

Confirmation Work and Youth Work

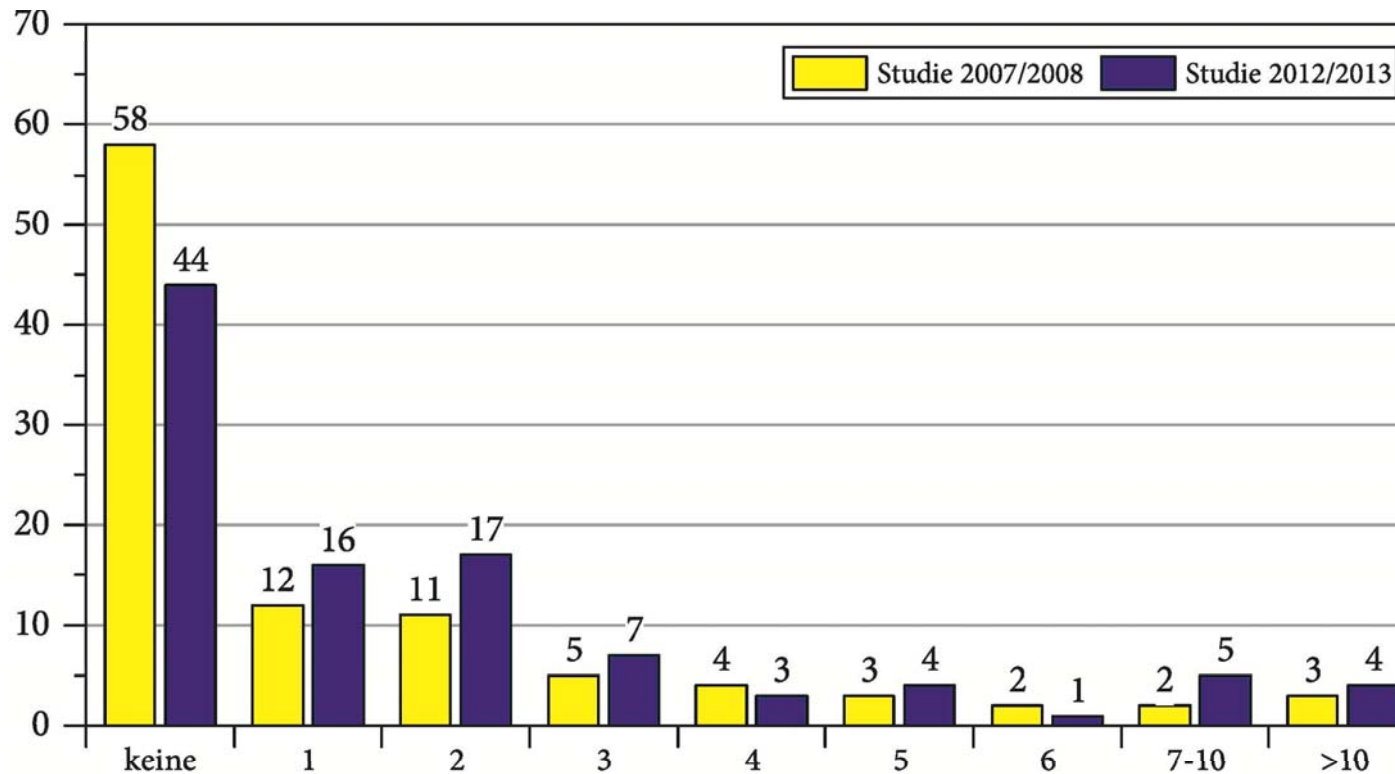
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Cooperation between confirmation work and youth work in the two studies (vol. 6, p. 131)



share of parishes with the respective number of joint activities between confirmation work and Christian youth work / Germany (EKD)

