

Part VIII

STATISTICS

REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

This report is the consolidation of the year-end statistical reports provided to the Annual Conference by each of the Florida churches. The importance of each church providing accurate data cannot be over emphasized.

It is important to recognize the difficulty and amount of work necessary for each local church to obtain accurate data. The task of obtaining the requested information is complicated by changes in church staff. Thanks to each church for their hard work in gathering and submitting the requested information.

While providing accurate data is first the responsibility of the local church, the District AAs carefully review each year-end statistical report for accuracy and reasonableness before releasing them to the conference for further review. I especially want to thank each member of the district staff who worked so hard to provide accurate information and the skilled conference staff as well.

While this report cannot fully reflect the effectiveness of the mission and ministry of the church, it is utilized by many and is the basis for decisions made at every level in the connection.

I would be remiss if I didn't raise up Steve Loher, Kitt Elliott and Katie McNichol. Without their attention to detail and tireless commitment none of this could be possible.

Milton E. Wilson, Year Ending December 31, 2012

NOTE: Every quadrennium the Committee on Official Forms and Records meets and re-evaluates the statistical forms and makes changes as needed. Two-thousand nine (2009) was the beginning of a new quadrennium that will be in effect from 2009-2012. Many significant changes were made to the 2009 year-end statistical report which included the removing of questions, adding new questions and changing the wording of a question. Because of this, line numbers and questions for 2012 data will not necessarily line up with previous years.

For a more detailed comparison of the changes, as well as answers to questions about how the data is used and who uses it, please visit the statistics section of the General Council on Finance and Administration website (www.gcfa.org/forms) and click on "*Comparisons of New Statistics Forms to the Previous Version*" under the heading "*What has changed?*" or "*A Guide to the Users of Local Church Statistics Gathered*" under the heading "*Who uses this data?*"

STATISTICAL TABLES! All local church statistical information collected for the year 2012 is now available to all local churches in an Excel spreadsheet. Local churches can access the Excel spreadsheet through their local church log-in via the Conference Website (www.flumc.org). The Excel spreadsheet is laid out by district, with a recap of district and conference totals. Having it in an Excel spreadsheet will enable users to search and sort the data as needed. All local church statistical information collected for the year 2012 is also available in PDF format on the Conference website (www.flumc.org) and the 2013 CD Rom Journal for easy printing.

In an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, and to provide the data in a more useable format, you will not find the traditional pages of statistical tables printed here in the Journal. An electronic copy of all local church statistics has been provided to the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General Commission on Archives and History, and electronic copies are kept by the Conference Center.

Included in the following pages are statistical highlights for the year 2012.

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Summary of Statistics By Year

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 Change (#)	2011-2012 Change (%)
Total Membership at End of Year	329,018	326,272	321,849	317,716	310,711	302,497	294,935	288,830	277,726	277,449	-277	-0.1%
Members Received-Profession of Faith	8,212	8,233	7,751	7,693	6,897	6,683	6,514	6,055	5,733	5,636	-97	-2%
Members Received-Affirmation*	2,134	1,475	1,908	2,272	2,299	2,527	1,532	1,295	1,294	1,356	62	5%
Members Received-Transfer from Other UMC	5,733	5,182	5,522	5,687	3,812	3,933	3,413	3,059	2,819	2,885	66	2%
Members Received-Transfer from Other Denomination	3,761	3,421	3,388	3,161	1,699	2,609	2,244	1,857	1,840	1,939	99	5%
Members Removed-Charge Conference	7,478	6,546	8,148	7,154	9,267	9,768	6,707	7,557	11,642	9,197	-2445	-21%
Members Removed-Withdrawn	4,271	3,418	3,694	4,999	4,230	3,858	2,904	2,652	2,640	2,661	21	1%
Members Removed-Transfer other UMC	4,249	3,723	4,354	3,604	3,812	2,848	2,867	2,247	2,060	2,016	-44	-2%
Members Removed-Transfer other Denomination	1,722	2,598	1,735	1,796	1,699	1,566	1,270	1,206	1,466	1,056	-410	-28%
Members Removed-Death	4,908	4,772	4,616	4,558	4,262	4,237	4,206	4,146	3,880	3,838	-42	-1%
Average Attendance-Weekly Worship	161,375	161,401	156,803	155,181	151,354	144,149	146,855	142,177	141,104	137,820	-3,284	-2%
Number Baptized	5,780	5,150	4,813	5,323	4,657	4,207	4,389	3,942	3,782	3,933	151	4%
Church School-Average Attendance	57,693	52,111	50,127	49,412	47,135	45,018	41,985	40,858	40,285	39,972	-313	-1%
UMM-Membership	10,622	9,951	10,158	9,733	9,605	8,955	8,251	8,022	7,698	7,190	-508	-7%
UMW-Membership	29,125	27,048	26,468	25,459	23,746	21,742	20,815	19,362	19,163	17,595	-1,568	-8%

*This figure included corrections to the previous year's data until 2009. In 2009 corrections to the previous year's data were broken out as a separate question. That figure was 2,277. This helps explain the large decrease from 2008 to 2009.

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Church Membership

This table shows the number of churches in each district with membership at the end of 2012 in the size of the categories as indicated.

