

**SUMMARY STATISTICS 1955 - 2020**

| <b>Year</b>         | <b>Congregations</b> | <b>Net Change</b> | <b>Membership</b> | <b>Net Change</b> | <b>Christian Education/Faith Formation<sup>(a)</sup></b> | <b>Net Change</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1955                | 8,297                | -29               | 2,123,792         | 38,943            | 1,301,725  | 43,599            |
| 1956                | 8,287                | -10               | 2,173,441         | 49,649            | 1,325,842  | 24,117            |
| 1957                | 8,283                | -4                | 2,193,593         | 20,152            | 1,333,064  | 7,222             |
| 1958                | 8,248                | -35               | 2,208,845         | 15,252            | 1,290,680  | -42,384           |
| 1959                | 8,253                | 5                 | 2,229,178         | 20,333            | 1,279,670  | -11,010           |
| 1960                | 8,184                | -69               | 2,246,610         | 17,432            | 1,272,949  | -6,721            |
| 1961 <sup>(b)</sup> | 6,755                | -1,429            | 2,015,770         | -230,840          | 1,136,981  | -135,968          |
| 1962                | 6,945                | 190               | 2,045,518         | 29,748            | 1,159,407  | 22,426            |
| 1963                | 6,876                | -69               | 2,054,676         | 9,158             | 1,209,102  | 49,695            |
| 1964                | 6,957                | 81                | 2,067,179         | 12,503            | 1,163,915  | -45,187           |
| 1965                | 6,952                | -5                | 2,071,391         | 4,212             | 1,084,623  | -79,292           |
| 1966                | 6,947                | -5                | 2,063,481         | -7,910            | 1,008,432  | -76,191           |
| 1967                | 6,909                | -38               | 2,052,857         | 10,624            | 957,329  | -51,103           |
| 1968                | 6,866                | -43               | 2,032,648         | -20,209           | 881,227  | -76,102           |
| 1969                | 6,803                | -63               | 1,997,898         | -34,750           | 825,738  | -55,489           |
| 1970                | 6,727                | -76               | 1,960,608         | -37,290           | 766,244  | -59,494           |
| 1971                | 6,688                | -39               | 1,928,674         | -31,934           | 711,757  | -54,487           |
| 1972                | 6,635                | -53               | 1,895,016         | -33,658           | 659,122  | -52,635           |
| 1973                | 6,617                | -18               | 1,867,810         | -27,206           | 626,082  | -33,040           |
| 1974                | 6,581                | -36               | 1,841,312         | -26,498           | 595,457  | -30,625           |
| 1975                | 6,552                | -29               | 1,818,762         | -22,550           | 578,786  | -16,671           |
| 1976                | 6,528                | -24               | 1,801,241         | -17,521           | 553,119  | -25,667           |
| 1977                | 6,512                | -16               | 1,785,652         | -15,589           | 533,307  | -19,812           |
| 1978                | 6,491                | -21               | 1,769,104         | -16,548           | 508,964  | -24,343           |
| 1979                | 6,467                | -24               | 1,745,533         | -23,571           | 487,084  | -21,880           |
| 1980                | 6,462                | -5                | 1,736,244         | -9,289            | 477,416  | -9,668            |
| 1981                | 6,443                | -19               | 1,726,535         | -9,709            | 472,697  | -4,719            |
| 1982                | 6,430                | -13               | 1,710,656         | -15,879           | 466,563  | -6,134            |
| 1983                | 6,427                | -3                | 1,701,513         | -9,143            | 453,326  | -13,237           |
| 1984                | 6,419                | -8                | 1,696,107         | -5,406            | 448,505  | -4,821            |
| 1985                | 6,408                | -11               | 1,683,777         | -12,330           | 450,734  | -2,229            |
| 1986                | 6,406                | -2                | 1,676,105         | -7,672            | 441,439  | -9,295            |
| 1987                | 6,395                | -11               | 1,662,568         | -13,537           | 435,628  | -5,811            |
| 1988                | 6,362                | -33               | 1,644,786         | -17,782           | 437,836  | 2,208             |
| 1989                | 6,338                | -24               | 1,625,985         | -18,801           | 433,980  | -3,856            |
| 1990                | 6,330                | -8                | 1,605,773         | -20,212           | 431,801  | -2,179            |
| 1991                | 6,305                | -25               | 1,583,830         | -21,943           | 413,255  | -18,546           |
| 1992 <sup>(c)</sup> | 6,264                | -41               | 1,555,382         | -28,448           | 407,261  | -5,994            |
| 1993                | 6,225                | -39               | 1,530,178         | -25,204           | 401,003  | -6,258            |
| 1994                | 6,180                | -45               | 1,501,310         | -28,868           | 379,630  | -21,373           |
| 1995                | 6,145                | -35               | 1,472,213         | -29,097           | 381,992  | 2,362             |
| 1996                | 6,110                | -35               | 1,452,565         | -19,648           | 353,877  | -28,115           |
| 1997                | 6,061                | -49               | 1,438,181         | -14,384           | 358,651  | 4,774             |
| 1998                | 6,017                | -44               | 1,421,088         | -17,093           | 351,244  | -7,407            |
| 1999                | 5,961                | -56               | 1,401,682         | -19,406           | 342,560  | -8,684            |
| 2000                | 5,923                | -38               | 1,377,320         | -24,362           | 331,537  | -11,023           |
| 2001                | 5,888                | -35               | 1,359,105         | -18,215           | 323,842  | -7,695            |
| 2002                | 5,850                | -38               | 1,330,985         | -28,120           | 310,349  | -13,493           |
| 2003 <sup>(d)</sup> | 5,804                | -46               | 1,302,308         | -28,677           | 296,601  | -13,748           |
| 2004                | 5,750                | -54               | 1,271,785         | -30,523           | 280,537  | -16,064           |
| 2005                | 5,633                | -117              | 1,229,953         | -41,832           | 262,162  | -18,375           |
| 2006                | 5,518                | -115              | 1,196,474         | -33,479           | 221,896  | -40,266           |

