

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Norway

General Information

- Population: 5 million.
- Norway is part of Northern Europe and one of five Scandinavian countries, the others being: Iceland, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.
- The conversion of Norway to Christianity began in 1000 AD. Prior to the conversion Norwegians practiced Norse paganism.
- From 2006 to 2011, the fastest-growing religious faith in Norway was Orthodox Christianity, which grew in membership by 80.0%; however, its share of the total population remains small, at 0.20%.
- At numerous times in history, Norway sent more missionaries per capita than any other country. This changed considerably from the 1960s.

Challenges

- False religion. The majority belong to the State Lutheran Church, mostly due to cultural and family expectations. About 77% of Norwegians were members of the Church of Norway. About 66% of all newborns were baptized and about 65% of all 15-year-old persons were confirmed in the church in 2011.
- However, only 20% of Norwegians say that religion occupies an important place in their life (according to a Gallup poll in 2009), the fourth-lowest such percentage in the world (only Estonia, Sweden and Denmark are lower).
- It is estimated that about 5% of Norwegians attend church on a weekly basis.

Pray

- They will turn to the Lord in the aftermath of the bombing and youth camp shooting spree.

Reference

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