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 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, 2011

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 2011 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 2011 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 2011 is also available in PDF format on the Conference website (www.flumc.org) and the 2012 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 2011.

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Summary of Statistics By Year

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2010-2011 Change (#)	2010-2011 Change (%)
Total Membership at End of Year	331,806	329,018	326,272	321,849	317,716	310,711	302,497	294,935	288,830	277,726	-11,104	-4%
Members Received-Profession of Faith	8,679	8,212	8,233	7,751	7,693	6,897	6,683	6,514	6,055	5,733	-322	-5%
Members Received-Affirmation*	1,985	2,134	1,475	1,908	2,272	2,299	2,527	1,532	1,295	1,294	-1	0%
Members Received-Transfer from Other UMC	5,795	5,733	5,182	5,522	5,687	3,812	3,933	3,413	3,059	2,819	-240	-8%
Members Received-Transfer from Other Denomination	3,566	3,761	3,421	3,388	3,161	1,699	2,609	2,244	1,857	1,840	-17	-1%
Members Removed-Charge Conference	7,152	7,478	6,546	8,148	7,154	9,267	9,768	6,707	7,557	11,642	4,085	54%
Members Removed-Withdrawn	3,585	4,271	3,418	3,694	4,999	4,230	3,858	2,904	2,652	2,640	-12	0%
Members Removed-Transfer other UMC	4,347	4,249	3,723	4,354	3,604	3,812	2,848	2,867	2,247	2,060	-187	-8%
Members Removed-Transfer other Denomination	2,025	1,722	2,598	1,735	1,796	1,699	1,566	1,270	1,206	1,466	260	22%
Members Removed-Death	5,163	4,908	4,772	4,616	4,558	4,262	4,237	4,206	4,146	3,880	-266	-6%
Average Attendance-Weekly Worship	163,860	161,375	161,401	156,803	155,181	151,354	144,149	146,855	142,177	141,104	-1,073	-1%
Number Baptized	5,637	5,780	5,150	4,813	5,323	4,657	4,207	4,389	3,942	3,782	-160	-4%
Church School-Average Attendance	56,775	57,693	52,111	50,127	49,412	47,135	45,018	41,985	40,858	40,285	-573	-1%
UMM-Membership	11,307	10,622	9,951	10,158	9,733	9,605	8,955	8,251	8,022	7,698	-324	-4%
UMW-Membership	31,043	29,125	27,048	26,468	25,459	23,746	21,742	20,815	19,362	19,163	-199	-1%

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

Church Membership

This table shows the number of churches in each district with membership at the end of 2010 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	11	21	7	3	10	2
EC	19	24	17	2	7	9	4
GC	7	19	18	9	6	7	2
NC	33	31	10	5	3	3	1
NE	19	27	16	5	4	4	2
NW	39	28	11	2	0	0	3
SC	16	29	18	7	1	4	5
SE	16	25	18	5	1	5	1
SW	15	22	12	9	7	4	2
Totals	**170**	**216**	**141**	**51**	**32**	**46**	**22**

Average Worship Attendance

This table shows the number of churches in each district with an average worship attendance during 2010 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	5	14	20	6	7	9	0
EC	13	29	13	7	11	7	2
GC	4	19	22	10	3	7	3
NC	33	30	12	3	1	6	2
NE	24	24	16	6	2	3	2
NW	41	27	11	0	2	1	1
SC	19	24	20	6	2	6	3
SE	11	25	24	6	3	1	1
SW	9	20	18	6	8	7	3
Totals	**159**	**212**	**156**	**50**	**39**	**47**	**17**

2011 Highest Church Membership

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Professing Members
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	4,731
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	4,718
NC	Trinity - Gainesville (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	3,985
GC	St Paul - Largo (Rev Robert M Martin)	3,981
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	2,947
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	2,922
AC	Suntree - Melbourne (Rev John B Hill)	2,751
EC	First - Winter Park (Rev Dr Robert B Bushong)	2,587
AC	First - Stuart (Rev Riley Phillips Short)	2,476
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	2,474
NW	Trinity - Tallahassee (Rev E Wayne Curry)	2,385
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	2,354
SW	Englewood (Rev Victor B Willis)	2,299
NE	Beach - Jacksonville Beach (Rev Gerald L Sweat)	2,184
SC	Hyde Park - Tampa (Rev Dr James A Harnish)	2,175
SW	North Naples (Rev Ted L Sauter)	2,154
SC	St Andrew's - Brandon (Rev Robert M Gibbs)	2,136
GC	Anona - Largo (Rev John M Stephenson)	2,078
NW	Saint Paul's - Tallahassee (Rev John Clarke Campbell-Evans)	2,075
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	2,027

