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**CHANGES IN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF DIVISION OF RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE BY ETHNICITY
(1990th-2000s)**

Summary

In the article is overviewed the process of creating an independent Ukraine own religious communities by ethnical nationalities. Was made an attempt to identify the characteristics of entering by regional communities of believers to religious organizations. In addition, analyzed the conditions functioning of religious associations as part of church groups. Defined set of factors that influenced the rapid increase in ethnic and confessional communities in Ukraine. Among these weighty role plays not only the desire or the believers to fully satisfy their spiritual needs according to declared national legislation guarantees, but the favorable policy of the Ukrainian state, which for 1990–2000 years tolerated cultural diversity in society and sought to create favorable conditions for those wishing to gain her citizenship.

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