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

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

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...	Tabl...
2013	09/18/2014	6% Complete	No...
2012			

4. Box colors

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.
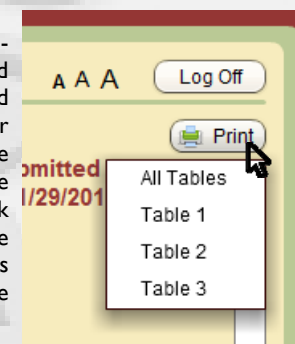
5. Help

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

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

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

"… And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Acts 2:47