

# **2004 STATISTICAL REVIEW The United Methodist Church**

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	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</b>				
<b>In the Jurisdictional Conferences:</b>				
Total lay members reported at close of last year (1)	8,334,204	8,294,445	8,258,352	8,204,525
Received this year on Profession of Christian Faith or Restored	196,928	203,452	200,229	188,273
Received from other United Methodist churches	114,251	113,042	109,069	102,811
Received from other denominations	79,076	81,310	77,743	76,176
Removed by Charge Conference action or withdrawn	174,068	188,403	190,955	193,175
Removed by transfer to other United Methodist churches	86,725	86,742	83,600	80,413
Removed by transfer to other denominations	46,482	43,606	42,432	41,110
Removed by death	120,348	119,892	118,246	116,009
General Church Membership Roll (1)	4,027	4,027	4,032	21
Total lay members	8,296,836	8,253,606	8,210,160	8,141,099
Total clergy members	44,539	44,854	44,987	45,176
Total full members at close of this year	8,341,375	8,298,460	8,255,147	8,186,275
Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)	3,487,629	3,546,695	3,488,851	3,433,169
Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	150,690	151,720	142,797	138,890
Preparatory members now on roll	1,325,270	1,292,666	1,258,791	1,251,335
Number of persons on constituency roll	1,421,472	1,437,391	1,392,659	1,438,654
Total enrolled in confirmation classes this year	108,387	107,921	104,809	101,464
<b>In the Central Conferences:</b>				
Totally members	1,508,847	1,853,744	1,883,760	1,883,772
Total clergy members (2)	3,857	9,358	9,182	9,186
Total full members at close of this year (2)	1,512,704	1,863,102	1,892,942	1,892,958
Preparatory members now on roll	505,632	597,072	644,331	644,045
<b>Total lay and ordained full members</b>	<b>9,854,079</b>	<b>10,161,562</b>	<b>10,148,089</b>	<b>10,079,233</b>
<b>Total preparatory members</b>	<b>1,830,902</b>	<b>1,889,738</b>	<b>1,903,122</b>	<b>1,895,380</b>
<b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b>				
<b>In the Jurisdictional Conferences:</b>				
Number of leaders (teachers, administrators, etc. for all educational work)	524,019	523,093	527,756	531,695
Children (birth through sixth grade) in all classes and groups	1,038,228	1,034,062	1,014,288	992,093
Youth (seventh grade through high school) in all classes and groups	527,285	531,043	531,458	524,398
Adults (post high school) in all classes and groups	1,501,292	1,497,698	1,500,452	1,516,907
Total church school membership	3,590,824	3,585,896	3,573,954	3,565,093
Average attendance in the Church school (all ages)	1,591,646	1,606,917	1,570,561	1,525,334
Average attendance in Accountability Groups	N/A	409,887	420,410	482,484
Average attendance in Mission and Ministry Groups	N/A	304,010	351,125	378,972
Average attendance in Support Groups	N/A	312,600	345,267	353,902
Average attendance in other on-going classes and groups for learning	979,121	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average attendance in short-term classes and groups for learning	1,318,586	1,279,047	1,304,792	1,336,498
Number of Church school members joining the church this year on profession of Christian faith	87,371	91,663	88,530	83,875
<b>In the Central Conferences:</b>				
Number of officers and teachers in the Church school	12,061	14,531	14,840	15,120
Number enrolled in Church schools	497,745	542,301	582,492	584,843
Total Church School membership	509,806	556,832	597,332	599,963
<b>Total Church School membership</b>	<b>4,100,630</b>	<b>4,142,728</b>	<b>4,171,286</b>	<b>4,165,056</b>
<b>UNITED METHODIST MEN'</b>				
Membership in United Methodist Men	240,967	241,592	238,587	235,709
Amount paid for projects	\$ 12,368,321	12,570,467	12,508,700	13,289,359
<b>UNITED METHODIST WOMEN-</b>				
Membership in United Methodist Women	834,658	811,289	775,939	765,724
Amount paid for local church and community work	\$ 33,381,594	33,561,652	35,327,321	33,993,486
<b>UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP-</b>				
Membership in United Methodist Youth Fellowship (3)	473,253	1,855,521	444,738	461,012
Amount paid for projects	\$ 23,222,642	24,120,112	25,982,366	26,689,555

'Data is. for the Jurisdictional Conferences only

(1) New General Membership Roll auditing procedures removed approximately 4000 members in 2003.

