

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Research and Evaluation
Source: Congregational Report Forms***

Congregation Totals for ELCA

From 2003 to 2010	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change 2003-10
Number of Congregations	10,657	10,585	10,549	10,470	10,448	10,396	10,348	10,008	-6.1%
Baptized Membership	4,984,925	4,930,429	4,850,776	4,774,203	4,709,956	4,633,887	4,542,868	4,272,688	-14.3%
Members Received By:									
a. Baptism: Children	71,705	71,150	67,652	66,166	62,721	61,617	58,328	52,722	-26.5%
b. Baptism: Adults	7,428	7,168	6,764	6,405	5,854	5,839	5,812	4,978	-33.0%
c. Affirmation of Faith	57,914	57,321	53,961	52,357	49,295	47,586	50,842	44,981	-22.3%
d. By transfer:	101,855	98,401	94,312	87,901	80,973	77,072	62,602	55,927	-45.1%
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	20,862	21,775	21,251	19,965	19,056	23,511	24,494	19,117	-8.4%
Total Members Added	259,764	255,815	243,940	232,794	217,899	215,625	202,078	177,725	-31.6%
Members Removed By:									
a. Death	48,557	47,191	47,210	45,697	45,154	45,225	43,905	42,281	-12.9%
b. By transfer	75,233	71,516	67,217	63,300	58,917	54,704	52,069	51,407	-31.7%
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	181,022	192,825	208,436	202,246	183,958	193,133	193,789	190,183	5.1%
Total Members Removed	304,812	311,532	322,863	311,243	288,029	293,062	289,763	283,861	-6.9%
Total Membership Change	-45,048	-55,717	-78,923	-78,449	-70,130	-77,437	-87,685	-106,136	135.6%
Baptized Youth Confirmed	53,705	52,560	50,564	47,658	45,239	43,195	45,124	41,765	-22.2%
Confirmed Members	3,724,321	3,685,987	3,636,948	3,580,402	3,533,956	3,483,336	3,444,041	3,259,371	-12.5%
Avg Weekly Worship Attendance	1,503,426	1,474,767	1,439,747	1,408,682	1,362,120	1,330,709	1,289,953	1,185,907	-21.1%
Percent Attending Worship	30.1%	29.9%	29.6%	29.5%	28.9%	28.7%	28.4%	27.8%	-7.8%
Active Participants (New in 2009)							2,527,941	2,541,309	

