

2015 Fast Facts: Tennessee Annual Conference

In 2015, 39% of the conference's membership attended weekly worship. The conference has 49% of its weekly attendees in mission outreach. A total of 47% of the conference's Christian Formation (CF) Group participants are 30 years old or younger.

Congregational Life

Attendance	45,700	(3.2%)
Membership	117,983	(0.4%)
Professions of Faith	1,703	(10.9%)
Mission Engagement	22,303	4.5%
Community Outreach	351,590	15.1%

CF Participation

Children	14,007	0.6%
Youth	6,451	3.5%
Young Adults	3,944	(0.8%)
Other Adults	27,380	0.0%

*Percent change is 2014 to 2015

Figure 1: Attendance and Membership

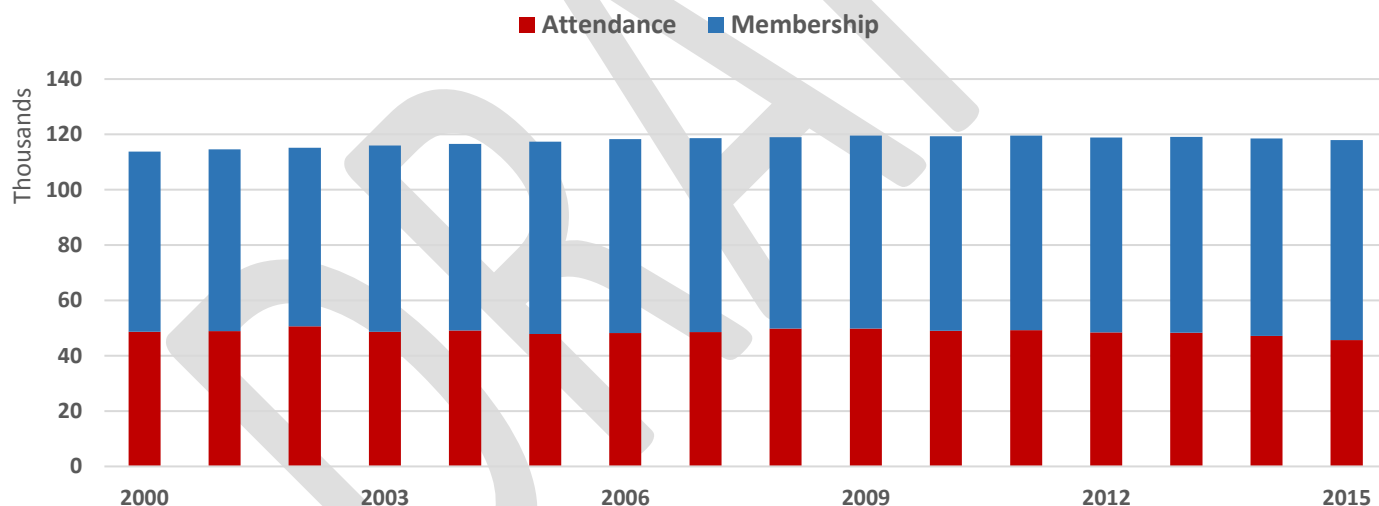
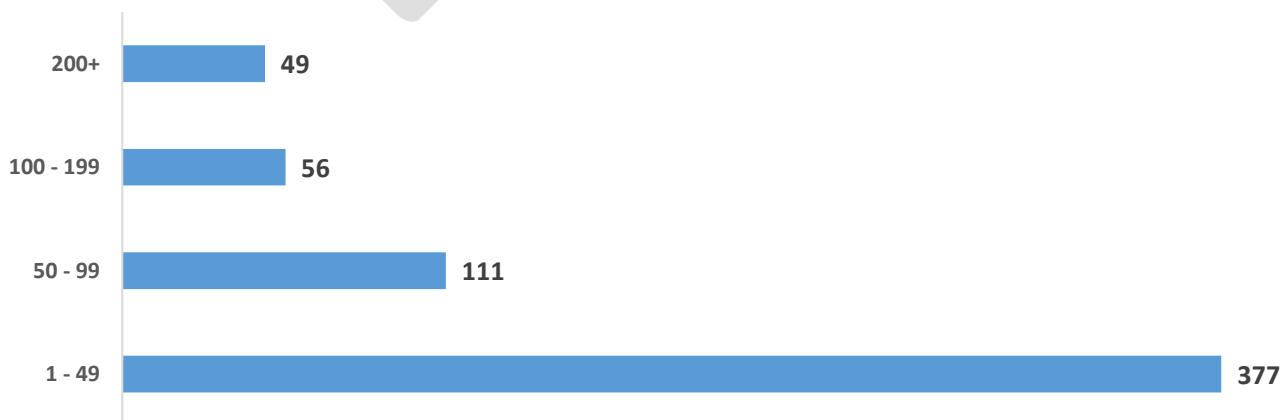


Figure 2: Church Count by Attendance Size



Tennessee's Finances

In 2015, the conference's churches reported \$110 million in total expenses, representing approximately \$1,800 per attendee. Of this amount, 4% were expenses given towards benevolences and special funds. Furthermore, for every dollar in non-paid conference apportionments, churches gave \$10 in non-UMC giving.

