



Stranger to Neighbor Congregations





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I am an Immigrant
In a Country
of Immigrants



*Diversity is a Fact, Pluralism is an Achievement
Building a model city requires consistent education
and relationship building efforts that lead to action
– strangers becoming neighbors.*



Shared Religious Values: Immigration, Interfaith and Multicultural Cooperation

- 1. Shared texts around the gifts of “welcoming the stranger”*
- 2. Shared ethics of justice and the dignity of every human being as a valued part of creation*
- 3. Calls for the unity of all humankind*
- 4. Stories of migration within sacred texts, and reliance upon and closeness to God*
- 5. The experience of migration of all religions and faith communities throughout history*

A strong majority of religious Americans said that following the Golden Rule – “providing immigrants the same opportunity that I would want if my family were immigrating to the US” – is a very or extremely important value – 2010 Public Religion Research Institute study





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Burning of St. Michael's Church, on Wednesday afternoon, May 8.



West View, on Second street, with the Residence of the Rev. Mr. Donahue.



"And he cried in a loud voice saying: 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"



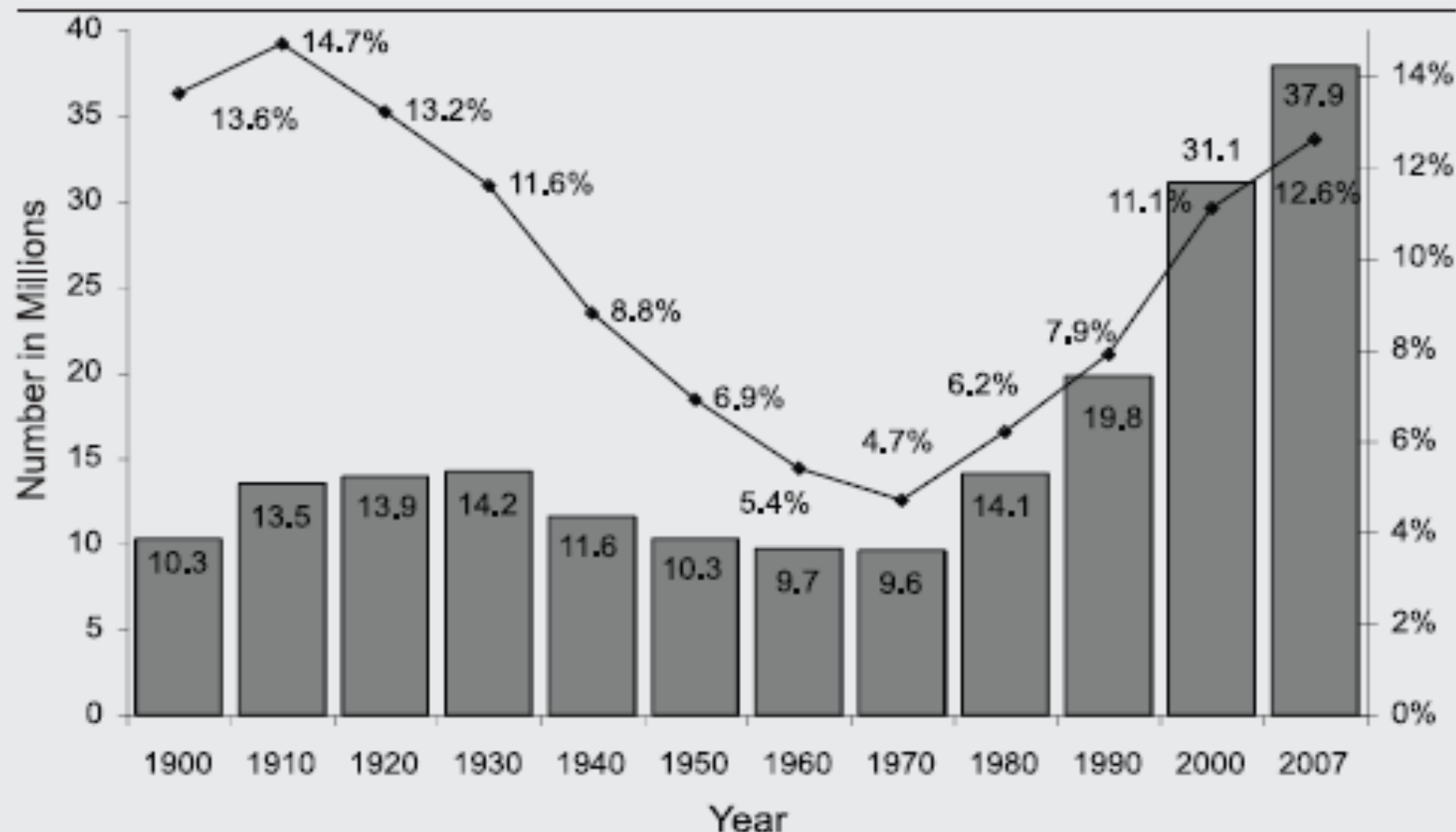
"He trusted in God; let him deliver him now." etc.
(Matt. xxviii. 42.)

