

Appendix C: Summary of Congregational Statistics



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Summary of Congregational Statistics as of December 31, 2009

Summary of Membership Statistics	2008	2009	Change	Percent	<i>Statistical Analysis</i> Avg./Congregation
Total Number of Congregations	10,396	10,348	48-	0.46-	
Baptized Members	4,633,887	4,543,037	90,850-	1.96-	442.23
Confirmed Members	3,483,336	3,444,021	39,315-	1.12-	335.67
Analysis of Membership Gains and Losses					
<i>Baptized Members—Accessions</i>					
By Baptism—Children under Age 16	61,617	58,324	3,293-	5.34-	
By Baptism—Adults Age 16 and above	5,839	5,811	28-	0.47-	
By Affirmation of Faith	47,586	50,840	3,254+	6.83+	
By Transfer	77,072	62,607	14,465-	18.76-	
From Other Sources and Statistical Adjustment	23,511	24,672	1,161+	4.93+	
Total Accessions—Baptized Members	215,625	202,254	13,371-	6.20-	
<i>Baptized Members—Losses</i>					
By Death	45,225	43,900	1,325-	2.92-	
By Transfer	54,704	52,060	2,644-	4.83-	
For Other Reasons and Statistical Adjustment	193,133	193,764	631+	0.32+	
Total Losses—Baptized Members	293,062	289,724	3,338-	1.13-	
<i>Baptized Members—Confirmed</i>	43,195	45,131	1,936+	4.48+	
<i>Active Participants*</i>	—	2,527,941	—	—	

* *Active Participants was a new statistical category in 2009.*

Summary of Congregational Statistics as of December 31, 2009

Summary of Financial Statistics

Totals—End of Year	2008	2009	Change	Percent	Statistical Analysis	
					Avg./Congregation	
Total Receipts	2,741,313,099	2,660,642,480	80,670,619-	2.94-	258,943.30	
Total Disbursements	2,764,009,721	2,716,104,087	47,905,634-	1.73-	264,341.03	
Assets, Value on December 31	20,616,480,228	20,855,863,395	239,383,167+	1.16+	2,029,767.72	
Total Indebtedness on December 31	1,770,824,328	1,930,015,838	159,191,510+	8.98+	187,836.09	
Average Giving per Baptized Member	488.79	491.61	2.82+	0.57+	Indebtedness/Assets 9.25%	
Average Giving per Confirmed Member	650.24	648.49	1.75-	0.26-	Cong. with no debt 63.79%	

Detail of Financial Statistics

Receipts for Regular Operation

Regular Giving by Members	1,943,406,300	1,934,502,834	8,903,466-	0.45-
Designated Giving by Members	321,610,482	298,943,761	22,666,721-	7.04-
Earned Income (Any Source)	145,913,132	144,190,548	1,722,584-	1.18-
Grants and Subsidies	27,970,949	26,987,307	983,642-	3.51-
All Other Receipts	302,412,236	256,018,030	46,394,206-	15.34-

Statistical Analysis Percent of Total Disbursements

Disbursements for Regular Operation

Current Operating Expenses	1,926,284,447	1,918,938,417	7,346,030-	0.38-	70.65
Capital Improvements	261,089,360	242,151,042	18,938,318-	7.25-	8.91
Payment on Debts	215,247,530	215,936,576	689,046+	0.32+	7.95
Mission Support	131,498,498	121,902,925	9,595,573-	7.29-	4.48
Non-Mission Support Benevolence *	125,393,534	119,318,693	6,074,841-	4.84-	4.39
Other Expenses, Realized Losses	104,496,352	97,856,434	6,639,918-	6.35-	3.60

Assets, Value on December 31

Church Real Estate	18,372,850,385	18,439,185,847	66,335,462+	0.36+
Endowment and Memorial Funds	1,093,785,974	1,161,021,088	67,235,114+	6.14+
Cash, Savings, Bonds, etc.	869,634,754	896,711,142	27,076,388+	3.11+
Other Assets	280,209,115	358,945,318	78,736,203+	28.09+

Bequests Received During Year

Number of Bequests Received	4,948	2,979	1,969-	39.79-	Per 100 Deaths: 6.78
Total Value of Bequests Received	66,615,167	72,629,786	6,014,619+	9.02+	Avg. Beq. 24,380.59
Intended Mission Support	127,633,093	123,250,870	4,382,223-	3.43-	

* Non-Mission Support Benevolence includes very different categories for data years 2008 and 2009.

