

# CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN REPORT

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Report for 2017 Calendar Year

The following pages contain statistical  
information from each local church and district in  
the West Virginia Annual Conference  
of

The United Methodist Church  
from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

STATISTICAL and INCOME SUMMARY

2017 figures compared to 2016 figures

*Statistical data are compiled from reports filed each year  
by each church. Where data is not present, report was not  
available to the Statistician.*

**Statistical Summary**  
**West Virginia Annual Conference**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	# of Change	% of Change
Membership, beginning of year	94,248	93,239	(1,009)	-1.07%
Professions of Faith	1,266	1,171	(95)	-7.50%
Restored By Affirmation	100	39	(61)	-61.00%
Correction to Last Year	(387)	(560)	(173)	44.70%
Received from other UM Churches	394	306	(88)	-22.34%
Received from other Denominations	200	163	(37)	-18.50%
Removed - Charge Conf Action	346	635	289	83.53%
Withdrawn	203	273	70	34.48%
Transferred to other UM Churches	262	195	(67)	-25.57%
Transferred to other Denominations	189	158	(31)	-16.40%
Removed by Death	1,582	1,498	(84)	-5.31%
<b>Membership, end of year</b>	<b>93,239</b>	<b>91,599</b>	<b>(1,640)</b>	<b>-1.76%</b>
Avg. Attendance - Weekly Worship Service	39,212	38,047	(1,165)	-2.97%
Percentage Attend. - Main Worship Service	42.06%	41.54%	(0)	-1.23%
Persons Baptized	1,261	1,004	(257)	-20.38%
Preparatory Members on Roll	4,421	4,363	(58)	-1.31%
Persons on Constituency Roll	17,162	16,663	(499)	-2.91%
Persons in Confirmation Classes	500	503	3	0.60%
<b><u>Church School</u></b>				
Children (Birth - 6th Grade)	8,272	6,876	(1,396)	-16.88%
Youth (7th Grade - 12th Grade)	3,930	3,836	(94)	-2.39%
Young Adults	2,505	2,181	(324)	-12.93%
Adults (post High School)	15,672	15,108	(564)	-3.60%
Church School Membership (lines 15-18)	<b>30,379</b>	<b>28,001</b>	<b>(2,378)</b>	<b>-7.83%</b>
Avg. Attendance - Sunday School	16,640	17,187	547	3.29%
Percentage Attend. - Sunday School	54.77%	61.38%	0	12.06%
Partici-pants in Vacation Bible School	17,734	17,776	42	0.24%
Number of Ongoing Classes in Sunday School	2,392	2,464	72	3.01%
Number of Ongoing Classes-other than Sunday School	1,442	1,548	106	7.35%
Number of Short Term Classes or Small Groups	734	696	(38)	-5.18%
<b><u>UM Men, Women, and Youth Fellowship</u></b>				
Membership in UM Men	2,005	1,838	(167)	-8.33%
Amount paid for projects	\$148,779	\$168,681	\$19,902	13.38%
Membership in UM Women	9,767	6,584	(3,183)	-32.59%
Pd/Local Church and connect work (UMW)	\$565,039	\$564,569	(\$470)	-0.08%
<b><u>Property and Other Assets</u></b>				
Value of Church Land, Bldg, & Equip	\$732,607,425	\$770,945,860	\$38,338,435	5.23%
Value of All Other Church Owned Assets	\$124,799,957	\$120,441,955	(\$4,358,002)	-3.49%
Debt Secured by Church Owned Assets	\$13,318,963	\$15,306,390	\$1,987,427	14.92%
Other Indebtedness	\$99,535	\$75,515	(\$24,020)	-24.13%
<b><u>Benevolences and Funds</u></b>				
World Service Advance Specials	\$12,559	\$4,494	(\$8,065)	-64.22%
Annual Conference Advance Specials	\$67,646	\$67,134	(\$512)	-0.76%
Youth Service fund	\$2,322	\$4,186	\$1,864	80.28%
Sanctity of Life	\$1,440	\$1,593	\$153	10.63%
Golden Cross Sunday	\$7,086	\$6,945	(\$141)	-1.99%
Campus Ministry Sunday	\$368	\$477	\$109	29.62%
Christian Education Sunday	\$1,042	\$1,118	\$76	7.29%
Day of Remembrance Sunday	\$15,497	\$14,106	(\$1,391)	-8.98%
Total Amount Given to UM Causes Directly	\$827,497	\$763,120	(\$64,377)	-7.78%
Total Amount Given to Non UM Causes Directly	\$2,792,487	\$2,727,057	(\$65,430)	-2.34%
General Special Sunday Offerings	\$55,122	\$55,559	\$437	0.79%
<b><u>Retirement and Health Care Costs</u></b>				
Direct Billed Clergy Benefits (excluding health care)	\$1,477,600	\$2,366,501	\$888,901	60.16%
Mandatory Medical Insurance Premiums (70%)	\$1,614,210	\$1,569,689	(\$44,521)	-2.76%
Church Paid Health Insurance Premiums above 70%	\$401,403	\$400,213	(\$1,190)	-0.30%
Total Health Insurance Premiums Paid by Church	\$2,015,613	\$1,969,902	(\$45,711)	-2.27%

