#	Name	What is this for?	Who uses it (beyond the local church)?
1	Total professing members reported at the close of last year	Used by local churches, annual conferences, and GCFA for internal data auditing purposes. Intended more as a baseline for use of local church in reporting membership for the current reporting year.	Annual Conferences GCFA
2.a	Received this year on Profession of Christian Faith	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. The "professions of faith" and "faith restored" lines are two of the most important indicators of the efficacy of local church outreach in making	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies
2.b	Restored by affirmation	disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.	Academic Researchers
2.c	Correct last year's total professing membership by addition	Increased use of online systems does not allow local churches to alter Line 1 as has commonly occurred in the past. As such, we anticipate an increased need for correction by addition and subtraction. By splitting corrections out from Line 2.b above, users of the data can better estimate the number or persons restored by affirmation from those corrections made to the previous year's membership.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3	Transferred in from other United Methodist churches	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. UM transfers are an important indicator of how churches are receiving persons, and the generalized level of denominational solidarity in various regions.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
4	Transferred in from non- United Methodist churches	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. Transfers from non-UM churches does give some indication of our attractiveness to the churched of other Christian traditions.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
5.a	Removed by Charge Conference action	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. The information helps account for "roll cleanings" in decline of some congregations.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
5.b	Withdrawn from Professing Membership	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. If the withdrawn number peaks, it can help indicate a phase of conflict in a local church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers

#	Name	What is this for?	Who uses it (beyond the local church)?
5.c	Correct last year's total professing membership by subtraction	Increased use of online systems does not allow local churches to alter Line 1 as has commonly occurred in the past. We anticipate that we will see an increased need for correction by addition and subtraction. By splitting corrections out from Line 5.b above, we can better estimate the number or withdrawn from membership from corrections made to the previous year's membership.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
6	Transferred out to other United Methodist churches	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. UM transfers are an important indicator of how churches are losing persons, the generalized level of denominational solidarity in various regions, and patterns of migration and population movement.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
7	Transferred out to non- United Methodist church	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. Transfers from non-UM churches are a useful indication of local congregation and denominational solidarity.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
8	Removed by death	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. This number been useful in estimating the relative age of members in congregations and conferences.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
9	Total professing members reported at the close of this year	One of the two most-referenced statistics (with attendance). Although membership is more static than attendance, it does not suffer from periods of non-reporting as the figure is carried over if no other data is reported.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers

9.a	Asian Professing Members		Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
9.b	African American/Black Professing Members		
9.c	Hispanic Professing Members		
9.d	Native American Professing Members	The Racial/Ethnic and Gender membership information is some of the most requested and used data in the local church statistics. Although it has and continues to be a source for	
9.e	Pacific Islander Professing Members	some controversy, these lines provide researchers in and outside the denomination with critically important	
9.f	White Professing Members	reaching out to persons of a diverse range of socioeconomic backgrounds.	
9.g	Multi-Racial Professing Members		
9.h	Female Professing Members		
9.i	Male Professing Members		
10	Average attendance at all weekly worship services	Heavily-used data line that has seen its instructions subtly but substantively changed over time. Many conferences increasingly depend upon attendance as their most important evaluative metric.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
11	Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)	Often used by conference leaders and denominational researchers, this data element has been reported denominationally for over a century.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
12	Total Baptized Members who have not become Professing Members	An increasingly important metric with the emphasis of leadership to reach out to younger persons. This category has been a good indicatory of overall participation of children in local churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies & Academic Researchers