Expenses

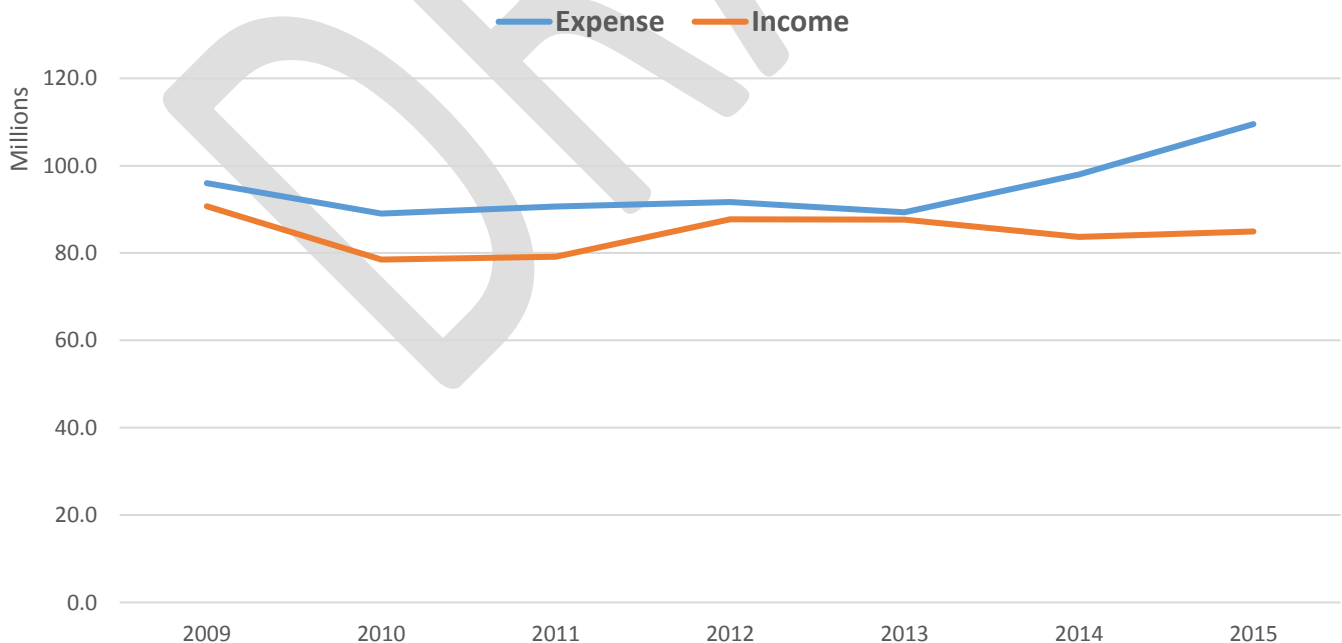
Paid Apportionments	\$ 12,137,140	0.3%
Special Sunday Giving	\$ 43,213	(25.6%)
UMC Causes	\$ 1,657,884	18.1%
Other Causes	\$ 2,926,772	(9.9%)
Pastor Comp	\$ 20,730,595	1.3%
Staff Comp	\$ 18,979,381	3.9%
Clergy Benefits Programs	N/A	N/A
Operations	\$ 5,179,112	4.5%
Capital	\$ 17,567,042	6.6%
	\$ 30,304,389	44.2%

Income

Planned Spending	\$ 91,023,681	7.3%
Giving	\$ 82,244,962	1.7%
Assets	\$ 7,362,739	211.7%
Fundraisers	\$ 1,415,980	(12.2%)
Capital Campaigns	\$ 8,320,747	(17.0%)
Other Projects	\$ 2,678,499	(28.7%)
Charitable Giving	\$ 1,537,146	7.1%
Equitable Comp	\$ 108,703	(17.7%)
Other AC Funds	\$ 508,714	51.7%

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Figure 3: Expense and Income*



* Expenses is total expenses (L60) and Planned Spending is budgetary income (L62) minus the sale of church assets (L62e).

Additional Questions:

- Please See your Conference's Local Church Toolkit for more details like these.
- Email GCFA's Data Services department at research@gcfa.org for items not in the Local Church Toolkit.

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