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**II. REPORT OF THE STATISTICAN FOR 2022
CONDENSED REPORT**

Line	Description	2021	2022	Difference
Professing Membership				
1	Total professing members reported at close of last year (See Instructions)	212,193	206,775	3% Decrease
2a	Received this year on Profession of Christian Faith	666	997	50% Increase
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	473	752	59% Increase
2c	Restored by affirmation (or correction to previous years report)	131	154	18% Increase
2d	Correct previous year's reporting errors of total professing membership numbers by addition	91	215	136% Increase
2e	Received from other United Methodist Churches	1,001	1,380	38% Increase
2f	Received from other denominations	661	988	49% Increase
3a	Removed or corrected by Charge Conference action	687	972	41% Increase
3b	Withdrawn	414	655	58% Increase
3c	Correct previous year's reporting errors of total professing membership numbers by subtraction	2,607	1,987	24% Decrease
3d	Removed by transfer to other United Methodist Churches	1,089	832	24% Decrease
3e	Removed by transfer to other denominations	594	722	22% Increase
3f	Removed by death	3,050	2,780	9% Decrease
4	Total professing members at close of this year	206,775	203,313	2% Decrease
Membership Ethnicity				
5a	Asian	681	580	15% Decrease
5b	African American/Black	39,602	39,000	2% Decrease
5c	Hispanic	358	373	4% Increase
5d	Native American	107	104	3% Decrease
5e	Pacific Islander	52	61	17% Increase
5f	White	165,288	162,520	2% Decrease
5g	Multi Racial	681	675	1% Decrease
5	Total Membership Ethnicity	206,769	203,313	2% Decrease
Membership Gender				
6a	Number of female members	118,419	116,523	2% Decrease
6b	Number of male members	88,352	86,785	2% Decrease
6c	Number of non-binary members	4	5	25% Increase
6	Total Membership Gender	206,775	203,313	2% Decrease

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Line	Description	2021	2022	Difference
7	Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)	48,662	54,193	11% Increase
7a	Number of persons who worship online	71,551	61,915	13% Decrease
8a	Number of persons baptized this year (0-12 Years)	670	879	31% Increase
8b	Number of persons baptized this year (ages 13 or older)	204	292	43% Increase
8	Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	874	1,171	34% Increase
9	Total baptized members who have not become professing members	11,376	10,690	6% Decrease
10	Number of persons on constituency roll (230.3)	18,081	18,665	3% Increase
PARTICIPANTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION GROUPS (CFG), including Sunday School, educational classes, and other small group ministries				
11a	Number of CHILDREN in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 0-11	11,929	12,211	2% Increase
11b	Number of YOUTH in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 12-18	7,496	7,376	2% Decrease
11c	Number of YOUNG ADULTS in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 19-30	4,413	4,263	3% Decrease
11d	Number of OTHER ADULTS in all Christian formation groups and other small group ministries Ages 31+	34,737	36,917	6% Increase
11	TOTAL number of persons participating in Christian formation groups	58,575	60,767	4% Increase
Other Classes and Education				
12	Total enrolled in confirmation classes this year	845	1,146	36% Increase
13	Average attendance in Sunday church school (all ages)	19,603	20,253	3% Increase
14	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	14,773	19,892	35% Increase
15	Number of ongoing classes and other small groups (all ages) in Sunday Church School	2,416	2,477	3% Increase
16	Number of ongoing classes and other small groups (all ages) other than Sunday Church School	2,716	2,865	5% Increase
17	Number of short-term classes and groups (all ages)	1,193	1,406	18% Increase
18a	Membership in United Methodist Men	8,221	8,500	3% Increase
18b	UMM amount paid for projects	522,401	561,421	7% Increase
19a	Membership in United Women In Faith	14,660	13,757	6% Decrease
19b	UWIF Amount paid for local church and community work	693,472	727,070	5% Increase
Mission Engagement				
20a	Number of UMMIM teams sent from this local church	91	129	42% Increase
20b	Number of church members participating in any UMMIM team	251	414	65% Increase

