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, 2013

NOTE: Every quadrennium the Committee on Official Forms and Records meets and re-evaluates the statistical forms and makes changes as needed. Two-thousand thirteen (2013) was the beginning of a new quadrennium that will be in effect from 2013-2016. Changes were made to the 2013 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 2013 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 2013 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 2013 is also available in PDF format on the Conference website (www.flumc.org) and the 2014 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 2013.

Summary of Statistics by Year 2014 Journal

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2012-2013 Change (#)	2012-2013 Change (%)
Total Membership at End of Year	326,272	321,849	317,716	310,711	302,497	294,935	288,830	277,726	269,299	262,359	-6,940	-2.6%
Members Received-Profession of Faith	8,233	7,751	7,693	6,897	6,683	6,514	6,055	5,733	5,636	5,504	-132	-2.3%
Members Received-Affirmation*	1,475	1,908	2,272	2,299	2,527	1,532	1,295	1,294	1,356	1,355	-1	-0.1%
Members Received-Transfer from Other UMC	5,182	5,522	5,687	3,812	3,933	3,413	3,059	2,819	2,885	3,078	193	6.7%
Members Received-Transfer from Other Denomination	3,421	3,388	3,161	1,699	2,609	2,244	1,857	1,840	1,939	1,827	-112	-5.8%
Members Removed-Charge Conference	6,546	8,148	7,154	9,267	9,768	6,707	7,557	11,642	9,197	8,351	-846	-9.2%
Members Removed-Withdrawn	3,418	3,694	4,999	4,230	3,858	2,904	2,652	2,640	2,661	2,330	-331	-12.4%
Members Removed-Transfer other UMC	3,723	4,354	3,604	3,812	2,848	2,867	2,247	2,060	2,016	2,449	433	21.5%
Members Removed-Transfer other Denomination	2,598	1,735	1,796	1,699	1,566	1,270	1,206	1,466	1,056	1,015	-41	-3.9%
Members Removed-Death	4,772	4,616	4,558	4,262	4,237	4,206	4,146	3,880	3,838	3,831	-7	-0.2%
Average Attendance-Weekly Worship	161,401	156,803	155,181	151,354	144,149	146,855	142,177	141,104	137,820	135,361	-2,459	-1.8%
Number Baptized	5,150	4,813	5,323	4,657	4,207	4,389	3,942	3,782	3,933	3,692	-241	-6.1%
Church School-Average Attendance	52,111	50,127	49,412	47,135	45,018	41,985	40,858	40,285	39,972	37,780	-2,192	-5.5%
UMM-Membership	9,951	10,158	9,733	9,605	8,955	8,251	8,022	7,698	7,190	7,155	-35	-0.5%
UMW-Membership	27,048	26,468	25,459	23,746	21,742	20,815	19,362	19,163	17,595	16,598	-997	-5.7%

Church Membership

This table shows the number of churches in each district with membership at the end of 2013 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	4	14	20	7	7	5	3
EC	18	22	16	5	7	7	4
GC	8	19	16	10	2	7	2
NC	34	32	8	5	2	5	1
NE	16	28	13	5	4	5	1
NW	40	27	12	2	0	0	3
SC	20	23	20	4	0	6	3
SE	19	24	17	4	1	4	1
SW	16	22	13	10	7	1	3
Totals	**175**	**211**	**135**	**52**	**30**	**40**	**21**

Average Worship Attendance

This table shows the number of churches in each district with an average worship attendance during 2013 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	19	9	5	8	0
EC	14	26	13	8	9	7	2
GC	4	18	19	11	3	6	3
NC	35	29	11	3	1	6	2
NE	21	23	16	3	4	4	1
NW	45	27	8	0	3	0	1
SC	19	24	14	10	0	6	3
SE	14	21	24	6	1	3	1
SW	8	29	11	10	4	7	3
Totals	**163**	**213**	**135**	**60**	**30**	**47**	**16**