"And they took a sponge" etc.
(Matt. xxviii. 44.)

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.



Figure 2. Immigrants in the U.S., Number and Percent 1900-2007



Source: Decennial Census for 1900 to 2000. For 2007 we used the March Current Population Survey, which does not include those in group quarters. The 600,000 immigrants in group quarters have been added to the 2007 CPS to make it comparable with the historic censuses.

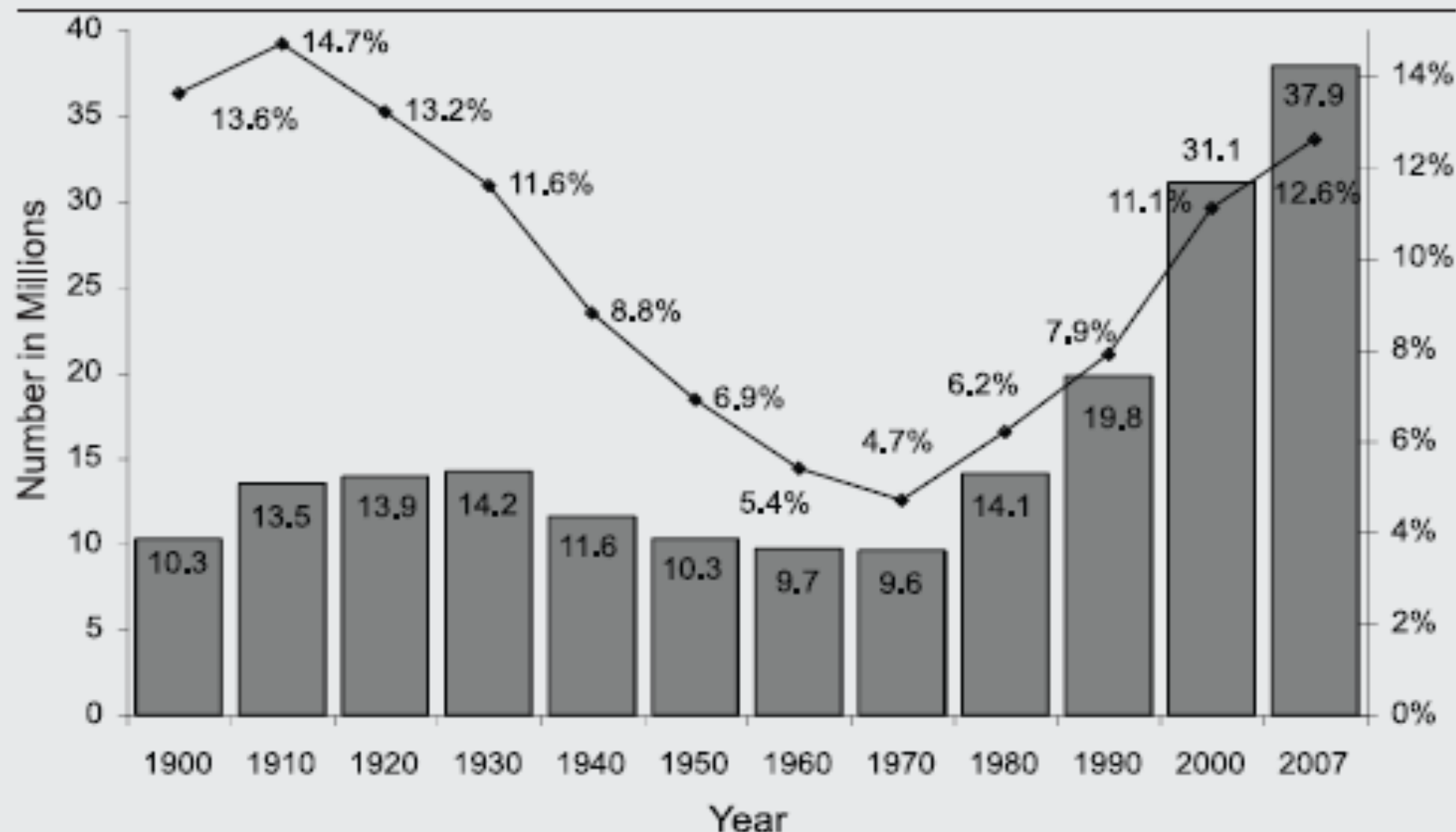
Jane Addams, and the Settlement House Movement – Social movement at the turn of the century with the goal of creating an interdependent community of rich and poor, recent immigrants and US citizens.



