

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Research and Evaluation
Source: Congregational Report Forms***

Congregation Totals for ELCA

From 2005 to 2012	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Chg 2005-12
Number of Congregations	10,549	10,470	10,448	10,396	10,348	10,008	9,638	9,533	-9.6%
Baptized Membership	4,850,776	4,774,203	4,709,956	4,633,887	4,542,868	4,272,688	4,059,785	3,950,924	-18.6%
Members Received By:									
a. Baptism: Children	67,652	66,166	62,721	61,617	58,328	52,722	50,454	47,844	-29.3%
b. Baptism: Adults	6,764	6,405	5,854	5,839	5,812	4,978	5,004	4,748	-29.8%
c. Affirmation of Faith	53,961	52,357	49,295	47,586	50,842	44,981	44,522	42,465	-21.3%
d. By transfer:	94,312	87,901	80,973	77,072	62,602	55,927	51,787	47,308	-49.8%
e. Other & Stat. Adjustment	21,251	19,965	19,056	23,511	24,494	19,117	18,561	16,581	-22.0%
Total Members Added	243,940	232,794	217,899	215,625	202,078	177,725	170,328	158,946	-34.8%
Members Removed By:									
a. Death	47,210	45,697	45,154	45,225	43,905	42,281	41,467	40,372	-14.5%
b. By transfer	67,217	63,300	58,917	54,704	52,069	51,407	46,365	40,653	-39.5%
c. Other & Stat. Adjustment	208,436	202,246	183,958	193,133	193,789	190,183	166,272	150,189	-27.9%
Total Members Removed	322,863	311,243	288,029	293,062	289,763	283,861	254,104	231,214	-28.4%
Total Membership Change	-78,923	-78,449	-70,130	-77,437	-87,685	-106,136	-83,776	-108,861	37.9%
Baptized Youth Confirmed	50,564	47,658	45,239	43,195	45,124	41,765	38,274	35,921	-29.0%
Confirmed Members	3,636,948	3,580,402	3,533,956	3,483,336	3,444,041	3,259,371	3,107,925	3,002,270	-17.5%
Avg Weekly Worship Attendance	1,439,747	1,408,682	1,362,120	1,330,709	1,289,953	1,185,907	1,123,071	1,088,737	-24.4%
Percent Attending Worship	29.6%	29.5%	28.9%	28.7%	28.4%	27.8%	27.7%	27.6%	-6.9%
Active Participants (New in 2009)					2,527,941	2,541,309	2,531,154	2,510,634	

