

XIII. STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2017

**Compiled from the Reports of
the Pastors and Local Churches
for the Period
January 1 to December 31, 2017**

Line	Description	2016	2017	Difference
Professing Membership				
1	Total professing members reported at the close of last year	282,618	279,996	Less than 1% Decrease
2a	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation		1,615	
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith other than confirmation	3,054	1,390	54% Decrease
2c	Membership restored by Affirmation of Faith	380	294	22% Decrease
2d	Added by correction	261	473	81% Increase
2e	Transferred in from another United Methodist Church	2,038	1,786	12% Decrease
2f	Transferred in from a non-United Methodist Church	1,559	1,386	11% Decrease
3a	Removed by Charge Conference Action	1,665	2,532	52% Increase
3b	Withdrawn from Professing Membership	884	899	1% Increase
3c	Removed by Correction	1,665	1,015	39% Decrease
3d	Transferred out to another United Methodist Church	1,389	1,440	3% Increase
3e	Transferred out to a non-United Methodist Church	771	919	19% Increase
3f	Removed by death/deceased	3,540	3,607	1% Increase
4	TOTAL PROFESSING MEMBERS reported at the close of this year	279,996	276,528	1% Decrease
Membership Ethnicity				
5a	Asian	773	839	8% Increase
5b	Black	12,543	12,634	Less than 1% Increase
5c	Hispanic/Latino	1,436	1,518	5% Increase
5d	Native American	438	389	11% Decrease
5e	Pacific Islander	102	79	22% Decrease
5f	White	261,678	260,291	Less than 1% Decrease
5g	Multiracial	3,026	778	74% Decrease
5	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ETHNICITY (5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g = 5 = 4)	297,996	276,528	1% Decrease
Membership Gender				
6a	Female	156,626	154,733	1% Decrease
6b	Male	123,370	121,795	1% Decrease
6	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GENDER (6a+6b = 6 = 4)	279,996	276,528	1% Decrease

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	Description	2016	2017	Difference
7	Average attendance at all weekly worship services	104,557	100,839	3% Decrease
7a	Number of persons who worship online		11,163	
8a	Number of persons baptized this year (0-12 Years)	1,712	1,378	19% Decrease
8b	Number of persons baptized this year (ages 13 or older)	704	763	8% Increase
8	Total number of persons baptized this year (sum of 8a+8b)	2,416	2,141	11% Decrease
9	Total Baptized Members who have not become Professing Members	24,308	23,186	4% Decrease
10	Number of other constituents of the church	60,142	56,870	5% Decrease
Participants in Christian Formation Groups I (CFG), including Sunday School, educational classes, and other small group ministries				
11a	Number of CHILDREN CFG participants and leaders (ages 0-11)	26,355	25,888	1% Decrease
11b	Number of YOUTH CFG participants and leaders (ages 12-18)	16,128	15,822	1% Decrease
11c	Number of YOUNG ADULTS CFG participants and leaders (ages 19-30)	9,545	7,929	16% Decrease
11d	Number of OTHER ADULT CFG participants and leaders (ages 31+)	62,275	59,581	4% Decrease
11	TOTAL Christian Formation Group Participants (Total of lines 11a-d)	114,303	109,220	4% Decrease
Other Classes and Education				
12	Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year	2,097	2,204	5% Increase
13	classes	42,412	41,118	3% Decrease
14	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	38,813	37,282	3% Decrease
15	Number of ongoing Sunday Church School Classes offered	5,302	4,908	7% Decrease
16	Number of ongoing small groups, support groups, or classes offered (other than Sunday Church School)	3,900	4,172	6% Increase
16a	Groups?		476	
16b	How many participants are there in the GA groups reported in 16a?		3,874	
17	Number of support groups or small groups offered for a short term only	2,634	2,464	6% Decrease
18a	Membership in United Methodist Men	10,132	9,492	6% Decrease
18b	Amount paid for projects (UMM)	1,421,269	1,276,907	10% Decrease
19a	Membership in United Methodist Women	23,136	21,855	5% Decrease
19b	Amount paid for local church and community work (UMW)	2,007,747	1,991,245	Less than 1% Decrease
Mission Engagement				
20a	Number of UMMIM teams sent from this local church	361	377	4% Increase
20b	Number of persons sent out on UMMIM teams from this local church	2,102	2,235	6% Increase
21	church		16,533	
21a	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on global/regional health?		1,100	
21b	Of the ministries counted in Line 21, how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?		3,966	
22	Number of persons from your congregation serving in mission/community ministries	75,457	73,675	2% Decrease
23	Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	2,517,192	2,390,622	5% Decrease
Assets and Debt				
24	Market value of church-owned land, buildings, vehicles and equipment	\$2,392,169,342	\$2,475,178,727	3% Increase
25	Market value of financial and other liquid assets	\$ 282,844,416	\$ 311,752,767	10% Increase
26	Debt secured by church physical assets	\$ 70,249,822	\$ 68,634,006	2% Decrease
27	Other debt	\$ 9,055,739	\$ 6,438,840	28% Decrease