| Year                | Congregations | Net Change | Membership | Net Change | Christian Education/Faith Formation <sup>(a)</sup> | Net Change |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|
| 2007                | 5,377         | -141       | 1,145,281  | -51,193    | 219,581  | -2,315     |
| 2008                | 5,320         | -57        | 1,111,691  | -33,590    | 218,816  | -765       |
| 2009                | 5,287         | -33        | 1,080,199  | -31,492    | 220,169  | 1,353      |
| 2010                | 5,227         | -60        | 1,058,423  | -21,776    | 209,260  | -10,909    |
| 2011                | 5,194         | -33        | 1,028,324  | -30,099    | 201,842  | -7,418     |
| 2012                | 5,154         | -40        | 998,906    | -29,418    | 193,255  | -8,587     |
| 2013                | 5,116         | -38        | 979,239    | -19,667    | 192,430  | -825       |
| 2014                | 5,062         | -54        | 943,521    | -35,718    | 186,915  | -5,515     |
| 2015                | 5,032         | -30        | 914,871    | -28,650    | 178,983  | -7,932     |
| 2016                | 5,000         | -32        | 880,383    | -34,488    | 172,113  | -6,870     |
| 2017                | 4,956         | -44        | 853,778    | -26,605    | 169,619  | -2,494     |
| 2018                | 4,882         | -74        | 824,866    | -28,912    | 162,483  | -7,136     |
| 2019                | 4,852         | -30        | 802,356    | -22,510    | 155,319  | -7,164     |
| 2020 <sup>(e)</sup> | 4,794         | -58        | 773,539    | -28,817    | 135,416  | -19,903    |

**Percent Change**

| Years                    | Congregations | Membership | Christian Education/Faith Formation |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1955-1960                | -1.36         | -5.78      | -2.21                               |
| 1960-1965 <sup>(b)</sup> | -15.05        | -7.79      | -14.79                              |
| 1965-1970                | -3.23         | -5.34      | -29.35                              |
| 1970-1975                | -2.6          | -7.23      | -24.46                              |
| 1975-1980                | -1.37         | -4.53      | -17.51                              |
| 1980-1985                | -0.83         | -3.02      | -5.58                               |
| 1985-1990                | -1.22         | -4.63      | -4.20                               |
| 1990-1995 <sup>(c)</sup> | -2.92         | -8.32      | -11.54                              |
| 1995-2000                | -3.61         | -6.45      | -13.21                              |
| 2000-2005 <sup>(b)</sup> | -4.9          | -10.7      | -20.93                              |
| 2005-2010                | -7.21         | -13.95     | -20.18                              |
| 2010-2015                | -3.73         | -13.56     | -14.46                              |
| 2015-2020 <sup>(e)</sup> | -4.73         | -15.45     | -24.34                              |

**Notes**

All figures from official denominational yearbooks.

Pre-1961 figures are combined for the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

<sup>(a)</sup> Christian Education/Faith Formation refers to Church School Enrollment for all figures before 2007.

<sup>(b)</sup> The losses between 1960-1965 result from decisions of 1,000 Congregational Christian Churches not to unite with the United Church of Christ.

<sup>(d)</sup> Christian Education/Faith Formation totals for churches not reporting this data since 1992 are not included in the total for 2003.

<sup>(d)</sup> Effective 1992, the membership numbers of churches coded as inactive are no longer included in the total membership figures.

<sup>(e)</sup> Data for 2020 is likely impacted by the global COVID-19 pandemic