13	Number of other constituents of the church	A growing metric in the church. This category has come under increasing attention from leadership and researchers as a key component in estimating the total number of participants in the line of the local church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
14	Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year	A long-standing measure used by denominational researchers to estimate youth presence in the church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
15	Number of Children (0-11 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)		
16	Number of Youth (12-18 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)		
17	Number of Young Adults (19-30 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)	These questions have been significantly revised in the 2009-2012 form to 1) improve the ease of reporting by local churches, and 2) get a more accurate picture of the total local church participation in Christian formation activities including Church School, small groups, and other ministries meant to form persons of ages into Christian disciples.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
18	Number of Other Adults (31+ yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)		
19	TOTAL number of persons in Christian groups and all other small groups (15+16+17+18)		
20	Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church school	One of the longest-reported statistics on Christian Formation. The data is useful in curriculum planning and the analysis of congregational ministries.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers

21	Number of persons (all ages) in covenant discipleship groups	A new question designed to better understand the role of covenant discipleship in churches. Data from this line will provide important information on how covenant discipleship groups impact the ministries and vitality of churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
22	Number of participants in Vacation Bible School	A new question intended to help churches more accurately and completely report the total impact the congregation has on the communities in which it serves.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
23	Number of ongoing CLASSES (all ages) for learning in Sunday church School		Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
24	Number of ongoing CLASSES for learning (all ages) other than Sunday church School	A set of new questions designed to be, 1) easier for churches to report, 2) a more accurate measure of the sorts of Christian formation ministries being offered by churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
25	Number of short-term CLASSES and GROUPS (all ages) for learning.		Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
26	Membership in United Methodist Men	Data is used by United Methodist Men in measuring activity and support levels, particularly at the local and AC levels.	United Methodist Men leadership at the District,
27	Amount paid for projects (UMM)	Alternative reporting methods that capture the activity of individual congregations do not currently exist.	Conference, and Denominational level.
28	Membership in United Methodist Women	Data is used by United Methodist Women in measuring activity and support levels, particularly at the local and AC levels. Alternative reporting methods that capture the activity of individual congregations do not currently exist.	United Methodist Women at the District, Conference, and
29	Amount paid for local church and community work (UMW)		Denominational level.

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30.a	Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church	This line was mandated by a change to the Discipline in 2004. ¶247 states: "12. The charge conference shall receive reports annually on all local church organized Volunteer In Mission (UMVIM) teams, and the total number of local	UMVIM at the District, Conference, and Denominational level. District Superintendents & Bishops Connectional Table, GBGM, GCFA, UMPH, Other Agencies Academic Researchers
30.b	Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team	church participants in any UMVIM team, and shall forward the combined report to the annual conference and the general church through the regular annual local church statistical report."  Similar data is collected by UMVIM through a separate means via the annual conference UMVIM organizations.	
31.a	Number of other mission teams sent from this local church	In order to clarify the difference between UMVIM teams and other mission teams, and get a more accurate picture of the total mission involvement of local churches, Lines 31.a and	District Superintendents & Bishops Connectional Table, GBGM, GCFA, UMPH, Other Agencies Academic Researchers
31.b	Number of persons sent out on other mission teams from this local church.	31.b were added to report those mission teams not part of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.	
32	Number of community ministries for daycare and/or education	New questions intended to give churches a means of reporting the total impact of the congregation upon the community that surrounds it. These questions give churches	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
33	Number of persons impacted by community ministries for daycare and education	an opportunity to report about the lives they change, even if they do not attend our churches or participate in our Christian formation programs.	
34	Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy	New questions intended to give churches a means of eporting the total impact of the congregation upon the ommunity that surrounds it. These questions give churches n opportunity to report about the lives they change, even if hey do not attend our churches or participate in our christian formation programs.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops
35	Number of persons impacted by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy		General Agencies Academic Researchers

36	Market value of church owned land, buildings, and equipment (church and parsonage values combined)	planning and asset management research at the conference	District Building and Location Committees District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA and GBOPHB Academic Researchers
37	Market value of all other church-owned assets		
38	Debt secured by church physical assets	A basic measure of the total level of debt held by the local church. These measures are valuable in some financial planning and asset management research at the conference	District Building and Location Committees District Superintendents & Bishops
39	Other debt	and denominational level.	GCFA and GBOPHB Academic Researchers
40.a	Total amount APPORTIONED to the local church for all causes	of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
40.b	Total amount PAID by the local church for all apportioned causes to AC Treasurer		
41.a	Total amount APPORTIONED by the local church for all apportioned causes directly paid to the DISTRICT	of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies
41.b	Total amount PAID by the local church for apportioned causes directly paid to the DISTRICT		Academic Researchers
42	Total amount paid for General Advance Specials	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

