

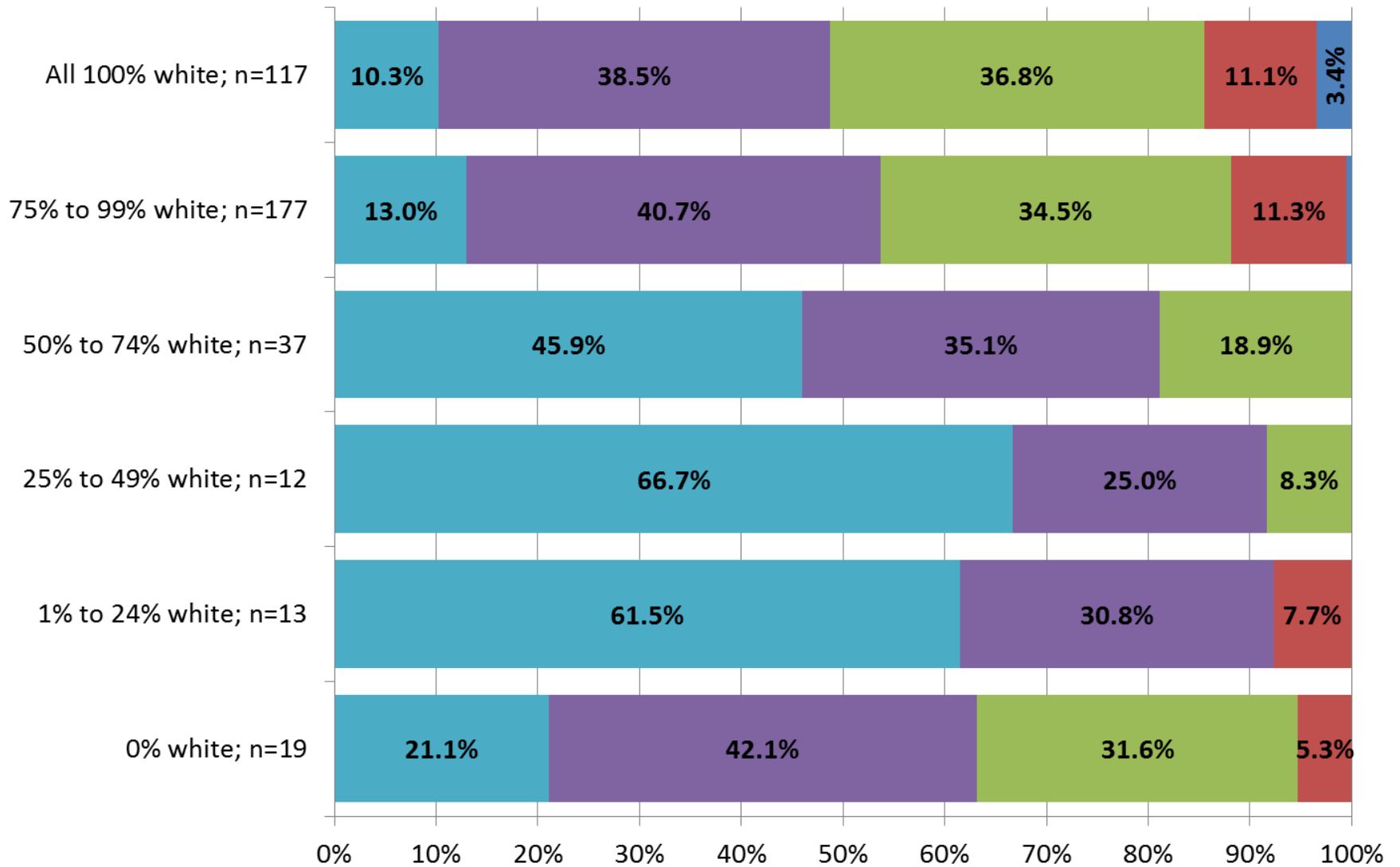
The Multi-congregational church in The United States and Canada Context

Multicultural
Congregations Track

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Local Church Wants to be Racially and Culturally Diverse