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<b><u>Local Church Clergy Support</u></b>				
Base Compensation to Pastors	\$12,501,358	\$12,704,502	\$203,144	1.62%
Base Compensation to Associate Pastors	\$511,112	\$615,501	\$104,389	20.42%
Utilities, Housing Allowances, Other	\$1,665,209	\$1,477,503	(\$187,706)	-11.27%
Accountable Reimbursement Plans Other	\$1,174,900	\$1,215,861	\$40,961	3.49%
Cash Allowances	\$198,015	\$131,738	(\$66,277)	-33.47%
<b><u>Local Church Expenditures</u></b>				
Diaconal Minister's Compensation	\$218,023	\$113,638	(\$104,385)	-47.88%
Other Staff Compensation	\$7,091,251	\$7,265,640	\$174,389	2.46%
Current Expenses for Programs	\$2,873,868	\$2,649,783	(\$224,085)	-7.80%
Other Current Operation Expenses	\$11,209,261	\$11,116,904	(\$92,357)	-0.82%
Principal/Interest Paid on Indebtedness	\$2,265,229	\$3,001,248	\$736,019	32.49%
Paid on Buildings and Improvements	\$8,316,154	\$7,333,243	(\$982,911)	-11.82%
<b>Total Amount Spent by Local Church on All Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,691,260</b>	<b>\$67,368,201</b>	<b>(\$323,059)</b>	<b>-0.48%</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Information</u></b>				
Percentage Payout on Fair Share	85.00%	84.65%	-0.35%	-0.41%
<b><u>Income Information</u></b>				
Number of Pledges & Identified Givers	25,637	24,724	(913)	-3.56%
Income Received Through Pledges	\$10,997,071	\$11,387,620	\$390,549	3.55%
Amount Received Non-Pledged by Identified Givers	\$27,783,980	\$28,718,688	\$934,708	3.36%
Amount Received from Unidentified Givers	\$14,094,880	\$13,170,408	(\$924,472)	-6.56%
Income from Interest and Dividends	\$2,094,212	\$2,953,997	\$859,785	41.06%
Received from Sale of Church Assets	\$379,705	\$39,284	(\$340,421)	-89.65%
Amount received Through Building Use	\$605,115	\$833,803	\$228,688	37.79%
Amount Received Through Fund Raisers	\$1,404,403	\$1,055,952	(\$348,451)	-24.81%
Church Capital Campaign Receipts	\$2,454,218	\$2,334,600	(\$119,618)	-4.87%
Memorials/Endowments/Bequests	\$2,820,711	\$2,556,016	(\$264,695)	-9.38%
Other Sources and Projects	\$1,509,310	\$1,740,615	\$231,305	15.33%
Equitable Compensation Received by the Pastor	\$105,990	\$87,151	(\$18,839)	-17.77%
Advance Special/Apportioned Funds Received by the Church	\$28,386	\$75,342	\$46,956	165.42%
Other Funds Received	\$361,502	\$162,085	(\$199,417)	-55.16%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$65,586,718</b>	<b>\$66,157,668</b>	<b>\$570,950</b>	<b>0.87%</b>