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

Congregation Totals for Montana Synod 1F

From 2000 to 2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	% Change 2000-06
Number of Congregations	149	150	150	149	149	148	146	-2.0%
Baptized Membership	52,267	51,820	52,424	52,186	50,758	49,788	49,782	-4.7%
Members Received By:								
a. Baptism: Children	855	755	625	680	677	681	666	
b. Baptism: Adults	115	90	78	92	100	79	54	
c. Affirmation of Faith	488	469	415	372	384	335	329	
d. Transfer From:								
1. ELCA Congregations	810	792	599	697	665	599	670	
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	116	71	77	96	95	107	57	
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	171	80	73	100	93	73	53	
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	268	149	784	192	160	174	283	
Total Members Added	2,823	2,406	2,651	2,229	2,174	2,048	2,112	
Members Removed By:								
a. Death	519	533	445	471	505	491	435	
b. Transfer To:								
1. ELCA Congregations	546	484	453	481	490	454	346	
2. Other Lutheran Congs.	90	121	71	68	51	144	82	
3. Other Non-Lutheran Congs.	75	120	74	59	70	65	66	
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	1,349	1,595	1,004	1,262	2,464	1,797	1,059	
Total Members Removed	2,579	2,853	2,047	2,341	3,580	2,951	1,988	
Total Membership Change	244	-447	604	-112	-1,406	-903	124	
Baptized Youth Confirmed	667	881	557	558	670	571	545	-18.2%
Confirmed Members	37,688	37,730	38,330	38,396	37,591	37,229	37,290	-1.0%
Confirmed-Communing Members	25,446	26,221	26,136	25,384	24,821	24,082	24,408	-4.0%
Confirm-Commun-Contrib Members	22,513	22,707	22,377	21,967	21,742	21,081	22,332	-0.8%
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	15,017	15,334	14,847	14,210	13,778	13,540	12,964	-13.6%
Percent Attending Worship	28.7%	29.5%	28.3%	27.2%	27.1%	27.2%	26.0%	
Racial/Ethnic Composition of Baptized Members								
African American/Black	39	46	41	43	37	45	41	
American Indian/Alaska Native	364	362	349	330	317	331	326	
Arab/Middle Eastern (new in 2003)				0	0	1	1	
Asian/Pacific Islander	100	93	91	79	82	69	71	
Latino/Latina (All Races)	44	43	49	51	42	52	42	
Multi Racial (new in 2003)				6	63	49	62	
Other	22	8	120	13	9	212	27	
Total Members of Color/Language	569	552	650	522	550	759	570	0.1%
Percent of Total Baptized	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.5%	1.1%	

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Regular Giving Per Confirmed-Communing Member	$497.54	$493.90	$552.02	$545.14	$562.10	$605.55	$629.77	26.5%
Regular Giving Per CC Member in 2000 Dollars	$481.36	$480.22	$528.40	$510.19	$512.40	$533.95	$537.95	8.1%
Regular Giving by Members	$12,660,347	$12,950,644	$14,427,626	$13,837,766	$13,951,973	$14,582,900	$15,371,483	21.4%
Designated Giving by Members	$1,902,471	$2,464,987	$2,994,127	$1,990,542	$2,959,917	$3,291,709	$2,930,346	54.0%
Earned Income, Unrestricted	$219,116	$321,193	$311,743	$239,232	$263,883	$517,890	$458,196	109.1%
Earned Income, Restricted	$411,589	$394,429	$290,626	$363,389	$582,854	$186,698	$662,629	60.9%
Grants & Partnership Support	$141,344	$108,196	$164,334	$157,445	$190,030	$144,662	$143,222	1.3%
Cash Borrowed	$550,896	$429,585	$868,573	$1,213,566	$163,051	$1,150,720	$394,106	-28.4%
Other Receipts	$1,547,678	$1,594,782	$700,790	$1,597,004	$951,529	$1,194,210	$1,508,089	-2.5%
Total Receipts	$17,433,441	$18,263,816	$19,757,819	$19,398,944	$19,063,237	$21,068,789	$21,468,071	23.1%
Current Operating Expenses	$12,112,842	$12,790,162	$13,040,904	$13,134,119	$13,437,182	$13,940,843	$14,223,032	17.4%
Capital Improvements	$1,638,328	$1,108,365	$2,525,005	$1,386,746	$1,712,518	$1,415,274	$810,620	-50.5%
Payments on Debt	$844,430	$899,087	$642,534	$822,509	$900,139	$786,439	$951,234	12.6%
Mission Support	$1,016,176	$1,033,212	$1,015,447	$998,656	$1,035,646	$1,062,475	$1,072,322	5.5%
Misn Supt % of Total Expenses	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	
World Hunger Appeal	$130,384	$167,917	$110,299	$123,569	$111,849	$128,726	$180,334	38.3%
Disaster Response (new in 2003)				$6,671	$24,804	$165,302	$18,356	
Mission Partners	$34,151	$11,945	$12,877	$27,659	$32,977	$26,109	$21,558	-36.8%
Mission Founders (new in 2003)				$0	$0	$0	$0	
Missionary Sponsorship	$39,374	$42,113	$35,346	$53,191	$54,300	$35,514	$50,712	28.8%
Specific Mission Support	$54,713	$126,700	$86,808	$93,624	$66,072	$81,621	$56,249	2.8%
Vision for Mission Offering	$1,495	$3,761	$339	$190	$774	$2,292	$275	-81.6%
Synod-Related Special Benevolence	$170,914	$171,307	$195,702	$210,347	$192,367	$194,989	$167,066	-2.2%
Local Community Benevolences	$220,599	$231,887	$211,262	$226,641	$240,236	$245,126	$268,425	21.6%
Other Benevolences	$129,013	$152,171	$115,505	$146,517	$101,110	$171,639	$91,343	-29.2%
Other Expenses	$452,440	$296,736	$402,686	$202,504	$495,766	$543,038	$1,033,057	128.3%
Total Expenses	$16,844,859	$17,035,363	$18,394,714	$17,432,943	$18,405,740	$18,799,387	$18,944,583	12.4%
Total ELCA Benevolences	$1,447,207	$1,556,955	$1,456,818	$1,513,907	$1,518,789	$1,697,028	$1,566,872	8.2%
Total Non-ELCA Benevolences	$349,612	$384,058	$326,767	$373,158	$341,346	$416,765	$359,768	2.9%
Endowment & Memorial Funds	$5,080,776	$8,838,694	$5,330,421	$5,652,772	$6,915,219	$6,936,266	$7,812,314	53.7%
Cash, Savings, Bonds etc.	$4,797,838	$4,019,846	$3,978,744	$5,924,220	$5,607,978	$6,773,626	$6,296,393	31.2%
Other Assets	$1,020,412	$1,466,737	$758,707	$394,811	$1,597,152	$1,904,080	$1,654,108	62.1%
Number of Congs. With Parsonage	67	68	69	63	62	50	0	-100.0%
Total Indebtedness	$2,139,752	$2,550,752	$2,933,521	$4,826,149	$3,408,830	$5,050,550	$3,840,668	79.4%
Number of Bequests Received	29	17	363	22	204	86	38	
Value of Bequests	$273,845	$986,549	$388,020	$86,604	$281,139	$521,652	$227,171	
Intended Mission Support	$1,122,373	$1,036,181	$1,070,561	$967,324	$1,056,151	$1,115,860	$959,007	-14.5%