

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

Congregation Totals for ELCA

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Number of Congregations	10,761	10,721	10,657	10,585	10,549	10,470	10,448	-2.9%
Baptized Membership	5,095,197	5,038,006	4,984,925	4,930,429	4,850,776	4,774,203	4,709,956	-7.5%
Members Received By:								
a. Baptism: Children	77,512	73,494	71,705	71,150	67,652	66,166	62,721	-19.1%
b. Baptism: Adults	8,435	7,397	7,428	7,168	6,764	6,405	5,854	-30.6%
c. Affirmation of Faith	62,780	60,780	57,914	57,321	53,961	52,357	49,295	-21.5%
d. Transfer From:								
1. ELCA Congregations	78,364	70,343	66,622	64,429	62,575	57,493	52,501	-33.0%
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	17,331	15,710	16,169	15,290	13,943	13,617	11,896	-31.4%
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	20,897	19,430	19,064	18,682	17,794	16,791	16,576	-20.7%
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	22,554	25,898	20,862	21,775	21,251	19,965	19,056	-15.5%
Total Members Added	<u>287,873</u>	<u>273,052</u>	<u>259,764</u>	<u>255,815</u>	<u>243,940</u>	<u>232,794</u>	<u>217,899</u>	-24.3%
Members Removed By:								
a. Death	49,760	49,664	48,557	47,191	47,210	45,697	45,154	-9.3%
b. Transfer To:								
1. ELCA Congregations	55,620	51,431	48,226	46,394	43,527	40,733	38,267	-31.2%
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	12,297	11,143	11,337	10,706	9,902	9,520	8,673	-29.5%
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	17,076	16,236	15,670	14,416	13,788	13,047	11,977	-29.9%
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	184,049	186,162	181,022	192,825	208,436	202,246	183,958	0.0%
Total Members Removed	<u>318,802</u>	<u>314,636</u>	<u>304,812</u>	<u>311,532</u>	<u>322,863</u>	<u>311,243</u>	<u>288,029</u>	-9.7%
Total Membership Change	-30,929	-41,584	-45,048	-55,717	-78,923	-78,449	-70,130	126.7%
Baptized Youth Confirmed	57,246	55,218	53,705	52,560	50,564	47,658	45,239	-20.9%

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Confirmed Members	3,791,986	3,757,723	3,724,321	3,685,987	3,636,948	3,580,402	3,533,956	-6.8%
Confirmed-Communing Members	2,757,188	2,710,187	2,663,246	2,621,862	2,579,669	2,562,360	2,496,723	-9.4%
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	1,573,163	1,537,043	1,503,426	1,474,767	1,439,747	1,408,682	1,362,120	-13.4%
Percent Attending Worship	30.8%	30.5%	30.1%	29.9%	29.6%	29.5%	28.9%	
Racial/Ethnic Composition of Baptized Members								
African American/Black	52,798	53,564	53,258	54,241	54,354	53,288	52,896	
American Indian/Alaska Native	7,151	7,273	7,265	6,780	7,095	7,007	6,866	
Arab/Middle Eastern (new in 2003)			1,381	1,638	1,779	1,944	2,136	
Asian/Pacific Islander	22,949	22,898	22,030	22,395	21,950	22,545	22,202	
Latino/Latina (All Races)	38,532	39,614	39,949	38,255	39,157	39,563	39,760	
Multi Racial (new in 2003)			5,692	11,036	12,261	13,613	15,417	
Other	<u>10,288</u>	<u>15,151</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>12,440</u>	<u>11,096</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>11,397</u>	
Total Members of Color/Language	131,718	138,500	142,594	146,785	147,692	148,762	150,674	14.3%
Percent of Total Baptized	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	
Regular Giving Per Confirmed-Communing Member								
Regular Giving Per CC Member in 2001 Dollars	\$602.65	\$619.95	\$654.14	\$686.26	\$715.82	\$745.17	\$782.55	29.8%
Regular Giving by Members	\$1,661,631,526	\$1,680,187,672	\$1,742,143,203	\$1,799,281,419	\$1,846,578,404	\$1,909,390,439	\$1,953,805,792	17.5%
Regular Giving in 2001 Dollars	\$1,661,631,526	\$1,641,128,806	\$1,670,319,465	\$1,670,641,986	\$1,657,908,425	\$1,671,970,612	\$1,643,649,189	-1.0%
Designated Giving by Members	\$332,725,276	\$327,374,546	\$306,396,399	\$306,368,416	\$331,062,240	\$333,656,738	\$346,732,154	4.2%
Earned Income, Unrestricted	\$73,391,243	\$74,610,633	\$73,090,822	\$72,091,620	\$83,677,260	\$94,814,604	\$95,206,073	29.7%
Earned Income, Restricted	\$43,713,687	\$39,825,839	\$48,189,519	\$45,800,330	\$48,600,559	\$58,995,418	\$66,273,498	51.6%
Grants & Partnership Support	\$15,938,403	\$17,166,769	\$19,114,867	\$19,332,163	\$20,833,334	\$22,460,674	\$26,095,598	63.7%
Cash Borrowed	\$159,223,589	\$178,492,905	\$192,036,245	\$181,513,428	\$157,243,253	\$146,867,535	\$149,064,787	-6.3%
Other Receipts	<u>\$166,729,879</u>	<u>\$175,658,561</u>	<u>\$173,538,359</u>	<u>\$175,971,614</u>	<u>\$188,906,538</u>	<u>\$181,882,928</u>	<u>\$178,752,727</u>	7.2%
Total Receipts	\$2,453,353,603	\$2,493,316,925	\$2,554,509,414	\$2,600,358,990	\$2,676,901,588	\$2,748,068,336	\$2,815,930,629	14.7%