Line	Description	2021	2022	Difference
21	Total Number of community ministries for outreach justice and mercy offered by this local church	7,683	7,659	Less than 1% Decrease
21a	Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on global/regional health?	1,982	2,099	6% Increase
21b	Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?	5,371	5,392	Less than 1% Increase
22	Number of persons from your congregation engaged in mission/community ministries	30,273	33,298	10% Increase
23	Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach justice and mercy	917,765	1,254,101	37% Increase
	Assets and Debt			
24	Market value of church-owned land buildings and equipment	2,061,557,289	1,976,166,005	4% Decrease
25	Market value of other assets (cash securities other property etc)	220,729,291	226,747,855	3% Increase
26	Indebtedness on items 33 34 35 at end of year	64,546,530	60,337,293	7% Decrease
27	Other indebtedness (current expenses etc)	3,336,062	2,909,234	13% Decrease
	Church Expenditures			
28a	Amount APPORTIONED to the local church by the CONFERENCE	17,250,816	16,692,962	3% Decrease
28b	Amount APPORTIONED to the local church by the DISTRICT (if applicable)	-	-	No change
	Benevolent Giving			
29a	Amount PAID by the local church to the CONFERENCE for all apportioned causes	15,814,223	14,891,146	6% Decrease
29b	Amount PAID by the local church to the DISTRICT for all apportioned causes (if applicable)	-	-	No change
30	Total amount for General Advance Specials remitted to the Annual Conference Treasurer	186,260	475,312	155% Increase
31	Total amount for World Service Specials remitted to the Annual Conference Treasurer	-	-	No change
32	Conference Advance Specials	22,805	-	100% Decrease
33	Youth Service Fund	25	25	No change
34	Other Benevolences sent to Conference Treasurer	476,059	346,740	27% Decrease
35	Conference Sunday Offerings	418,656	435,082	4% Increase
36a	Human Relations	2,518	2,668	6% Increase
36b	UMCOR Sunday (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)	9,526	11,206	18% Increase
36c	Peace with Justice	1,312	1,452	11% Increase
36d	Native American Sunday	7,848	10,163	29% Increase

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Line	Description	2021	2022	Difference
36e	World Communion	4,921	3,029	38% Decrease
36f	U.M. Student Day	2,454	2,026	17% Decrease
37	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to AC Treasurer)	1,938,523	2,161,291	11% Increase
38	Total amount given to non-United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	8,003,366	9,320,748	16% Increase
	Clergy and Staff			
	Pension and Health			
39	Total paid for direct-billed and/or non-apportioned clergy pension and other non-health benefits	3,971,702	3,891,361	2% Decrease
40	Total paid for direct-billed and/or non-apportioned clergy health benefits	4,602,015	4,428,769	4% Decrease
	Clergy Compensation			
41a	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church	30,271,531	32,130,275	6% Increase
41b	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church.	2,236,278	2,112,483	6% Decrease
41c	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b.	233,623	226,122	3% Decrease
42a	Housing-related allowances and utilities paid to/for Pastor (Sum of 42a.1 and 42a.2)	3,190,122	3,092,412	3% Decrease
42b	Housing-related allowances/utilities paid to/for Associate (Sum of 42b.1 and 42b.2)	627,797	639,125	2% Increase
42c	Housing benefits paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b. (Sum of 42c.1 and 42c.2)	33,454	12,500	63% Decrease
43	Total Accountable reimbursements paid	1,236,349	1,346,001	9% Increase
44	Total Other Cash Allowances paid to/for pastor/associate	107,812	174,745	62% Increase
45	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers	36,246,130	38,347,068	6% Increase
	Program and Operating Expenses			
46	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	7,200,400	8,259,226	15% Increase
47	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	34,450,297	37,134,210	8% Increase
	Debt Payments and Building Improvements			
48	Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness loans mortgages etc.	10,200,755	8,901,481	13% Decrease
49	Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building improvements and major equipment purchases	13,713,244	15,060,645	10% Increase

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Line	Description	2021	2022	Difference
50	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY THE LOCAL CHURCH ON ALL EXPENDITURES	175,210,005	183,417,310	5% Increase
51	Number of households giving to the local church	68,655	68,552	Less than 1% Decrease
Received for Annual Budget/Spending Plan				
52a	Amount received through pledges	53,870,509	51,147,814	5% Decrease
52b	Amount received from non-pledging but identified givers	104,892,749	108,749,383	4% Increase
52c	Amount received from unidentified givers	2,388,492	2,878,023	20% Increase
52d	Amount received from interest and dividends and/or transferred from liquid assets	1,560,062	1,725,590	11% Increase
52e	Amount received from Sale of Church Assets	77,484	289,802	274% Increase
52f	Amount received through building use fees contributions and rentals	1,592,443	1,841,634	16% Increase
52g	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	3,303,436	3,411,726	3% Increase
52	Total income for annual budget/spending plan	167,685,175	170,043,972	1% Increase
Received for Capital Campaigns and other designated special projects				
53a	Capital campaigns	7,801,721	5,680,871	27% Decrease
53b	Memorials endowments and bequests	6,902,353	5,770,752	16% Decrease
53c	Funds from other sources and projects including sale of buildings	4,611,937	6,298,085	37% Increase
53d	Amount received for Special Sundays General Advance Specials World Service Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	3,508,057	3,591,642	2% Increase
53	Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	22,824,068	21,341,350	6% Decrease
Income from Connectional Funds or other external sources				
54a	Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	317,741	380,500	20% Increase
54b	Advance Special apportioned and connectional funds received by church	178,313	202,841	14% Increase
54c	Other grants and financial support from institutional sources	3,419,938	1,184,639	65% Decrease
54	Total Support from other institutions	3,915,992	1,767,980	55% Decrease
55	Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church. (SUM OF LINES 52 + 53 + 54)	194,425,235	193,153,302	1% Decrease

B. STATISTICAL TABLES

Compiled from the Reports of the Pastors

Table I, Table II and Table III

for the year

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022