CHRISTIAN DEMOGRAPHICS 2022

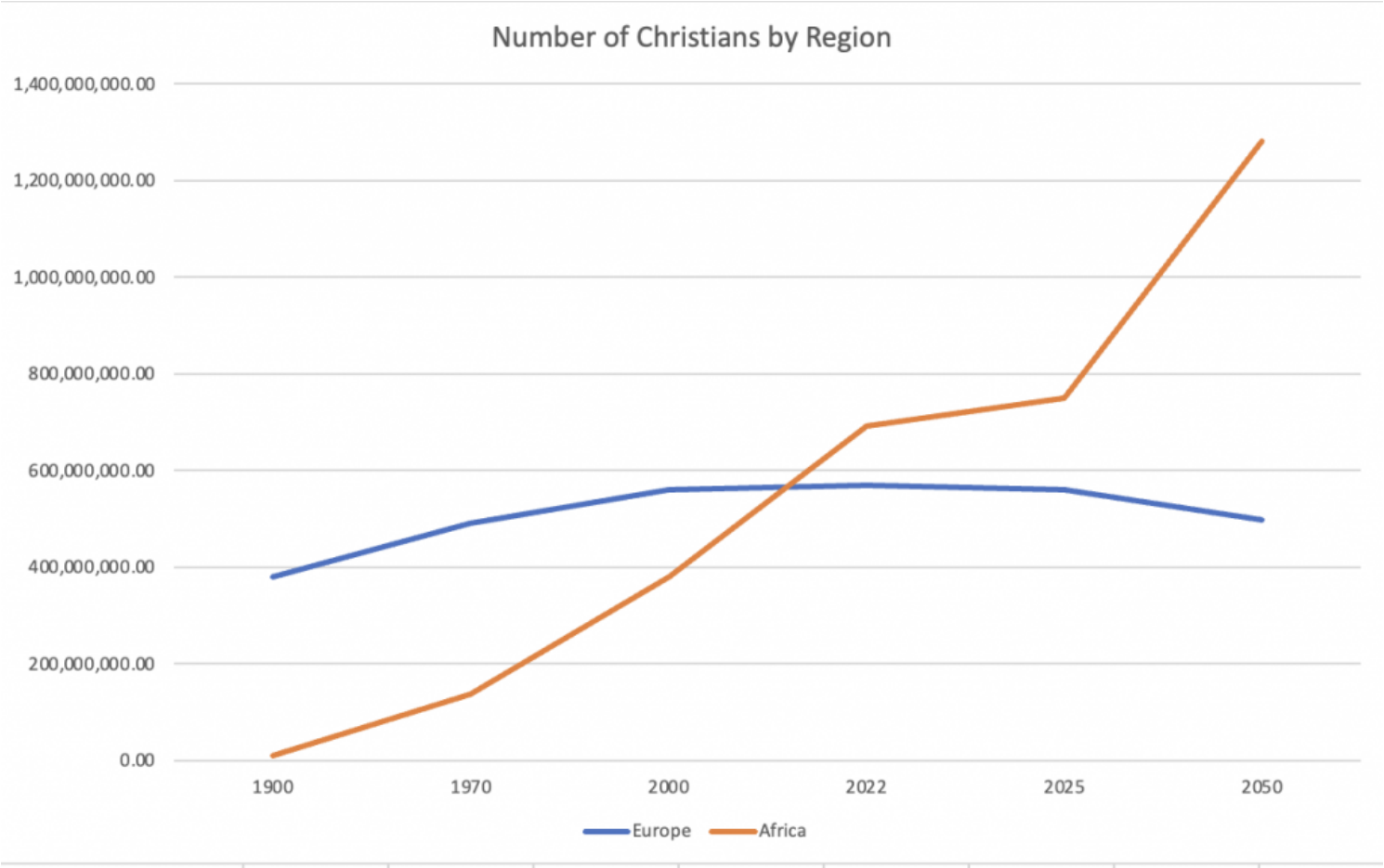
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A snapshot of the church across the world today and a glimpse of where it is going.
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Every year, the Center for the study of Global Christianity publishes an overview of statistics for the church across the globe. If you are interested (and you should be), you can download the headline figures here; they make fascinating reading.

Digging into the figures is fascinating. For example, the number of Christians (of all persuasions) in the world today is 2,559,875,000 compared to 558,346,000 in 1900. However in percentage terms there has actually been a slight decrease from 34.5% to 32.2%. Lots of people are becoming Christians (around 168,000 per day) but we are not keeping up with population growth.

However, the distribution of Christians and church growth is not even across the globe. I graphed the comparative figures for Europe and Africa. These are not adjusted for population growth, but they are nevertheless spectacular.



Other interesting figures suggest that in 2022 52 billion USD will be spent on foreign missions, but 59

billion will be lost to criminal activity within the church.

There are figures on all sorts of issues which will interest anyone in Christian leadership, along with some notes on methodology for those who want to know where figures actually come from. Go away and have a look.