Summary of Congregational Statistics as of December 31, 2009

Statistical Analysis
**Percentage of Congregations
Reporting Ethnic Group
Individuals**

Worship Services	2008*	2009*	Change	Percent	
Total Attendance at Worship Each Week	1,330,709	1,289,967	40,742-	3.06-	
Average Sunday Attendance per Congregation	128	125	3-	2.34-	
Percent of Baptized Members Attending Worship	28.71	28.39	0.32-	1.11-	
 Congregations Reporting Ethnic Group Individuals*					
African American/Black	3,615	3,662			35.38
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,163	1,162			11.22
Arab/Middle Eastern	623	641			6.19
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,407	3,316			32.04
Latino/Spanish	3,287	3,353			32.40
Multiethnic	2,706	2,774			26.80
White	10,178	10,105			97.65
Other	542	555			5.36
 Total Ethnic Active Participants*					
African American/Black	52,661	48,171			1.42
American Indian and Alaska Native	6,818	5,849			0.17
Arab/Middle Eastern	2,154	2,192			0.06
Asian/Pacific Islander	22,067	20,770			0.61
Latino/Spanish	42,621	43,987			1.30
Multiethnic	18,098	25,731			0.76
White	4,470,272	3,218,255			95.16
Other	17,510	16,919			0.50

**In 2009, ethnic group counts were of active participants. For 2008 and earlier years, counts were of baptized members.*

Distribution of Congregations by Size: Baptized Members

	Size of Congregation	Total Congregations	Percent	Total Baptized Members	Percent
	-0-	75	0.72	0	0.00
Very Small	1-175	3,305	31.93	330,787	7.28
Small	176-350	2,773	26.79	706,402	15.54
Moderately Small	351-500	1,363	13.17	572,867	12.60
Medium Sized	501-700	1,096	10.59	646,054	14.22
Moderately Large	701-950	736	7.11	597,123	13.14
Large	951-1,500	583	5.63	677,183	14.90
Very Large	1,501 & over	417	4.02	1,012,621	22.28

Distribution of Congregations by Size: Confirmed Members

	Size of Congregation	Total Congregations	Percent	Total Confirmed Members	Percent
	-0-	88	0.85	0	0.00
Very Small	1-175	4,280	41.36	410,651	11.92
Small	176-350	2,815	27.20	710,877	20.64
Moderately Small	351-500	1,248	12.06	520,182	15.10
Medium Sized	501-700	849	8.20	498,995	14.48
Moderately Large	701-950	502	4.85	404,084	11.73
Large	951-1,500	372	3.59	440,113	12.77
Very Large	1,501 & over	194	1.87	459,119	13.33

Summary of Congregational Statistics as of December 31, 2010

Summary of Membership Statistics	2009	2010	Change	Percent	Statistical Analysis
					Avg./Congregation
Total Number of Congregations	10,348	9,995	353-	3.41-	
Baptized Members	4,543,037	4,274,855	268,182-	5.90-	431.93
Confirmed Members	3,444,021	3,258,847	185,174-	5.38-	329.78
Analysis of Membership Gains and Losses					
<i>Baptized Members—Accessions</i>					
By Baptism—Children under Age 16	58,324	52,801	5,523-	9.47-	
By Baptism—Adults Age 16 and above	5,811	4,993	818-	14.08-	
By Affirmation of Faith	50,840	44,848	5,992-	11.79-	
By Transfer	62,607	56,027	6,580-	10.51-	
From Other Sources and Statistical Adjustment	24,672	19,433	5,239-	21.23-	
Total Accessions—Baptized Members	202,254	178,102	24,152-	11.94-	
<i>Baptized Members—Losses</i>					
By Death	43,900	42,221	1,679-	3.82-	
By Transfer	52,060	51,305	755-	1.45-	
For Other Reasons and Statistical Adjustment	193,764	186,652	7,112-	3.67-	
Total Losses—Baptized Members	289,724	280,168	9,556-	3.30-	
<i>Baptized Members—Confirmed</i>	45,131	41,934	3,197-	7.08-	
<i>Active Participants</i>	2,527,941	2,520,068	7,873-	0.31-	

Percent of Congregations reporting the program/activity is the congregation's specialty.

a. Worship	35.3
b. Music	23.7
c. Christian education for those 15 or younger	11.8
d. Other activities for children	6.6
e. Confirmation Ministry	9.9
f. Christian education for those 16 to 19	2.5
g. Other activities for those 16 to 19	3.7
h. Bible study or other adult Christian education	10.7
i. Prayer, meditation, or spiritual development activities	4.3
j. Fellowship or other social activities	16.8
k. Support groups (bereavement, divorce, 12-step)	2.1
l. Evangelism or recruitment activities	3.0
m. Stewardship	4.5
n. Identifying and using the spiritual gifts of active participants	4.1
o. Social justice activities	5.9
p. Community service activities	18.6

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Summary of Financial Statistics

Totals—End of Year	2009	2010	Change	Percent	<i>Statistical Analysis</i> Avg./Congregation
Total Receipts	2,660,642,480	2,508,611,972	152,030,508-	5.71-	253,471.96
Total Disbursements	2,716,104,087	2,543,718,678	172,385,409-	6.35-	256,993.20
Assets, Value on December 31	20,855,863,395	22,094,491,601	1,238,626,206+	5.94+	2,232,668.92
Total Indebtedness on December 31	1,930,015,838	1,836,218,864	93,796,974-	4.86-	185,214.73
Average Total Giving per Baptized Member	491.61	492.99	1.38+	0.28+	Indebtedness/Assets 8.31%
Average Total Giving per Confirmed Member	648.49	646.69	1.80-	0.28-	Cong. with no debt 65.37%