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	Description	2016	2017	Difference
Church Expenditures				
28a	Amount APPORTIONED to the local church by the CONFERENCE	\$ 18,302,697	\$ 18,256,309	Less than 1% Decrease
28b	Amount APPORTIONED to the local church by the DISTRICT (if applicable)			
Benevolent Giving				
29a	*Amount PAID by the local church to the CONFERENCE for all apportioned causes	\$ 16,268,586	\$ 16,306,297	Less than 1% Increase
29b	Amount PAID by the local church to the DISTRICT for all apportioned causes (if applicable)			
30	*General Advance Specials	\$ 542,707	\$ 1,217,696	124% Increase
31	*World Service Specials		\$ 8,938	
32	*Annual Conference Advance Specials	\$ 26,857	\$ 22,479	16% Decrease
33	*Youth Service Fund		\$ 937	
34	*All other funds sent to Conference for connectional mission and ministry	\$ 4,637	\$ 33,324	618% Increase
35	*Total Annual Conference Special Sundays Offerings	\$ 122,577	\$ 82,715	32% Decrease
36a	*Human Relations Sunday	\$ 6,971	\$ 6,947	Less than 1% Decrease
36b	*UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)	\$ 59,833	\$ 49,837	16% Decrease
36c	*Peace with Justice Sunday	\$ 5,254	\$ 4,700	10% Decrease
36d	*Native American Ministries Sunday	\$ 12,647	\$ 9,080	28% Decrease
36e	*World Communion Sunday	\$ 10,192	\$ 13,363	31% Increase
36f	*U.M. Student Day	\$ 5,886	\$ 6,130	4% Increase
37	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to Conference)	\$ 2,439,767	\$ 2,272,847	6% Decrease
38	Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	\$ 11,860,115	\$ 12,028,835	1% Increase
Clergy and Staff				
39	benefits	\$ 5,457,333	\$ 5,397,320	1% Decrease
40	Total paid for direct-billed and/or non-apportioned clergy health benefits	\$ 6,792,114	\$ 7,051,364	3% Increase
	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church (this person could be anyone, as long as he/she is assigned or appointed to the lead pastor role).			
41a		\$ 35,495,024	\$ 36,381,469	2% Increase
	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role.			
41b		\$ 4,064,162	\$ 5,737,431	41% Increase
41c	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.		\$ 512,366	
42a	41a.		\$ 3,321,094	
	Housing benefits paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Include deacons and other clergy in this role.			
42b			\$ 1,241,014	
42c	Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.		\$ 135,895	
43	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements	\$ 2,151,808	\$ 1,988,578	7% Decrease
44	accountable)	\$ 431,461	\$ 1,129,244	161% Increase
45	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers	\$ 51,727,259	\$ 53,584,180	3% Increase
Program and Operating Expenses				
46	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	\$ 14,415,633	\$ 14,346,409	Less than 1% Decrease
47	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	\$ 48,543,405	\$ 49,011,488	Less than 1% Increase
Debt Payments and Building Improvements				
48	Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	\$ 12,885,400	\$ 12,766,951	Less than 1% Decrease
49	equipment purchases	\$ 26,794,365	\$ 28,438,940	6% Increase
50	TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES (Sum of Lines 29a through 49)	\$ 248,399,895	\$ 253,107,868	1% Increase