43	Total amount paid for World Service Specials	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
44	Total amount paid for Annual Conference Advance Specials	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
45	Total amount paid for the Youth Service Fund	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
46	Total amount of all other funds sent to AC Treasurer for connectional mission and ministry	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
47	Total Annual Conference Special Sunday Offerings	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
48	Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to AC Treasurer)	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means outside of the usual connectional structures. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and accountability, as well as the promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
49	Total amount given to non- United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means outside of the usual connectional structures. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and accountability, as well as the promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

50.a	Human Relations Sunday (General Special Sundays)		
50.b	One Great Hour of Sharing		
50.c	Peace with Justice Sunday	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
50.d	Native American Ministries Sunday	at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and	
50.e	World Communion Sunday		
50.f	U.M. Student Day		
51	Total amount paid by the local church for all direct- billed clergy non-health benefits	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52	Total amount paid by the local church for all direct- billed health benefits	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

53	Total amount paid in base compensation to the pastor		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
54	Total amount paid in base compensation to all associate pastors assigned by the bishop		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
55	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for housing and utilities and/or related allowances	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
56	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
57	Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for any other cash allowances (non accountable)		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
58	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for Deacons	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for Deacons. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
59	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for Diaconal Ministers	Basic financial information on spending and benefits for Diaconal Ministers. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
60	Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff	Basic financial information on spending and benefits for other lay staff. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

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61	Total amount spent for local church program expenses	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
62	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
63	Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
64	Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building, improvements, and major equipment purchases	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
65	Total amount PAID by the local church on all expenditures (sum of lines 40b + 41b-64)	A useful tool in ensuring that the data reported for expenditures equals the total amount spent by the church.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
66	Number of households giving to the local church	This data, paired with other income information, can be useful in financial planning at the local church level. Household information can also provides useful information on family structures in the local church.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

67.a	Amount received through pledges	The basic income information reported on lines 67.a, 67.b, and 67.c, comprise the vast majority of income for most local	
67.b	Amount received from non-pledging, but identified givers	churches. These lines are essential in better understanding the financial picture of local churches and will, as the quadrennium progresses, be the foundation for a number of resources for use by local churches in their financial	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
67.c	Amount received from unidentified givers	planning.	
67.d	Amount received from Interest and Dividends	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from endowments. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
67.e	Amount received from Sale of Church Assets	This line of basic income data is useful for financial planning purposes, especially at the conference level. Churches that rely heavily on the sale of church assets for normal operating expenses may need special attention by District Superintendents or other leaders.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
67.f	Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from use of the building. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
67.g	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from individual contributions not given through the offering plate. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
67	Total income for annual operating budget and benevolence giving	Total line for lines 67.a-g.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

68.a	Capital campaigns	Lines 68.a, 68.b, and 68.c report basic income data that can be especially useful in developing a better understanding of how capital campaigns impact other giving in the church. This is used by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
68.b	Memorials, endowments, and bequests		
68.c	Other sources and projects		
68.d	Amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	This new line is designed to help churches know where to put designated giving, and Special Sundays in particular and decrease confusion in reporting.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
68	Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	Total line for lines 68.a-d.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
69.a	Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor	Lines 69.a, 69.b, 69.c and the 69 totals line report basic income data that can be especially useful in developing a better understanding of how connectional funds and other institutional sources help support the local church. This is used by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
69.b	Advance Special, apportioned, and connectional funds received by church		
69.c	Other grants and financial support from institutional sources		
69	Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church		