(2) Data previous to 2001 includes ordained clergy only

(3) 2001 Data is inflated due to faulty data from several conferences

	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>NUMBER OF ORGANIZED CHURCHES</b>				
In the Jurisdictional Conferences	35,469	35,275	35,102	34,892
In the Central Conferences	7,995	6,920	6,920	6,934
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS*</b>				
Value of church land, buildings and equipment	\$ 32,557,491,102	34,576,830,699	36,379,025,386	38,334,472,698
Value of church-owned parsonages and furniture	\$ 2,869,202,393	2,958,055,722	3,047,603,146	3,151,745,069
Value of other assets (cash, securities, other property, etc.)	\$ 4,210,298,673	4,135,076,040	4,679,681,144	4,232,286,392
Indebtedness on church land, buildings, equipment, parsonages, furniture and other assets	\$ 2,096,881,280	2,339,702,926	2,623,126,758	2,947,004,268
Other indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)	\$ 53,396,189	77,288,356	85,131,233	82,437,129
<b>BENEVOLENCES*</b>				
World Service and Conference Benevolences	\$ 149,111,283	156,670,776	158,838,409	158,479,092
All other benevolences	\$ 316,159,821	354,624,930	341,473,772	335,116,199
U.M.W. cash sent to district or conference U.M.W. Treasurer	\$ 25,564,165	24,017,148	23,120,895	22,423,673
<b>Total benevolences</b>	<b>\$ 490,835,269</b>	<b>535,312,854</b>	<b>523,433,076</b>	<b>516,018,964</b>
<b>CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION*</b>				
General, jurisdictional, area, conference, district and interdenominational administration funds	\$ 77,185,953	81,170,008	81,556,652	86,309,464
<b>CLERGY SUPPORT*</b>				
Paid pension and benefits, District Superintendents*, Episcopal and Equitable Compensation Funds	\$ 338,798,893	359,734,860	401,465,727	444,210,401
Paid pastor and associate pastor(s)	\$ 741,029,134	767,201,946	791,434,640	810,861,329
Paid pastor and associate pastor(s) utilities, accountable reimbursements, and cash allowances	\$ 248,550,216	258,188,403	262,950,446	271,285,357
<b>Total clergy support</b>	<b>\$ 1,328,378,243</b>	<b>1,385,125,209</b>	<b>1,455,850,813</b>	<b>1,526,357,087</b>
<b>LOCAL CHURCH CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES*</b>				
Diaconal ministers, Deacons and other lay staff compensation	\$ 825,599,831	893,411,605	947,198,223	1,001,597,955
Current expenses for program (including church school)	\$ 276,784,936	292,010,461	297,999,187	300,516,599
Other current operating expenses (not including program expenses)	\$ 718,978,388	779,144,621	800,234,541	853,329,299
Principal and interest paid on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	\$ 400,358,763	422,949,286	437,692,808	446,504,085
Paid on buildings and improvements	\$ 643,026,897	654,569,794	698,725,929	645,423,783
<b>GRAND TOTAL*</b>	<b>\$ 4,761,148,280</b>	<b>5,043,693,838</b>	<b>5,242,691,229</b>	<b>5,376,057,236</b>
<b>CLERGY RECORDS AND GENERAL INFORMATION</b>				
	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>In the Jurisdictional Conferences:</b>				
Total Full Connection Members	34,379	34,308	34,190	34,071
Total Full Elder Members	33,354	33,211	33,049	32,870
Total Full Deacon Members	1,025	1,097	1,141	1,201
Total Probationary Members	2,325	2,342	2,404	2,438
Total Probationary Elders	2,205	2,184	2,198	2,192
(Including those under the provisions of the 1992 Discipline)				
Total Probationary Deacons	120	158	206	246
Total Associate and Affiliate Members	2,242	2,235	2,180	2,115
Total Conference Clergy Members less Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors	38,946	38,885	38,774	38,624
Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors Under Appointment	5,593	5,969	6,213	6,552
Total Annual Conference Clergy Membership	44,539	44,854	44,987	45,176
Retired	14,995	15,204	15,369	15,475
Appointments Beyond the Local Church and to Extension Ministries	3,415	3,441	3,370	3,361
Appointed to Attend School	209	170	160	170
Family Leave or Sabbatical Leave	176	175	196	200
Leave of Absence, Incapacity Leave or Under Suspension	1,063	1,061	1,109	1,118
Elected as Members in Full Connection	632	602	570	569
Elected as Full Elders	563	526	518	507
Elected as Full Deacons	69	76	52	62
Elected as Probationary Members	536	615	639	633
Elected as Probationary Elders	482	558	563	546
(Including under the provisions of the 1992 Discipline)				
Elected as Probationary Deacons	54	57	76	87
Elected as Associate Members	89	84	45	45
Transferred from Other Christian Denominations	49	30	28	18
Readmitted	21	19	20	9
Died	620	676	653	642
Removed by Conference Action, Withdrawn, or Located	237	213	234	216
Number of Pastoral Charges	26,236	26,348	26,367	26,307
Number of Districts	519	520	514	504
Number of Annual and Missionary Conferences	65	65	63	63
<b>In the Central Conferences:</b>				
Number of Ordained Clergy	3,857	4,083	4,247	4,252
Number of Local Pastors	4,304	5,275	4,935	4,934
Number of Annual and Provisional Conferences	55	59	59	59
*Data is for the Jurisdictional Conference... only				