

## UNIVERSITY STUDENT/YOUNG ADULT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Several years ago Pr. Ingo Dutzmann developed an inventory of the universities and colleges located in the 22 zip codes within one and one-half miles of First Lutheran Church (FLC) in the Back Bay community of Boston; he subsequently called each of the 61 campuses to determine their student populations and learned that taken together they had a total population of approximately 178,000 students.

To determine if there had been any substantial increase or decrease in the total number of students who attend institutions of higher education within close proximity of FLC, demographic data was generated for a three-mile radius around the FLC campus located at 299 Berkeley Street 02116. It was learned that an estimated 464,476 souls live in that area, with a university undergraduate/ graduate and professional school population of 92,210 living in the area. By running additional radiuses at seven and ten miles –the latter located just within the I-95 ring road– we learned that an additional 80,484 and 31,257 students live in those areas, respectively. Thus, it is not unreasonable to assume that numerous additional students live at home with parents or in more economical rented housing than is available in close proximity to the various campuses that come in to attend classes by means of the “T”, busses, carpools, or private vehicles. These additional students easily raise the total number of unchurched and dechurched students to range of 160,000 -180,000 within easy access of a worker based out of FLC.



In addition to developing ministry to students through a house-church model that involves evangelism, leadership training and development of small groups that evolve into worshipping communities, there may be opportunity for a worker to reach out to young professionals that reside and/or work in the Back Bay community; this would especially be true if he relied on the assistance of students trained in outreach and small-group leadership. Present statistics indicate that there are approximately 4,500 individuals of the 18 to 34 age range, with the majority of those who are age 24 or above being professionals.