2011 Highest Church Membership Change Percentage

District	Church Name (Pastor)	# Change	% Change
SC	Northeast - Tampa (Raphael Dessieu)	32	18%
EC	Spring of Life - Orlando (Rev Carolyn H Williamson)	31	16%
SE	Village - North Lauderdale (Rev Margaret Baleh Kartwe-Bradley)	18	14%
NC	Lochloosa (Michael Beck)	10	14%
AC	First Hispanic - West Palm (Rev BENITO ACEBO)	10	14%
EC	Lakeside Fellowship - Sanford (Rev Cameron J Lashbrook)	28	13%
SC	Thonotosassa (Rev Dennis R Roebuck)	13	13%
NE	GRACE - ST AUGUSTINE (Rev James I Reeher)	82	12%
AC	Northwood - West Palm Beach (Esperance St Louis)	26	12%
NW	FIRST - CROSS CITY (Rev Juan E Ramos)	13	12%
EC	Montverde (Jimmy Todd Bardin)	11	12%
SC	Shepherd's Community - Lakeland (Rev Timothy J Carson)	21	11%
SW	Christ Community - Punta Gorda (Rev Duane W Waters)	16	11%
NW	Sopchoppy (Kevin J Hall)	11	10%
GC	Parrish (Rev Christopher R Schmidt)	31	9%
NE	Ponte Vedra (Rev Don Jeffrey Bennett)	29	9%
NC	Bartley Temple - Gainesville (Mary L Mitchell)	16	9%
NW	TRINITY - LAKE CITY (Fatha DeSue)	14	9%
SE	Burton Memorial - Tavernier (Kerry M Foote)	13	9%
NW	Trenton (Dale Elzie)	12	9%

2011 Highest # Participants in Christian Formation Groups

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Total Participants
SC	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	3291
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	3218
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	2966
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	2753
NE	Beach - JACKSONVILLE BEACH (Rev Gerald L Sweat)	1883
NC	TRINITY - GAINESVILLE (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	1748
NE	Memorial - Fernandina Beach (Rev Brett M Opalinski)	1526
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	1520
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	1440
SE	CHRIST - FORT LAUDERDALE Campus (Rev Philip H Roughton)	1426
SC	St Andrew's - Brandon (Rev Robert M Gibbs)	1394
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	1379
GC	Heritage - Clearwater (Rev Charles E Engelhardt)	1362
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	1310
AC	First - Boca Raton East Campus (Rev Kenneth Marshall Roughton)	1308
EC	University Carillon - Oviedo (Rev Dr Joseph R MacLaren)	1296
NC	Morrison - Leesburg (Rev John W Harrington)	1250
SW	NORTH NAPLES (Rev Ted L Sauter)	1202
AC	St Peter's - Wellington (Rev Rainer G Richter)	1186
NC	Grace at Fort Clarke - Gainesville (Rev Dennis C Heiberg)	1062

2011 Highest Average Sunday School Attendance

District	Church Name (Pastor)	Average Attendance
SE	CHRIST - FORT LAUDERDALE Campus (Rev Philip H Roughton)	1247
NC	TRINITY - GAINESVILLE (Rev Dr Dan G Johnson)	700
SC	Van Dyke - Lutz (Rev Matthew S Hartsfield)	696
AC	Community of Hope - Loxahatchee (Rev E Dale Locke)	676
SC	Lake Magdalene - Tampa (Rev Brent E Byerman)	505
SW	Grace - Cape Coral (Rev Jorge A Acevedo)	479
EC	St Luke's - Orlando (Rev William S Barnes)	475
NE	Beach - JACKSONVILLE BEACH (Rev Gerald L Sweat)	452
SE	First - Lakeland (Rev W David McEntire)	429
NE	Southside - Jacksonville (Rev Bruce T Jones)	420
EC	First - Orlando (Rev Thomas W McCloskey)	385
NE	Mandarin - Jacksonville (Rev Deborah A McLeod)	381
NC	New Covenant - The Villages (Rev Harold Ray Hendren)	371
SW	NORTH NAPLES (Rev Ted L Sauter)	370
EC	Grace at Fort Clarke - Gainesville (Rev Dennis C Heiberg)	350
NE	Ortega - Jacksonville (Rev Daniel L Casselberry)	335
SC	First - Brandon (Rev Jamie R Westlake)	325
NW	Killearn - Tallahassee (Rev Robert G Tindale)	322
NE	CROSSROAD - Jacksonville (Rev George H Sprague)	310
EC	First - Ocala (Rev Sue E Haupert-Johnson)	305