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Current Operating Expenses	\$1,575,880,681	\$1,624,737,309	\$1,676,128,429	\$1,728,314,039	\$1,791,639,179	\$1,835,443,858	\$1,885,298,911	19.6%
Capital Improvements	\$292,096,806	\$313,498,318	\$293,770,870	\$286,019,766	\$257,340,213	\$258,729,032	\$259,231,686	-11.2%
Payments on Debt	\$193,730,662	\$196,319,921	\$216,284,565	\$209,100,304	\$208,057,901	\$222,884,155	\$229,695,096	18.5%
Mission Support	\$135,349,122	\$133,204,219	\$131,538,299	\$130,490,038	\$130,323,202	\$131,568,011	\$132,905,973	-1.8%
Misn Supt % of Total Expenses	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	-13.3%
World Hunger Appeal	\$16,706,388	\$12,924,955	\$11,569,829	\$11,498,052	\$11,103,628	\$11,156,302	\$11,126,748	-33.4%
Disaster Response (new in 2003)			\$1,132,743	\$2,651,013	\$18,343,920	\$4,004,978	\$2,528,170	123.2%
Mission Partners	\$4,733,829	\$4,679,768	\$4,170,464	\$4,836,183	\$4,449,460	\$4,541,954	\$4,808,638	1.5%
Mission Founders (new in 2003)			\$292,091	\$247,560	\$281,257	\$339,967	\$191,904	-34.3%
Missionary Sponsorship	\$5,798,379	\$5,817,701	\$5,599,620	\$7,435,570	\$6,577,404	\$7,580,252	\$7,303,684	25.9%
Specific Mission Support	\$10,929,170	\$11,866,616	\$9,468,044	\$8,410,597	\$10,371,776	\$10,491,208	\$9,506,771	-13.0%
Vision for Mission Offering	\$330,994	\$321,544	\$314,764	\$330,398	\$432,940	\$338,024	\$451,823	36.5%
Synod-Related Special Benevs	\$18,088,233	\$15,958,905	\$16,918,758	\$18,336,749	\$17,244,535	\$18,730,876	\$18,984,526	4.9%
Local Community Benevolences	\$32,216,265	\$32,903,292	\$33,545,914	\$36,941,731	\$38,117,762	\$41,056,320	\$43,849,607	36.1%
Other Benevolences	\$15,644,122	\$16,198,597	\$17,366,378	\$17,042,171	\$19,541,552	\$20,600,973	\$22,913,611	46.4%
Other Expenses	\$104,353,288	\$104,218,327	\$98,926,903	\$106,359,635	\$90,973,276	\$96,681,300	\$96,551,880	-7.4%
Total Expenses	\$2,405,262,198	\$2,472,649,472	\$2,517,027,671	\$2,568,013,806	\$2,604,798,005	\$2,664,147,210	\$2,725,349,028	13.3%
Total ELCA Benevolences	\$191,936,115	\$184,773,708	\$181,004,612	\$184,236,160	\$199,128,122	\$188,751,572	\$187,808,237	-2.1%
Total Non-ELCA Benevolences	\$47,860,387	\$49,101,889	\$50,912,292	\$53,983,902	\$57,659,314	\$61,657,293	\$66,763,218	39.5%
Endowment & Memorial Funds	\$980,401,840	\$925,963,001	\$967,567,113	\$1,042,078,903	\$1,101,641,303	\$1,186,307,758	\$1,253,381,083	27.8%
Cash, Savings, Bonds etc.	\$696,211,917	\$693,282,057	\$706,763,911	\$750,644,548	\$769,870,723	\$974,800,069	\$907,224,666	30.3%
Other Assets	\$251,813,262	\$284,140,179	\$254,590,672	\$247,337,930	\$262,727,518	\$263,990,326	\$285,031,415	13.1%
Number of Congs. With Parsonage	3,940	3,734	3,594	3,488	3,361	3,223	3,115	-20.9%
Total Indebtedness	\$1,327,469,942	\$1,410,246,441	\$1,566,419,246	\$1,634,835,740	\$1,691,374,706	\$1,733,938,188	\$1,781,435,454	34.2%
Number of Bequests Received	5,293	6,074	5,420	8,409	4,444	4,171	2,991	
Value of Bequests	\$100,288,243	\$85,098,351	\$79,401,453	\$83,847,181	\$74,657,068	\$90,397,082	\$82,795,864	
Intended Mission Support	\$134,647,438	\$133,071,677	\$127,601,575	\$135,767,478	\$131,644,946	\$133,880,645	\$134,980,387	0.2%

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