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To me it is amazing to see the transformation I have seen in the ministry from 1956 when I was ordained and now.

The 1956 Urban America was in vogue - Churches were leaving the Urban Centers by the thousands - The Grass seemed greener on the other side - Not realizing that all the grass needed was a little more water where they were! Churches Open and were Outgrown before the doors were opened. A person needed no Ministerial ability to be successful.

The Cities were deserted by mainstream Protestant Churches. When I came to San Diego there was a nucleus of strong Mainline Protestant Churches: 1st Pres, 1st Congregational, Central Christian, First United Methodist, St. Joseph Catholic and St. Paul Episcopal. Somewhat, these churches spoke with a united voice on social, economic, political and educational issues. Now, only 1st Pres, St. Paul and St. Joseph are left.

Urban San Diego has been left to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, Industry, Father Joe Carroll and other charismatic interests. By and large mainstream Protestants, Presbyterians included,

limit their support to providing a few, clothing, food and a little
counseling periodically to the needed.

Things have changed since 1956. The Bureaus have not provided
the safe social, economic, educational, political and religious way
original intention. The multiplicity of city problems have arisen
in communities other than the boundaries of the City of San Diego.

Let's analyze some of these problems:

Drugs:

Gangs:

Homeless:

Unemployment:

Social and economic inequality:

Cults:

Violence

Poor Education

" Health Services etc

Map Change of the City & County. The demographic - ethnic diversity
and the uniform expansion of urban problems to the Bureaus