

It's that time again!

Have you taken in new members and if so, how are they connecting to the life of the church? Who isn't attending worship this year that was last year and do you know the reasons? Is your average pledge where you as a church feel it should be, given the economic situation in your congregation? Looking at trends in membership, average worship attendance, and financial giving sheds light on congregational strengths and whether current patterns indicate growth, decline or stability.

Of course, the statistics do not tell the whole story – leadership, spiritual growth, economic situation, population increases and many other pieces make up the story of each local church. The statistics do, however, offer a perspective that can help local congregations see themselves as part of a bigger picture.

In order to know who you are, you need to examine where you are and where you have been.

Please submit your 2016 church statistics no later than:

January 20, 2017



By The Numbers

**Monitoring
God's
Abundance**



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A comprehensive guide to completing
your church's end-of-year statistics using
the UMCDATA website

<https://UMCDATA.net/NMStats>

1. Log in

The screenshot shows the 'MissionConnect Statistics' page. At the top, it says 'New Mexico Annual Conference' and 'The United Methodist Church'. Below that is a note: 'Complete ALL data fields on each of the three tables. If there is nothing to report on a line, enter a zero. Then return to the Home page and click the "Submit" button for each completed table. You may also save your data, log off, and come back later to complete and submit your forms.' It also says 'After submitting, PRINT these forms and keep a copy for your church records.' and 'It is the pastor's responsibility to see that these reports are correct and submitted on time.' Below these are fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Login' and 'Login Assistance'. At the bottom, it says 'For assistance with your Statistics data entry, please contact Cathy Anderson at canderson@nmconfum.com or 505-255-8786.' and 'Version 1.000.001'.

Navigate to the UMC Data website at <https://UMCData.net/NMStats>. Locate your church's username and password on the back cover of this brochure and enter them here.

2. Home

| Year | Table1 Start... | Table1 Submitt... | Table2 Start... | Table2 Submitt... | Table3 Start... | Table3 Submitt... |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2013 | Not Started | | Not Started | | Not Started | |
| 2012 | | | | | | |

This is the home screen. On it you will find previous years' data—double click any year to view, or highlight and click "View Selected Statistics".

Notice that for 2016, the boxes will say "Not Started". Double click this line to begin entering data.

Select the table you would like to start with (upper left corner) and begin entering data.

3. Save

Once you begin entering data, a green "Save" button will appear in the upper right corner. Use this frequently to avoid losing data. If you do not have everything you need to complete a table, simply save it and finish later. The home page will let you know your progress.

| Year | Table1 Start... | Table1 Submitt... | Table2 Start... | Table2 Submitt... | Table3 Start... | Table3 Submitt... |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2013 | 09/18/2014 | 6% Complete | No | | | |
| 2012 | | | | | | |

4. Box colors

| | | |
|---------|---------|-------|
| 0 | 0 | 45.d. |
| 0 | 0 | 45.e. |
| 0 | 0 | 45.f. |
| 20,074 | 18,855 | 46. |
| 92,194 | 88,406 | 57. |
| 118,792 | 108,893 | 58. |
| 32,796 | 0 | 59. |
| 681,299 | 637,481 | 60. |
| 0 | 0 | 9.g. |
| 10 | 0 | 9.h. |
| 2 | 0 | 9.i. |
| 10 | 0 | 10. |
| 1 | 0 | 11.a. |

Notice the various box colors.

White boxes need information from you.

Orange boxes are for data that will be supplied for you by the Treasurer's office

Yellow boxes are data that you have already submitted.

Blue boxes show the number that was entered in this same box last year.

Purple boxes will automatically add the indicated data for you.

Red boxes are ones in which you have made an addition error. Check these and correct before you submit.

5. Help

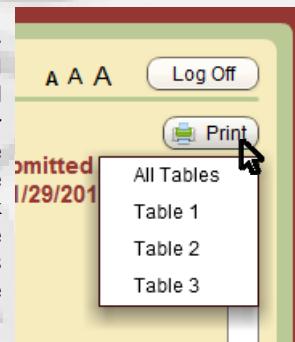
| | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| e. World Communion | 0 | 0 | 45.e. |
| f. U.M. Student Day | 0 | 0 | 45.f. |
| 6. Total amount paid by the local church for all direct-billed clergy non-health benefits | 20,074 | 18,855 | 46. |
| 7. Total amount paid by the local church | 9,341 | 16,258 | 47. |
| 8. Total amount paid in base compensation by appointed pastors CRSP-DB, CRSP-DC, CPP and UMLO. Do not report the pastor's | 6,500 | 69,053 | 48. |
| 9. Total amount paid in base compensation by the bishop | 2,162 | 21,773 | 49. |
| 10. Total amount paid to pastor and a related allowances | 7,455 | 13,436 | 50. |
| 11. Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements | 11,056 | 4,876 | 51. |
| 12. Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for any other cash allowances (non accountable) | 0 | 0 | 52. |

At the top of each table is a link for complete instructions or hover over a question for a pop-up.

“... And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
Acts 2:47

6. Print

After you have completed each table (and saved them), it's a good idea to print a copy for your records. The print button is at the top right corner. Click it and you will have the option to print tables individually or all at one time.



7. Submit

| Year | Table1 Start... | Table1 Submitt... | Table2 Start... | Table2 Submitt... | Table3 Start... | Table3 Subb... |
|------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 2013 | 09/18/2014 | Submit Table | Not Started | | | |
| 2012 | | | | | | |
| 2011 | | | | | | |
| 2010 | | | | | | |

Return to the Home page. Once you have completed a table, you will see the word "submit" in the Table Submitted column. You must submit each table. Individually. You may submit them as they are completed or all at once. Deadline to submit tables is **January 20, 2017**

Questions?

You should be able to find answers to most of your questions by using the help menu, but if you need additional information, contact Cathy Anderson at canderson@nmconfum.com or 505.255.8786