2013 Highest Church Membership

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Professing Members
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	4701
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	4509
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	4036
GC	St Paul - Largo (Rev Robert M Martin)	3857
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	3181
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	2947
AC	Suntree - Melbourne (Rev John B Hill)	2832
EC	First - Winter Park (Rev Dr Robert B Bushong)	2653
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	2587
AC	First - Stuart(Rev Riley Phillips Short Jr)	2491
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	2446
NW	Trinity - Tallahassee (Rev E Wayne Curry)	2414
SW	Englewood - Englewood (Rev Victor B Willis)	2321
SC	Hyde Park - Tampa (Rev Dr James A Harnish)	2309
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	2290
SW	North Naples - North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	2205
EC	University Carillon - Oviedo (Rev Dr Joseph R MacLaren Jr)	2178
SE	Christ - Ft Lauderdale (Rev Brett M Opalinski)	2096
AC	St Peter's - Wellington (Rev Rainer G Richter)	2077
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	2053

2013 Highest Church Membership Change Percentage

District	Church Name (Pastor)	# Change	% Change
NW	Mt Bethel - Chiefland (Rev Cleveland English)	13	65%
SC	Wahneta - Winter Haven (Nelson Marrero)	50	62%
SC	Lena Vista - Auburndale (Rev Dr E Keith Ewing)	25	51%
EC	Trinity - Seville (Nelson Bonilla)	48	45%
NC	Zion - Zion (Michael Kevin Stephens)	35	35%
GC	Union Street - Clearwater (Nancy R Mayeux)	44	32%
SC	Korean - Tampa (Sueng Lin Baik)	58	25%
SW	First - Zolfo Springs (George David Harper)	15	25%
SW	Alva - Alva (Rev Ralph Cotten)	35	24%
NC	Bartley Temple - Gainesville (Mary L Mitchell)	39	23%
SE	Riverside - Miami (Victor M Gonzalez)	11	22%
AC	First Hispanic - West Palm (Ernesto Machado)	18	20%
SW	Iglesia Metodista Unida Nuevo Pacto - Lake Placid (Rev Luz E A Maldonado)	15	20%
NC	Pine - Ft McCoy (Rev Delbert J King)	11	19%
SW	Slavic Christian Fellowship Mission - Venice (Alexander Popkov)	14	19%
SE	Westwood - Miami (Pedro Jimenez)	8	17%
NW	White Springs - White Springs (Brian Edward Leonardson)	6	17%
NC	Wildwood - Wildwood (Michael Beck)	47	16%
SE	Everglades Community - Pembroke Pines (Matthew Williams)	17	16%
SE	South Dade Haitian - Homestead (Rev Montreuil F Milord)	59	15%

2013 Highest # Participants in Christian Formation Groups

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Participants
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	3670
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	3035
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	2754
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	2409
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	1924
EC	Community - DeBary (Rev Lisa A M Degrenia)	1770
GC	Heritage - Clearwater (Rev Charles E Engelhardt Jr)	1550
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	1514
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	1403
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	1381
SE	Christ - Ft Lauderdale (Rev Brett M Opalinski)	1312
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	1295
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	1255
SC	St Andrew's - Brandon (Rev Paul Timothy Machtel Jr)	1225
SW	North Naples - North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	1216
SW	Englewood - Englewood (Rev Victor B Willis)	1148
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	1075
EC	University Carillon - Oviedo (Rev Dr Joseph R MacLaren Jr)	1020
NW	Trinity - Tallahassee (Rev E Wayne Curry)	1004
AC	First - Boca Raton East Campus (Rev Kenneth Roughton)	986

2013 Highest Average Sunday School Attendance

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Average Attendance
SE	Christ - Ft Lauderdale (Rev Brett M Opalinski)	997
AC	Community of Hope - Loxahatchee(Rev E Dale Locke)	806
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	780
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	763
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	588
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	460
NE	Southside - Jacksonville(Rev Bruce T Jones)	450
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	428
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	397
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	392
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	391
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	379
SW	North Naples - North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	366
GC	First - St Petersburg (Rev David R Miller)	362
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	331
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	312
GC	Heritage - Clearwater (Rev Charles E Engelhardt Jr)	306
NC	Grace at Fort Clarke - Gainesville (Rev Rick J Thompson Jr)	300
NC	First - Ocala (Rev Allen L Johnson)	291
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	272