District	0-100 Members	101-250 Members	251-500 Members	501-750 Members	751-1,000 Members	1,000- 2,000 Members	Over 2,000 Members
AC	6	13	21	7	7	5	3
EC	19	20	18	3	7	9	4
GC	8	19	18	10	3	7	2
NC	33	33	9	6	3	5	1
NE	17	29	14	9	4	4	2
NW	41	26	12	2	0	0	3
SC	18	25	20	5	0	4	5
SE	18	26	17	4	2	4	1
SW	14	22	14	9	6	3	3
Totals	174	213	143	55	32	41	24

Average Worship Attendance

This table shows the number of churches in each district with an average worship attendance during 2012 in the size of the categories as indicated.

District	0-50 Worshipers	51-125 Worshipers	126-250 Worshipers	251-375 Worshipers	376-500 Worshipers	501-1,000 Worshipers	Over 1,000 Worshipers
AC	3	16	17	11	4	9	0
EC	12	27	14	8	8	8	2
GC	3	21	19	10	4	7	2
NC	34	30	12	2	1	6	2
NE	24	22	16	3	5	2	2
NW	41	32	8	0	2	1	1
SC	19	24	15	10	1	6	3
SE	15	22	22	7	2	2	1
SW	9	25	12	8	7	7	3
Totals	160	219	135	59	34	48	16

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2012 Highest Church Membership			
District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Professing Members	
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	4709	
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	4618	
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	4025	
GC	St Paul - Largo (Rev Robert M Martin)	3916	
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	2995	
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	2911	
AC	Suntree - Melbourne (Rev John B Hill)	2773	
EC	First - Winter Park (Rev Dr Robert B Bushong)	2611	
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	2514	
AC	First - Stuart (Rev Riley Phillips Short)	2475	
NW	Trinity - Tallahassee (Rev E Wayne Curry)	2378	
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	2320	
SW	Englewood (Rev Victor B Willis)	2317	
SC	Hyde Park - Tampa (Rev Dr James A Harnish)	2248	
EC	University Carillon - Oviedo (Rev Dr Joseph R MacLaren)	2150	
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	2146	
SW	North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	2127	
SC	St Andrew's - Brandon (Rev Paul Timothy Machtel)	2096	
NE	Beach - Jacksonville Beach (Rev Gerald L Sweat)	2079	
NW	Saint Paul's -Tallahassee (Rev John Clarke Campbell-Evans)	2064	
2012 Highest Church Membership Change Percentage			
District	Church Name (Pastor)	# Change	% Change
EC	Iglesia Metodista Unida Casa del Alfarero - Kissimmee (Daniel Martinez)	10	47%
SE	New Life - Ft Lauderdale (Timothe Jacques)	51	38%
SC	Wellborn (Rev Everett Parker)	18	36%
AC	Wabasso Haitian (Amos Adhemar)	25	29%
SW	La Piscine - Naples (Rev Louis Telcy)	32	28%
SE	Opa Locka (Joann Brookins)	21	28%
EC	Venetian Bay Mission (Rev Rebecca Hyvonen)	26	23%
SW	Sun Ray - Frostproof (Curtiss Cain)	14	19%
NW	St Johns - Alachua (James Lee)	7	14%
GC	Mt Zion - Clearwater (Rev Michael Frazier)	20	14%
SE	Newman - Key West (Rev Beverly Greene-Mingo)	12	14%
NW	Coleman (Rev William Buell)	6	14%
NW	Banks - Archer (Stacey Graham)	2	14%
SE	Parkway - Pompano Beach (James Walling)	7	13%
SC	Grace Community at Fish Hawk (Rev Matthew Wallis)	36	12%
EC	Spring of Life - Orlando (Rev Carolyn Williamson)	28	12%
EC	On Eagles Wings - Poinciana (Rev Leonardo Rodriguez)	8	12%
SW	Iglesia Metodista Unida Nuevo Pacto (Rev Luz Maldonado)	8	11%
SW	Indian Lake - Indian Lake Estates (Steven Knitter)	6	11%
NE	Keystone- Keystone Heights (Rev Edmond Moore)	51	11%

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2012 Highest # Participants in Christian Formation Groups

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Participants
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	3701
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	3132
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	3072
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	2423
SE	Christ - Ft Lauderdale (Rev Philip H Roughton)	1748
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	1689
NE	Beach - Jacksonville Beach (Rev Gerald L Sweat)	1634
NE	Memorial - Fernandina Beach (Rev Brett M Opalinski)	1503
SC	St Andrew's - Brandon (Rev Paul Timothy Machtel)	1451
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	1448
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	1379
43	Heritage - Clearwater (Rev Charles E Engelhardt)	1375
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	1355
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	1326
SW	North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	1311
NC	Morrison - Leesburg (Rev John W Harrington)	1263
AC	First - Boca Raton East Campus (Rev Kenneth Marshall Roughton)	1259
EC	University Carillon - Oviedo (Rev Dr Joseph R MacLaren)	1070
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	1058
NW	Trinity - Tallahassee (Rev E Wayne Curry)	1054

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2012 Highest Average Sunday School Attendance

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Average Attendance
SE	Christ - Ft Lauderdale (Rev Philip H Roughton)	1252
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	935
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	820
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	811
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	774
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	724
AC	Community of Hope - Loxahatchee (Rev E Dale Locke)	642
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	436
NE	Southside - Jacksonville (Rev Bruce T Jones)	416
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	397
80	North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	380
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	368
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	358
NE	Ortega - Jacksonville (Rev Daniel L Casselberry)	330
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	318
GC	Heritage - Clearwater (Rev Charles E Engelhardt)	303
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	300
NC	Grace at Fort Clarke - Gainesville (Rev Rick J Thompson)	300
NC	First - Ocala (Rev Sue E Hauptert-Johnson)	297
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	293