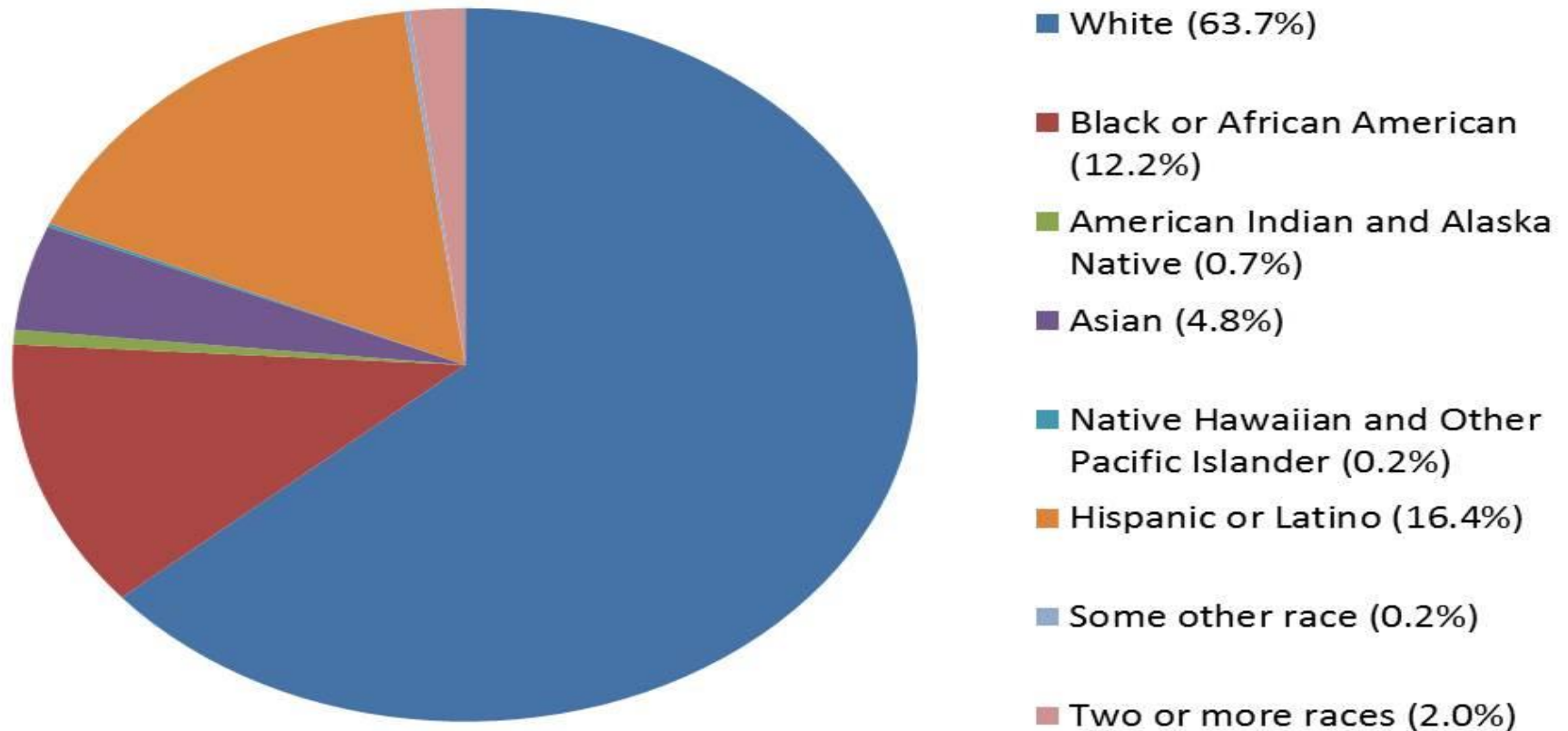
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Source: 2010 Faith Communities Today - Nazarene Responses

The world is moving into the United States

U.S. Population by Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2012 ACS 5-year estimates

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

- **The Tower of Babel (Gen.11:1-4)**
- **The Twelve Tribes (Ex.1:1-8)**
- **Jesus and the Kingdom of God**
Mark 4:20-21
- **Pentecost Acts 2:1-4**
- **The New Jerusalem Rev. 5:9**

THE MULTI-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

- 100.1. The Multi-congregational Church. (1985)
- Organized local churches may enlarge their ministry by establishing Bible classes in various languages using the facilities of these churches. These Bible classes may develop into church-type missions or fully organized churches [100].

The Local Church Becoming Multi-Congregational

- **A Missionary Church**
- **Cultural Diversity**
- **Culturally Sensitive**
- **A Different Worship Experiment**
- **The Sponsoring Pastor**

THE FACILITY

- **Usage**
- **Budget %...**
- **Maintenance**
- **Program and Scheduling**

TYPE OF GOVERNMENT

- One Membership/Two or more Congregations
- Local Church Board Representation
- Individual Congregation Committees
- Finances
- Two or more separate, organized churches

RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS

- **Multi-congregational Worship Services**
- **Fellowship Meals**
- **Special Activities (VBS, Youth, Women, Men, Revivals, Missionary deputation)**
- **Community Services (Food pantry, after school programs, ESL...)**