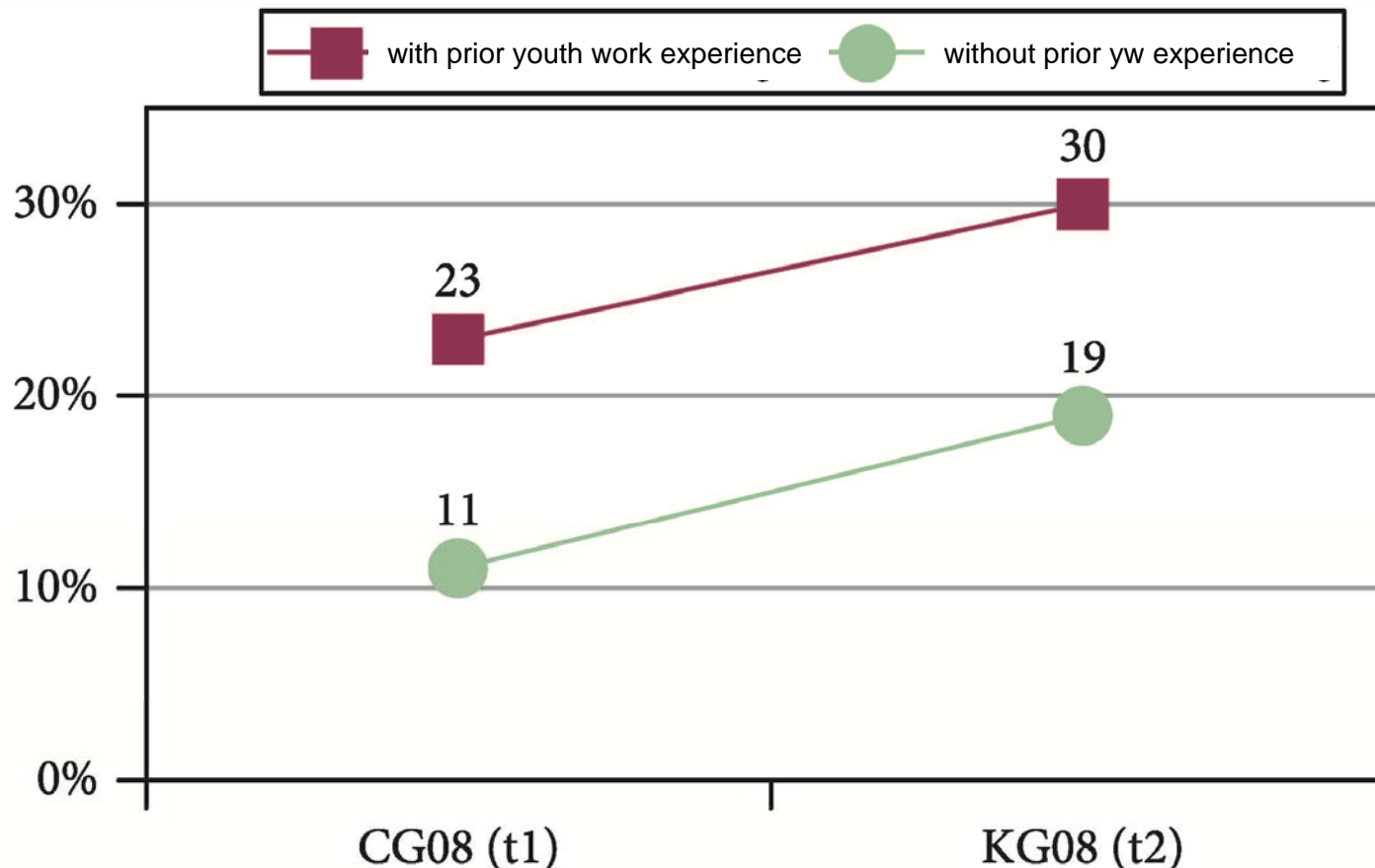
Background information for the situation in Germany (EKD)

- confirmation work
 - is the responsibility of the local pastor (with an increasing number of volunteers)
 - has central guidelines and set dates
 - usually takes place in the parish hall
 - offers camps as the most intense time in the year

- youth work
 - is independently organised by youth associations
 - is the responsibility of local youth boards (volunteers), often together with professional youth workers and the local pastor
 - usually takes place in the parish hall
 - offers camps as the most intense time in the year

What determines the transition to youth work after confirmation? (vol. 8, p. 106)

“I am interested in taking part in a Christian youth group after confirmation”



Selected empirical results for Finland

(presented by Jarmo Kokkonen)



Impressions from other countries

- Denmark: „no volunteers“ in confirmation work
- Austria: very high number of volunteers in CW
- Norway: faith education reform – new connections between confirmation work and youth work
- Methodist church in Germany
 - almost no volunteers and no camps (until 2016)
 - new regulations in March 2017: connection between CW and YW, camps, volunteers