Volunteer "settlement workers" inspired by their faith, sought to live, share knowledge and culture with, and alleviate the poverty of their low-income immigrant neighbors.



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A 2010 Public Religion Research Institute found that 58% of younger Americans, age 18-34, believe that immigrants strengthen the country because of their hard work and talents, compared to only 36% of older Americans, age 65 or older.





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We serve thousands of new immigrants each year through our Immigrant Assistance and Resource Centers – legal assistance, emergency needs help (food, shelter, furniture, healthcare), along with language and computer classes, and job readiness assistance.

Language and Computer Classes



Immigrant Assistance and Resource Center



We educate our community to better understand and communicate across lines of culture and faith, and equip leaders to speak out and take action on issues that affect the well-being of our newest neighbors.

Summer Leadership Institute

GPD/Latino Congregations Forum



We build bridges of understanding, respect and cooperation through monthly cross-cultural and interfaith “stranger to neighbor” programs and events.

Stranger to Neighbor Dialogues

Greensboro International Soccer League





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*Building bridges of understanding
and cooperation between our diverse
faith communities and our newest
immigrant neighbors through
education, exchange and action.*



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Education

Participate in trainings and seek resources that help your congregation learn more about our newest neighbors - including scriptural studies on migration, and the urgency of interfaith and multicultural cooperation for the common good.



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Exchange

Build bridges - eat, play sports, sing, share stories and culture – with our newest neighbors, while discovering shared values and points of continued cooperation and learning across lines of culture and faith.



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Action

Discern and pray about what you have learned and experienced, then consider concrete actions that help create a more welcoming and inclusive community for all.





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FaithAction staff will act as consultants to congregations who will determine their own focus and pace in becoming a Stranger to Neighbor Congregation. Additionally, we can offer:

- Six core S2N trainings including: History of Immigration in the US, Immigration 101 in NC, Developing the Faith Voice on Immigration, The Urgency of Interfaith and Multicultural Cooperation, Stranger to Neighbor Storytelling, Communicating Across Cultures*
- Participation in monthly multicultural and interfaith Stranger to Neighbor gatherings (we welcome host congregations), and connectivity to immigrant leaders in our community*
- Volunteer opportunities and special projects to assist and befriend new immigrants in our community, and participation in local, state and national advocacy*
- For congregations outside of Greensboro, we can offer our trainings, and will act as consultants to help congregations to determine exchange and action steps.*

**FaithAction will work closely with two members from each congregation to take the lead in becoming a S2NC and gaining the participation of the entire congregation.*

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