from 2008.

Churches and other explicitly religious organizations are by far the largest recipients of Americans' charitable donations.

But church members' giving is decreasing in the recession. especially as a percentage of income. The amount of church-

significantly, according to a new survey from empty tomb,

went to foreign missions; today it's 2.1 percent. Giving USA, meanwhile, found that total charitable giving in the U.S. (unadjusted for population or income) dropped by about 3.6 percent in 2009, though individual giving stayed steady

inc. From 1916–1927, about 7.9 percent of church contributions

based giving that goes to missions is also decreasing

When Tithe **Doesn't Mean Tenth**

The average percentage of income given to churches.

10%



5%

FOUNDATION

GRANTS TO

INDIVIDUALS

SERVICES

2%

ENVIRONMENT/

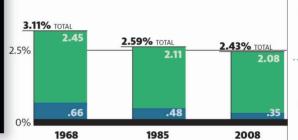
ANIMALS

4%

3%

INTERNATIONAL

AFFAIRS



Missionary Alliance

Overseas

Missions

Giving How much of each

denomination's church dollar goes to international ministries.

Church of the Nazarene

General Association of General Baptists

Seventh-day Adventists. **North America**

The Wesleyan Church

Presbyterian Church in America

Southern Baptist Convention

The United Methodist Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Episcopal Church

empty tomb, inc.

Beyond Church Giving Giving in America, in all categories

Americans gave \$303.75 billion in 2009, according to Giving usa. Three-quarters of it came from individuals. Here's where the money went, with selected groups from The Chronicle of Philanthropy's list of largest fundraisers (including overall rank among all charities and amount raised in private support in 2009, in millions).

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Feed the Children: #4. \$1.192 Food for the Poor: #5, \$1,076 World Vision: #8, \$870 Operation Blessing: #23, \$473

MAP International: #30, \$429

PUBLIC-SOCIETY BENEFIT & HUMAN SERVICES The Salvation Army: #2, \$1,719

Catholic Charities: #9, \$811

RELIGION

Campus Crusade: #24, \$473 Wycliffe Bible Translators: #96, \$183 Christian Broadcasting Network: #97, \$182 Young Life: #110, \$165 Focus on the Family: #162, \$120

ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES 33% 7%

10%

UNALLOCATED GIVING

8%
PUBLIC-SOCIETY BENEFIT 13% **EDUCATION** 10% 9% **GIFTS TO** GRANTMAKING

FOUNDATIONS

Giving USA

The Chronicle of Philanthropy's "Giving 400";