From 2005 to 2012	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Chg 2005-12
Racial/Ethnic Composition (Of Baptized Members pre 2009; of Active Participants 2009 and later)									
African American/Black	54,354	53,288	52,896	52,661	48,148	43,843	42,194	41,123	
African National/African Caribbean (new in 2010)						4,881	7,562	8,582	
American Indian/Alaska Native	7,095	7,007	6,866	6,818	5,849	4,868	4,852	5,579	
Arab/Middle Eastern (new in 2003)	1,779	1,944	2,136	2,154	2,192	2,053	2,272	2,410	
Asian/Pacific Islander	21,950	22,545	22,202	22,067	20,769	19,689	19,871	19,930	
Latino/Latina (All Races)	39,157	39,563	39,760	42,621	43,986	41,566	38,668	44,015	
Multi Racial (new in 2003)	12,261	13,613	15,417	18,098	25,720	19,498	20,438	19,921	
Other	11,096	10,802	11,397	10,722	16,919	9,764	12,419	10,415	
White	4,700,513	4,624,249	4,558,059	4,470,272	3,218,255	2,830,218	2,626,604	2,528,980	
Total People of Color/Language	147,692	148,762	150,674	155,141	163,583	146,162	148,276	151,975	
% of Baptized/Act Participants	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	4.8%	4.9%	5.3%	5.7%	
Regular Giving Per									
Confirmed Member	\$507.73	\$533.29	\$552.87	\$557.92	\$561.71	\$561.67	\$571.32	\$593.15	16.8%
Regular Giving by Members	\$1,846,578,404	\$1,909,390,439	\$1,953,805,792	\$1,943,406,300	\$1,934,552,385	\$1,830,676,032	\$1,775,614,165	\$1,780,790,167	-3.6%
Designated Giving by Members	\$331,062,240	\$333,656,738	\$346,732,154	\$321,610,482	\$298,763,662	\$281,897,787	\$273,440,538	\$289,703,681	-12.5%
Earned Income (any source)	\$132,277,819	\$153,810,022	\$161,479,571	\$145,913,132	\$144,180,212	\$134,855,948	\$130,780,771	\$138,723,379	4.9%
Grants & Partnership Support	\$20,833,334	\$22,460,674	\$26,095,598	\$27,970,949	\$26,996,807	\$25,541,449	\$25,853,679	\$24,535,970	17.8%
Other Receipts	\$188,906,538	\$181,882,928	\$178,752,727	\$181,237,687	\$256,017,755	\$217,157,709	\$229,057,279	\$216,839,077	14.8%
Total Receipts	\$2,676,901,588	\$2,748,068,336	\$2,815,930,629	\$2,741,313,099	\$2,804,691,033	\$2,490,128,925	\$2,434,746,432	\$2,450,592,274	-8.5%
Current Operating Expenses	\$1,791,639,179	\$1,835,443,858	\$1,885,298,911	\$1,926,284,447	\$1,918,904,303	\$1,819,300,735	\$1,777,529,695	\$1,765,623,026	-1.5%
Capital Improvements	\$257,340,213	\$258,729,032	\$259,231,686	\$261,089,360	\$242,143,682	\$187,896,513	\$177,349,791	\$174,285,490	-32.3%
Payments on Debt	\$208,057,901	\$222,884,155	\$229,695,096	\$215,247,530	\$215,938,907	\$211,851,812	\$207,278,790	\$199,618,104	-4.1%
Mission Support	\$130,323,202	\$131,568,011	\$132,905,973	\$131,498,498	\$121,929,893	\$108,458,062	\$103,464,702	\$102,619,378	-21.3%
Misn Supt % of Total Expenses	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	-15.5%
All Other Non-Mission Supt Benev	\$126,464,234	\$118,840,854	\$121,665,482	\$125,393,534	\$119,304,773	\$110,757,679	\$109,426,118	\$106,087,136	-16.1%
Other Expenses	\$90,973,276	\$96,681,300	\$96,551,880	\$104,496,352	\$97,864,296	\$90,311,452	\$85,080,593	\$77,180,422	-15.2%
Total Expenses	\$2,604,798,005	\$2,664,147,210	\$2,725,349,028	\$2,764,009,721	\$2,716,085,854	\$2,528,576,253	\$2,460,129,689	\$2,428,108,085	-6.8%
Endowment & Memorial Funds	\$1,101,641,303	\$1,186,307,758	\$1,253,381,083	\$1,093,785,974	\$1,160,930,075	\$1,186,380,238	\$1,165,053,826	\$1,292,971,616	17.4%
Cash, Savings, Bonds etc.	\$769,870,723	\$974,800,069	\$907,224,666	\$869,634,754	\$896,580,828	\$884,466,793	\$831,193,919	\$864,387,543	12.3%
Other Assets	\$262,727,518	\$263,990,326	\$285,031,415	\$280,209,115	\$358,860,078	\$320,182,988	\$345,094,647	\$319,413,930	21.6%
Total Indebtedness	\$1,691,374,706	\$1,733,938,188	\$1,781,435,454	\$1,770,824,328	\$1,930,034,710	\$1,683,024,875	\$1,627,952,830	\$1,761,685,062	4.2%
Number of Bequests Received	4,444	4,171	2,991	4,948	2,979	3,370	2,538	2,441	-45.1%
Value of Bequests	\$74,657,068	\$90,397,082	\$82,795,864	\$66,615,167	\$72,629,786	\$69,988,360	\$65,586,641	\$72,166,017	-3.3%
Projected Mission Support	\$131,644,946	\$133,880,645	\$134,980,387	\$127,633,093	\$123,250,177	\$115,872,001	\$110,864,852	\$110,586,165	-16.0%

*Because not all congregations respond each year, summing the change elements for one year's statistic will only approximate how totals change from one year to the next.