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Racial/Ethnic Composition (Of Baptized Members pre 2009; of Active Participants 2009 and later)									
African American/Black	53,258	54,241	54,354	53,288	52,896	52,661	48,148	43,843	
African National/African Caribbean (new in 2010)								4,881	
American Indian/Alaska Native	7,265	6,780	7,095	7,007	6,866	6,818	5,849	4,868	
Arab/Middle Eastern (new in 2003)	1,381	1,638	1,779	1,944	2,136	2,154	2,192	2,053	
Asian/Pacific Islander	22,030	22,395	21,950	22,545	22,202	22,067	20,769	19,689	
Latino/Latina (All Races)	39,949	38,255	39,157	39,563	39,760	42,621	43,986	41,566	
Multi Racial (new in 2003)	5,692	11,036	12,261	13,613	15,417	18,098	25,720	19,498	
Other	13,019	12,440	11,096	10,802	11,397	10,722	16,919	9,764	
White	4,840,323	4,781,579	4,700,513	4,624,249	4,558,059	4,470,272	3,218,255	2,830,218	
Total People of Color/Language	142,594	146,785	147,692	148,762	150,674	155,141	163,583	146,162	
% of Baptized/Act Participants	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	4.8%	4.9%	
Regular Giving Per									
Confirmed Member	\$467.77	\$488.14	\$507.73	\$533.29	\$552.87	\$557.92	\$561.71	\$561.67	20.1%
Regular Giving by Members									
Regular Giving by Members	\$1,742,143,203	\$1,799,281,419	\$1,846,578,404	\$1,909,390,439	\$1,953,805,792	\$1,943,406,300	\$1,934,552,385	\$1,830,676,032	5.1%
Designated Giving by Members	\$306,396,399	\$306,368,416	\$331,062,240	\$333,656,738	\$346,732,154	\$321,610,482	\$298,763,662	\$281,897,787	-8.0%
Earned Income (any source)	\$121,280,341	\$117,891,950	\$132,277,819	\$153,810,022	\$161,479,571	\$145,913,132	\$144,180,212	\$134,855,948	11.2%
Grants & Partnership Support	\$19,114,867	\$19,332,163	\$20,833,334	\$22,460,674	\$26,095,598	\$27,970,949	\$26,996,807	\$25,541,449	33.6%
Other Receipts	\$173,538,359	\$175,971,614	\$188,906,538	\$181,882,928	\$178,752,727	\$181,237,687	\$256,017,755	\$217,157,709	25.1%
Total Receipts	\$2,554,509,414	\$2,600,358,990	\$2,676,901,588	\$2,748,068,336	\$2,815,930,629	\$2,741,313,099	\$2,804,691,033	\$2,490,128,925	-2.5%
Current Operating Expenses									
Current Operating Expenses	\$1,676,128,429	\$1,728,314,039	\$1,791,639,179	\$1,835,443,858	\$1,885,298,911	\$1,926,284,447	\$1,918,904,303	\$1,819,300,735	8.5%
Capital Improvements	\$293,770,870	\$286,019,766	\$257,340,213	\$258,729,032	\$259,231,686	\$261,089,360	\$242,143,682	\$187,896,513	-36.0%
Payments on Debt	\$216,284,565	\$209,100,304	\$208,057,901	\$222,884,155	\$229,695,096	\$215,247,530	\$215,938,907	\$211,851,812	-2.0%
Mission Support	\$131,538,299	\$130,490,038	\$130,323,202	\$131,568,011	\$132,905,973	\$131,498,498	\$121,929,893	\$108,458,062	-17.5%
Misn Supt % of Total Expenses	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	-17.5%
All Other Non-Mission Supt Benev	\$100,378,605	\$107,730,024	\$126,464,234	\$118,840,854	\$121,665,482	\$125,393,534	\$119,304,773	\$110,757,679	10.3%
Other Expenses	\$98,926,903	\$106,359,635	\$90,973,276	\$96,681,300	\$96,551,880	\$104,496,352	\$97,864,296	\$90,311,452	-8.7%
Total Expenses	\$2,517,027,671	\$2,568,013,806	\$2,604,798,005	\$2,664,147,210	\$2,725,349,028	\$2,764,009,721	\$2,716,085,854	\$2,528,576,253	0.5%
Endowment & Memorial Funds									
Endowment & Memorial Funds	\$967,567,113	\$1,042,078,903	\$1,101,641,303	\$1,186,307,758	\$1,253,381,083	\$1,093,785,974	\$1,160,930,075	\$1,186,380,238	22.6%
Cash, Savings, Bonds etc.	\$706,763,911	\$750,644,548	\$769,870,723	\$974,800,069	\$907,224,666	\$869,634,754	\$896,580,828	\$884,466,793	25.1%
Other Assets	\$254,590,672	\$247,337,930	\$262,727,518	\$263,990,326	\$285,031,415	\$280,209,115	\$358,860,078	\$320,182,988	25.8%
Total Indebtedness	\$1,566,419,246	\$1,634,835,740	\$1,691,374,706	\$1,733,938,188	\$1,781,435,454	\$1,770,824,328	\$1,930,034,710	\$1,683,024,875	7.4%
Number of Bequests Received	5,420	8,409	4,444	4,171	2,991	4,948	2,979	3,370	-37.8%
Value of Bequests	\$79,401,453	\$83,847,181	\$74,657,068	\$90,397,082	\$82,795,864	\$66,615,167	\$72,629,786	\$69,988,360	-11.9%
Projected Mission Support	\$127,601,575	\$135,767,478	\$131,644,946	\$133,880,645	\$134,980,387	\$127,633,093	\$123,250,177	\$115,872,001	-9.2%

*Because not all congregations respond each year, summing the change elements for one year's statistic will only approximate how totals change from one year to the next.