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As I embark on the role of National Director, a top priority is growth and expansion of our ministry. We are in the nascent stages of an actual statistical analysis of our data. But even without a correlation matrix to provide information, one thing sticks out to me and I believe the analysis will point to this: more staff and healthy staff means more students coming to Jesus. The bottom line is staff are critical to the growth and expansion of Chi Alpha as a missionary movement.

When you review the raw statistics provided you will observe some glaring disproportions. First, and this cannot be overstated, the number of ethnic minority missionaries in our movement are grossly underrepresented compared to ethnic minority student involvement. The National Chi Alpha Diversity Group has and is working diligently to address the reasons this is so and what we can do as a movement to rectify this discrepancy. The second thing that stands out is the disparate number of male missionaries to female missionaries.

I know we get tired of the proverbial first question when we get together, "How many are you running this semester?" But the truth is, numbers say something. Take a good look at the numbers provided for you in this edition of Chi Alpha Connection and let's pray together on how we can make the numbers in Chi Alpha be the most pleasing to God.

May the Lord bless you today and cause you to be fruitful!

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total chi alpha personnel

270 female

**501** male

4 degrees



Unknown: 181

BA/BS: 475

MA/MDiv: 90

PhD/DMin: 10

Professional: 15

Unknown: 41

African: 2

Arab/Middle Eastern: 1

Asian: 17

Asian/

Hispanic: 1

Assyrian: 1

Black/African-

American: 24

Caribbean: 3

Hispanic/

Latino: 29

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Jewish: 1

Mixed: 1

**Native** 

American: 5

Pacific Islander: 3

White/

Caucasian: 642

### marital status



married: single: **484 287** 

## type of staff

church staff: 64

**CMIT: 110** 

district

appointed: 37

district CMA: 36

district

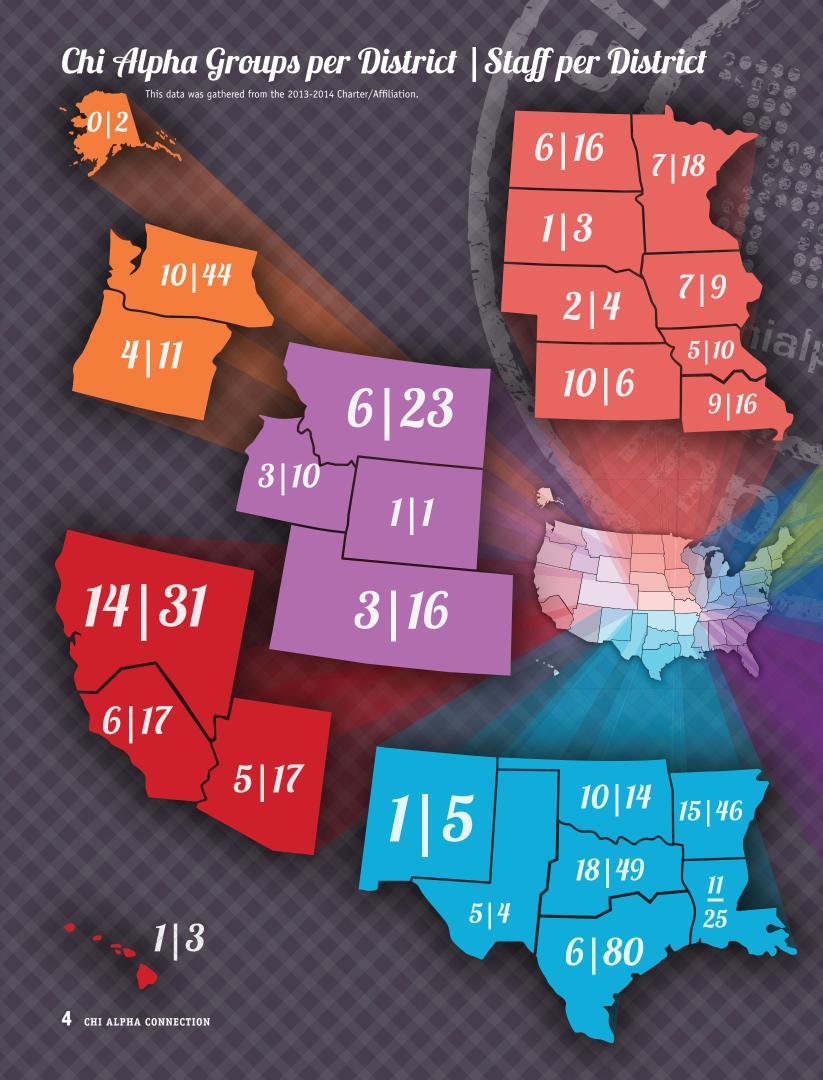
leadership: 7

national CMA: 300

nationally

appointed: 165

volunteer: 52



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# On the Other Side of the Table

