SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE STATISTICAL PROFILE (2016)

MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION
Congregations: 56*
Proposed Congregations: 2
Members: 7,908
Average Membership: 144
Average Worship Attendance: 119
Average Confirmations: 4
Average Confessions: 4
Average Transfers In: 5
Average Reaffirmations: 5
Average Deaths: 4
Average Transfers Out: 1
Average Child Baptisms: 2
Average Adult Baptisms: 0
Christian Education/Faith Formation Program: 78.6%
Youth Program: 17.9%
Open and Affirming: 41.1%
Accessible: 87.5%
Web URL/Web Presence: 60.7%

RACE/ETHNICITY BY CONGREGATION
White/Euro-American: 44.6%
African-American: 35.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander: 1.8%
Hispanic/Latino: 0.0%
Native American: 0.0%
Bi-Racial/Multi-Racial and Other: 17.8%

* ACTIVE SCHEDULE 0 CHURCHES. THE NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS INCREASES IF SCHEDULE 1 AND 2 CONGREGATIONS ARE INCLUDED.

LOCAL CHURCH STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCES
Average Basic Support - % Participating Churches: $5,410 / 67.9%
Average Special Support (Conference): $1,963
Average Special Support (National): $6,642
Average Total OCWM: $7,993
Average One Great Hour of Sharing / % Participating Churches: $941/42.9%
Average Neighbors in Need - % Participating Churches: $446/44.6%
Average Christmas Fund - % Participating Churches: $446/39.3%
Average Strengthen the Church - % Participating Churches: $339/33.9%
5 for 5 Churches: 26.8%
Average Other Gifts: $26,099
Average Operating Expenses: $142,001
Average Total Income: $221,169

AUTHORIZED MINISTERS
Ordained: 165
Licensed: 16
Commissioned: 0
Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing: 0
Dual Standing: 2
Active (Non-Retired): 134
Retired/Pastor Emeritus: 49
Number in Local Church Positions: 44**
Number in Other Positions: 95**
Number of Unclassified/Leave of Absence: 26**
Average Age (Active, Non-Retired Authorized Ministers): 55
Gender (Active, Non-Retired Authorized Ministers): F=52.7%, M=46.1%, T=0.6%, Unknown=0.6%

** ONLY ORDAINED MINISTERS WERE INCLUDED IN THE NUMBER IN LOCAL CHURCH POSITIONS, OTHER POSITIONS AND THE NUMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED AND/OR ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
In general, the Southeast Conference contains a greater percentage of smaller congregations than the UCC as a whole, with 66.4% of all churches in the Conference having between 1 and 50 members compared with 21.1% of all UCC churches having 1-50 members. On average, the Southeast Conference exceeds the UCC in reaffirmations of faith, transfers in, confessions of faith, and confirmations and experiences fewer transfers out.
The Southeast Conference trails the UCC as a whole in the percentage of churches that give to OCWM Basic Support and the Special Offerings. The strongest area of giving is through Basic Support, with 67.9% of congregations in the Conference participating.

Over the last decade, the churches in the Southeast Conference increased their missional support in all areas except Conference Basic Support, which decreased by 26.3%. Other Gifts increased by 37.4%; Special Support increased by 12.7%; and National Basic Support increased by 96.3%, (nearly double).
There are 183 Authorized Ministers in the Southeast Conference. The great majority (90.1%) of these ministers are Ordained. Of all Authorized Ministers in the Conference, 26.8% have the status of Retired / Pastor Emeritus; and 73.2% are listed as Active. In terms of gender, 46.1% of Authorized Ministers in the Conference identify as male; 52.7% identify as female; 0.6% identify as transgender/gender-variant; and 0.6% are unknown.