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For DMin Students on the Fly

Research in Ministry

Has someone already written your DMin thesis? Check this index to DMin theses, produced by the American Theological Library Association, at http://rim.atla.com/star/rimonline_login.htm

ARDA

What is the population of religiously uncommitted in your hometown? The Association of Religion Data Archive provides affiliation statistics, by county. On <http://www.thearda.com/mapsReports/>, select your state and county, and note the "Unclaimed" bar in the resulting graph

Adherents.com

Where are all the Methodists? Browse this rich website of religion statistics to discover "The Top 10 U.S. States with Most United Methodists" [Maybe Texas?] <http://www.adherents.com/>

Congregational Resource Guide

The Alban Institute is one of the clergyperson's best online friends. Consult the site for free online reports, tutorials, and how-to guidance on congregational vitality, spirituality, leadership, and worship. <http://www.congregationalresources.org/>

TextWeek

What's the Epistle for this week? And which year of the Revised Common Lectionary cycle is it, anyway? Check Textweek at <http://www.textweek.com/> for exegetical inspiration, a labor of love by its webmaster, Jenee Woodard.

American Religious Identification Survey

What was that *Newsweek* headline all about, "The End of Christian America," which appeared on the April 13, 2009 cover? It's about the findings of the latest American Religious Identification Survey, which you can find at: <http://www.americanreligionsurvey-aris.org/>

Online Reference Books

At your service, through the Library's webpage, including *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, *Encyclopedia of Religion*, and *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, among others. Find them at: <http://www.drew.edu/depts/library/er-subject.aspx?category=E-Reference%20Books>

* **Warning: Browsing reference books can be inspirational!**