I remember sitting down with my Chi Alpha director, Gabe Moya, during my last semester of college. It was a couple months before I was scheduled to graduate and I was already itching for the proverbial door. As we talked, Gabe brought up my plans after graduation and then asked me if I would be interested in considering joining Chi Alpha there at University of Northern Colorado as a give a year. While I had loved my time as a student in Chi Alpha I had never seriously considered the possibility of doing anything with them after graduation. In the moment I simply responded with what Christians say when they want to tell you no but want to sound spiritual at the same time—I said I'd pray about it. It's been nearly 10 years since that conversation and I'm still responding to what the Lord spoke to me when I prayed that prayer.

Today I am on the other side of the table with my students as they prepare for what's next. I remember what the Lord did in my life when I was given an invitation to join in a kingdom vision, and I want every graduate we have to not only transition out of college well, but to transition into a place of Kingdom responsibility. Since pioneering Chi Alpha at Colorado State nearly six years ago, we have seen our ministry plant a Chi Alpha in the country of Russia, we have a CMIT program that is growing, and we are seeing graduates get excited about connecting with church planting efforts in our district. As we continue to invite our students to consider joining us in the vision God has put before us, we are excited to see how we will be part of God's work in transforming our university, the marketplace and the world.



NATE BANKE was a student leader with Chi Alpha at the University of Northern Colorado from 2003 to 2005. He followed up his student involvement in Chi Alpha with a missionary internship (CMIT) at Sam Houston State University and now serves as the campus pastor with Chi Alpha at Colorado State University.

# trends

Women in Ministry

**Growth of Overall Missionary** Personnel



2008-2009

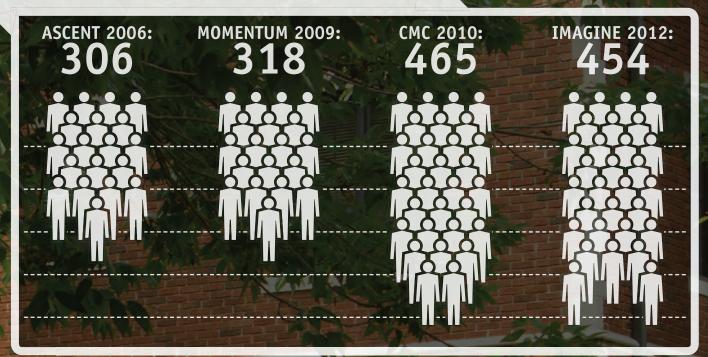
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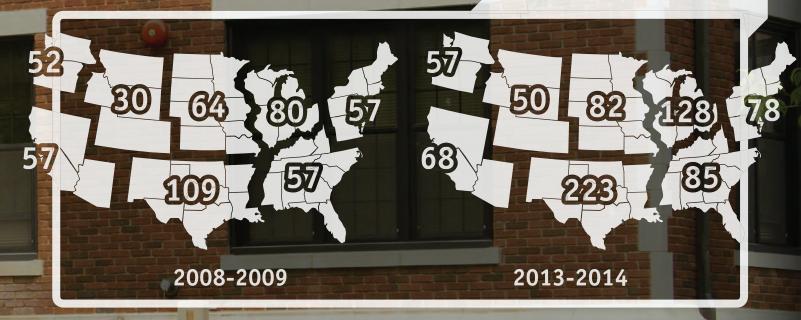
## **Growth of CMITs**



# **Staff Events Attendance**



## **Area Personnel**



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