

**congregation**

[ˌkɒŋgrɪˈɡeɪʃ(ə)n]

1. собрание, сходка
2. **унив.** конгрегация, сенат (*совещательный орган в английских университетах*)
3. **церк.** прихожане, паства
4. **церк.** конгрегация, религиозное братство; объединение монашеских или полумонашеских общин (*в католической церкви*)
5. отдел папской курии (*в Ватикане*)

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**con·gre·ga·tion** [congregation congregations] *BrE* [ˌkɒŋgrɪˈɡeɪʃ(ə)n] *NAmE*[ˌkɑŋgrɪˈɡeɪʃ(ə)n] **noun** countable + singular or plural verb

1. a group of people who are gathered together in a church to worship God, not including the priest and †choir
  - The congregation stood to sing the hymn.
2. the group of people who belong to a particular church and go there regularly to worship

Derived Word †congregational

Word Origin:late Middle English in the more general sense of a gathering: from Latin *congregatio(n)*, from *congregare* 'collect (into a flock)', from *con-* 'together' + *gregare* (from *grex*, *greg-* 'a flock').Collocations:**Religion***Being religious*

**believe in** God/Christ/Allah/free will/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation  
**be/become** a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.  
**convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice** a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.  
**go to church/ (NAmE) temple** (= the synagogue)  
**go to the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara**  
**belong to** a church/a religious community  
**join/enter** the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood  
**praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify** God

*Celebrations and ritual*

**attend/hold/conduct/lead** a service  
**perform** a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah  
**carry out/perform** a sacred/burial/funeral/fertility/purification rite  
**go on/make** a pilgrimage  
**celebrate** Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali  
**observe/break** the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan  
**deliver/preach/hear** a sermon  
**lead/address** the congregation  
**say/recite** a prayer/blessing

*Religious texts and ideas*

**preach/proclaim/spread** the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam  
**study/follow** the dharma/the teachings of Buddha  
**read/study/understand/interpret** scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah  
**be based on/derive from** divine revelation  
**commit/consider sth** heresy/sacrilege

*Religious belief and experience*

**seek/find/gain** enlightenment/wisdom  
**strengthen/lose** your faith  
**keep/practise/practice/abandon** the faith  
**save/purify/lose** your soul  
**obey/follow/keep/break/violate** a commandment/Islamic law/Jewish law  
**be/accept/do** God's will  
**receive/experience** divine grace  
**achieve/attain** enlightenment/salvation/nirvana  
**undergo** a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation  
**hear/answer** a prayer  
**commit/confess/forgive** a sin  
**do/perform** penance

Example Bank:

- He had established a small congregation in New York City.
- The minister led the congregation in a hymn.
- The priest stood up to address the congregation.
- a lay minister serving a small rural congregation
- members of local congregations
- people attending the congregation where she and her family worship

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+ plural verb *British English*

1. a group of people gathered together in a church:  
"The congregation knelt to pray."
2. the people who usually go to a particular church:  
"Several members of the congregation are away."

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Frequency Pack

12500 **5285**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **3161**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k CONGREGATE** <sup>7668</sup>

congregate <sup>612</sup>

congregates <sup>33</sup>

congregated <sup>244</sup>

congregating <sup>108</sup>

congregation <sup>4186</sup>

congregations <sup>1773</sup>

congregational <sup>617</sup>

congregationalism <sup>9</sup>

congregationalist <sup>37</sup>

congregationalists <sup>49</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

1825 **8685**<sup>3747</sup> *nn1*

292 **35003**<sup>425</sup> *npX*

11 **216871**<sup>14</sup> *nnu*