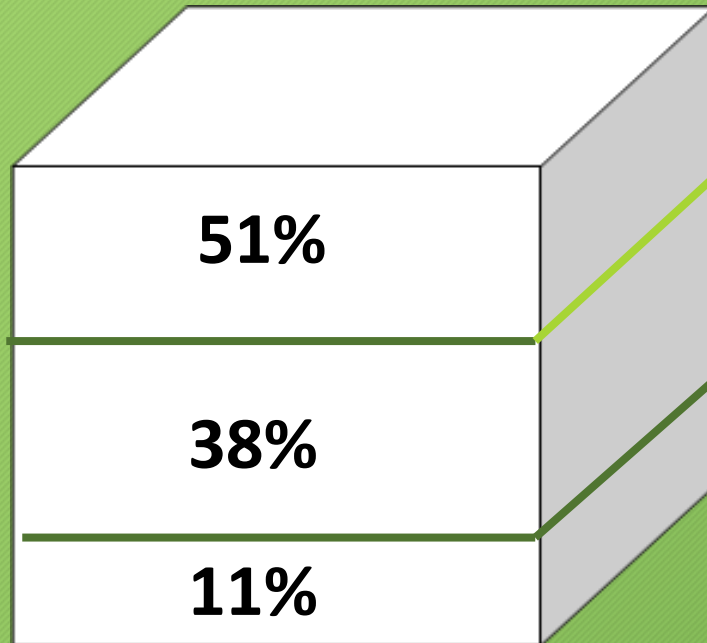
- In North America



In France

22 denominations affiliated to the CNEF (National Council of Evangelicals) responded to a questionnaire

In France



- HEALTHY & MULTIPLYING

- PLATEAUED OR DECLINING

- AT OR NEAR RISK OF DISAPPEARING

- The Tasmanian tiger - extinct in 1936
- Let's not allow this to happen to our churches



Why the need for revitalisation?

Signs that a church needs revitalisation

- ❖ A gradual erosion of numbers
- ❖ Living in the past rather than in today's world
- ❖ Focussing on maintenance and preserving the way the church building looks rather than the needs of those outside the church

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- ❖ Amnesia regarding the Great Commission
- ❖ “The preference driven church”
- ❖ The church rarely prays together
- ❖ The church functions by routine

Why the need for revitalisation?

1. We no longer dare to invite people from outside
2. Numerical decrease and the increase of the average age
3. Structure and activities are more important than life in Christ (“going through the motions”)
4. Family dynasties rule the church and focus on maintenance
5. The culture of taboos and resistance to change (living in the past / nostalgia)
6. The Gospel is forgotten

Church Revitalisation

A vision (a healthy church)
and a process (a gradual implementation)

