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the label of “Mainline Church.” According to Jason Lantzer, the author of the book *Mainline Christianity*,

The Mainline is made up of the “Seven Sisters” of American Protestantism. . . . The name itself derives from the formation of the Federal Council of Churches in Philadelphia in 1908, where the influence of the Pennsylvania Railroad helped give birth to the term. As a group, these denominations represent a diverse Reformation Era heritage . . . and, since the nineteenth century have been the dominant cultural representatives of how and where the majority of American Christians . . . worship.<sup>4</sup>

#### Mainline Churches in Decline

In their article “Mainline Churches: The Real Reason for Decline,” Johnson and Hoge make it clear that the Mainline Churches have been in decline since the 1960s.<sup>5</sup> The alarming statistics are as follows: between 2003-2010, the average church attendance in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) has decreased by 26 percent. Furthermore, the ELCA membership declined by 5.9 percent.<sup>6</sup>

#### Protestant Churches Are Dying

Erling Duus believes the reason the historic Protestant churches are dying is because of their “characteristic expression pietism. . . . The method of distraction chosen by the doctors of distraction, the athletes of evangelism, is quite simply the call for more and better—a

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<sup>4</sup> Jason S. Lantzer, *Mainline Christianity: The Past and Future of America's Majority Faith* (New York: New York University Press, 2012), 12-13.

<sup>5</sup> Benton Johnson, Dean R. Hoge, Donald A. Luidens, “Mainline Churches: The Real Reason for Decline,” *First Things*, March 31, 1993, 13-18.

<sup>6</sup> Nicole Radziszewski, “The Shrinking Church,” *Living Lutheran*, January 7, 2016, <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2013/01/shrinking-church/>.

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