Detail of Financial Statistics

Receipts for Regular Operation

Regular Giving by Members	1,934,502,834	1,825,589,236	108,913,598-	5.63-
Designated Giving by Members	298,943,761	281,867,100	17,076,661-	5.71-
Earned Income (Any Source)	144,190,548	134,726,552	9,463,996-	6.56-
Grants and Subsidies	26,987,307	25,338,994	1,648,313-	6.11-
Other Receipts	256,018,030	227,533,215	28,484,815-	11.13-

Statistical Analysis **Percent of Total Disbursements**

Disbursements for Regular Operation

Current Operating Expenses	1,918,938,417	1,821,938,502	96,999,915-	5.05-	71.62
Capital Improvements	242,151,042	187,434,899	54,716,143-	22.60-	7.37
Payment on Debts	215,936,576	209,954,625	5,981,951-	2.77-	8.25
Mission Support	121,902,925	108,373,696	13,529,229-	11.10-	4.26
Non-Mission Support Benevolences	119,318,693	117,803,764	1,514,929-	1.27-	4.63
Other Expenses	97,856,434	98,213,192	356,758+	0.36+	3.86

Assets, Value on December 31

Church Real Estate	18,439,185,847	19,705,320,664	1,266,134,817+	6.87+
Endowment and Memorial Funds	1,161,021,088	1,191,366,551	30,345,463+	2.61+
Cash, Savings, Bonds, etc.	896,711,142	887,159,016	9,552,126-	1.07-
Other Assets	358,945,318	310,645,370	48,299,948-	13.46-

Bequests Received During Year

Number of Bequests Received	2,979	3,517	538+	18.06+	<i>Per 100 Deaths:</i> 8.33
Total Value of Bequests Received	72,629,786	93,997,815	21,368,029+	29.42+	<i>Avg. Beq.</i> 26,727.70
Intended Mission Support	123,250,870	119,119,978	4,130,892-	3.35-	

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Worship Services	2009	2010	Change	Percent	Statistical Analysis	
					Percentage of Congregations Reporting Ethnic Group Active Participants	
Total Attendance at Worship Each Week	1,289,967	1,186,099	103,958-	8.06-		
Average Sunday Attendance per Congregation	125.45	119.70	5.74-	4.58-		
Percent of Baptized Members Attending Worship	28.39	27.74	0.65-	2.29-		
Congregations Reporting Ethnic Group Participants						
African American/Black	3,662	3,530	132-	3.60-		35.75
African National/African Caribbean (<i>new in 2010</i>)	—	551	—	—		5.58
American Indian and Alaska Native	1,162	1,048	114-	9.81-		10.61
Arab/Middle Eastern	641	594	47-	7.33-		6.02
Asian/Pacific Islander	3,316	3,184	132-	3.98-		32.25
Latino/Spanish	3,353	3,231	122-	3.64-		32.73
Multiethnic	2,774	2,836	62+	2.24+		28.72
White	10,105	9,686	419-	4.15-		98.11
Other	555	473	82-	14.77-		4.79
Total Ethnic Active Participants						
African American/Black	48,171	44,537	3,634-	7.54-		1.49
African National/African Caribbean (<i>new in 2010</i>)	—	4,279	—	—		0.14
American Indian and Alaska Native	5,849	4,929	920-	15.73-		0.16
Arab/Middle Eastern	2,192	2,030	162-	7.39-		0.07
Asian/Pacific Islander	20,770	19,649	1,121-	5.40-		0.66
Latino/Spanish	43,987	41,613	2,374-	5.40-		1.39
Multiethnic	25,731	34,459	8,728+	33.92+		1.15
White	3,218,255	2,834,731	383,524-	11.92-		94.55
Other	16,919	12,003	4,916-	29.06-		0.40

Distribution of Congregations by Size: Baptized Members

	Size of Congregation	Total Congregations	Percent	Total Baptized Members	Percent
	-0-	98	0.98	0	0.00
Very Small	1-175	3,258	32.60	325,356	7.61
Small	176-350	2,667	26.68	677,748	15.85
Moderately Small	351-500	1,339	13.40	562,699	13.16
Medium Sized	501-700	1,031	10.32	607,676	14.22
Moderately Large	701-950	678	6.78	549,057	12.84
Large	951-1,500	553	5.53	643,907	15.06
Very Large	1,501 & over	371	3.71	908,412	21.25

Distribution of Congregations by Size: Confirmed Members

	Size of Congregation	Total Congregations	Percent	Total Confirmed Members	Percent
	-0-	113	1.13	0	0.00
Very Small	1-175	4,151	41.53	399,754	12.27
Small	176-350	2,736	27.37	690,984	21.20
Moderately Small	351-500	1,205	12.06	501,989	15.40
Medium Sized	501-700	810	8.10	474,993	14.58
Moderately Large	701-950	463	4.63	371,577	11.40
Large	951-1,500	337	3.37	398,309	12.22
Very Large	1,501 & over	180	1.80	421,241	12.93