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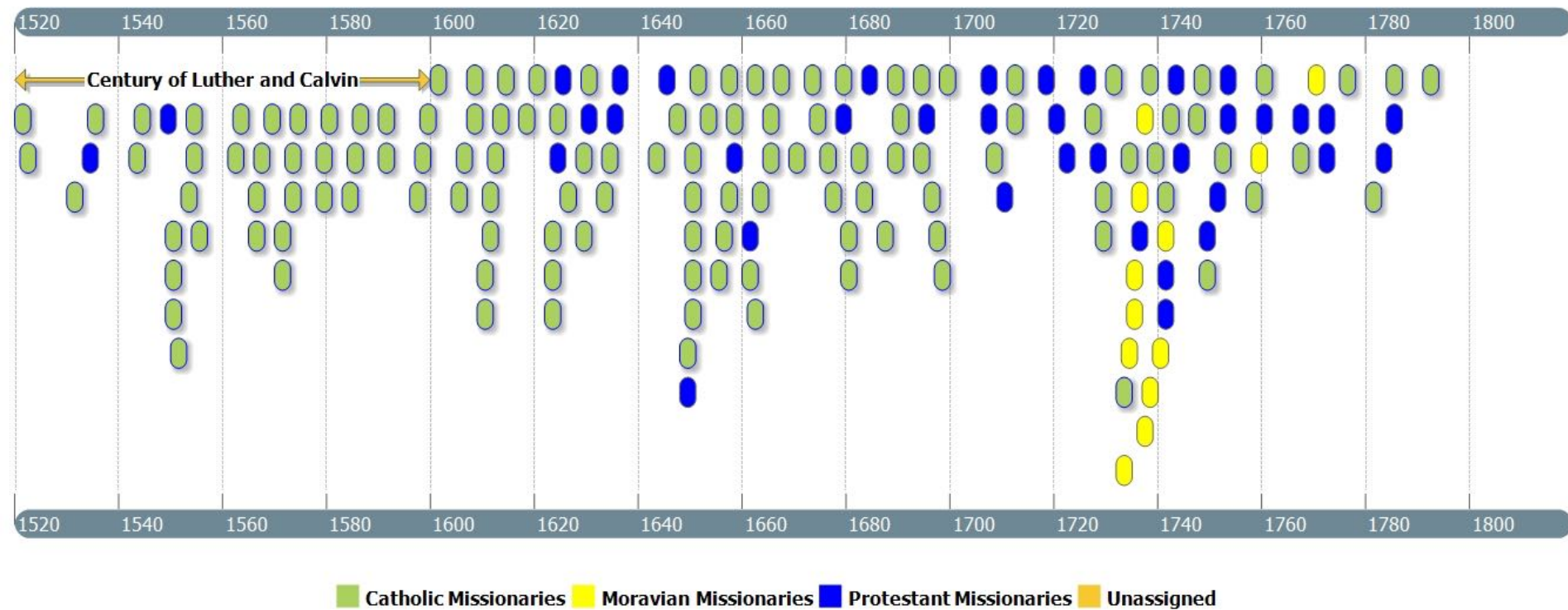
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 - [American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1810](#)
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	1900	1970	2010
Roman Catholic	266	665	1,161
Protestant^b	103	258	514
Orthodox	116	144	271
Independent^c	8	86	378

Membership^a by Continent (in millions)

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Africa	9	116	475
Asia	21	92	354
Europe (incl. Russia)	386	467	558
Latin America	60	263	543
North America	60	168	231
Oceania	4	15	24

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