

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE STATISTICAL REPORT

Each pastor shall fill out three copies of this report before coming to conference. One he shall keep for his own use and future reference, one copy shall be sent to the Conference President, and one copy shall be sent to the Chairman of the Statistical Committee. The completed report should be sent to the Conference President and Chairman of the Statistical Committee at least two weeks prior to conference.

The reporting process can be simplified by using the online reporting option, which will automatically forward copies to the appropriate individuals.

Following are explanations of the information to be reported on various line items in the report:

Item 1 - Pastor's Labors

Line 1: List the entire length of time the Lead Pastor has served as Pastor of this congregation, expressed in years and months.

Line 2: Record the number of new converts within the last Conference year.

Line 3: Record the number of individuals baptized within the last Conference year.

Item 2 - Church Membership

Line 4: List the numbers of Conference Elders on the church's membership roll.

Line 5: List the numbers of Conference Preachers on the church's membership roll.

Line 6: List the numbers of Lay Leaders, including Locally Licensed Preachers, on the church's membership roll.

Line 7: List any additional Members on the church's membership roll, not included in the categories previously listed. Generally, these will be individuals who have formally joined the church as believers but have not yet entered lay leadership.

Line 8: List the total number of Members on the church's membership roll, calculated by adding Lines 4 through 7.

Line 9: List the total number of members reported on the church's membership roll last year.

Line 10: Use Lines 8 and 9 to calculate the number of Members gained or lost in the past Conference year.

Item 3 - Ministries

Line 11: Report the average attendance in the church's main, Sunday morning worship service.

Line 12: Report the average attendance in the church's Sunday evening service.

Line 13: Report the average attendance in the church's midweek service.

Line 14: Report the average attendance in any other of the church's regularly organized services.

Line 15: Report the number reached through special or seasonal events.

Line 16: Indicate if your church is involved in any of the listed types of ministry.

Item 4 - Church Property and Assets

Line 17: List the number of buildings owned by the church which are used for ministry.

Line 18: List the number of parsonages owned by the church.

Line 19: Report the total value of properties owned by the church. These amounts may be based on a good faith estimate of the Board of Trustees, an actual appraisal or the values placed on these by the church's insurance carrier.

Line 20: Report the total amount of indebtedness owed by the church.

Line 21: Report the total cash on hand, including investments and savings, held by the church at the end of the Conference year.

Line 22: Indicate whether your church carries adequate insurance in relationship to properties owned and ministries offered.

Item 5 - Church Finances

Line 23: Report the total amount of regular tithes and offerings received during the last Conference year.

Line 24: Report the amount of Askings given by the church to the Conference during the last Conference year.

Line 25: Report the amount given by the church to Bible Methodist Missions during the last Conference year.

Line 26: Report the amount given by the church for any additional Conference Projects during the last Conference year.