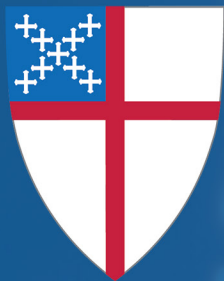


THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



ANALYSIS
OF THE 2022
PAROCHIAL
REPORT DATA

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SUMMARY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN 2022

6,789

TOTAL CONGREGATIONS

1,584,785

TOTAL MEMBERS

372,952

TOTAL ASA

111

MEDIAN MEMBERSHIP

35

MEDIAN ASA

\$2.4 billion

TOTAL INCOME

\$2.3 billion

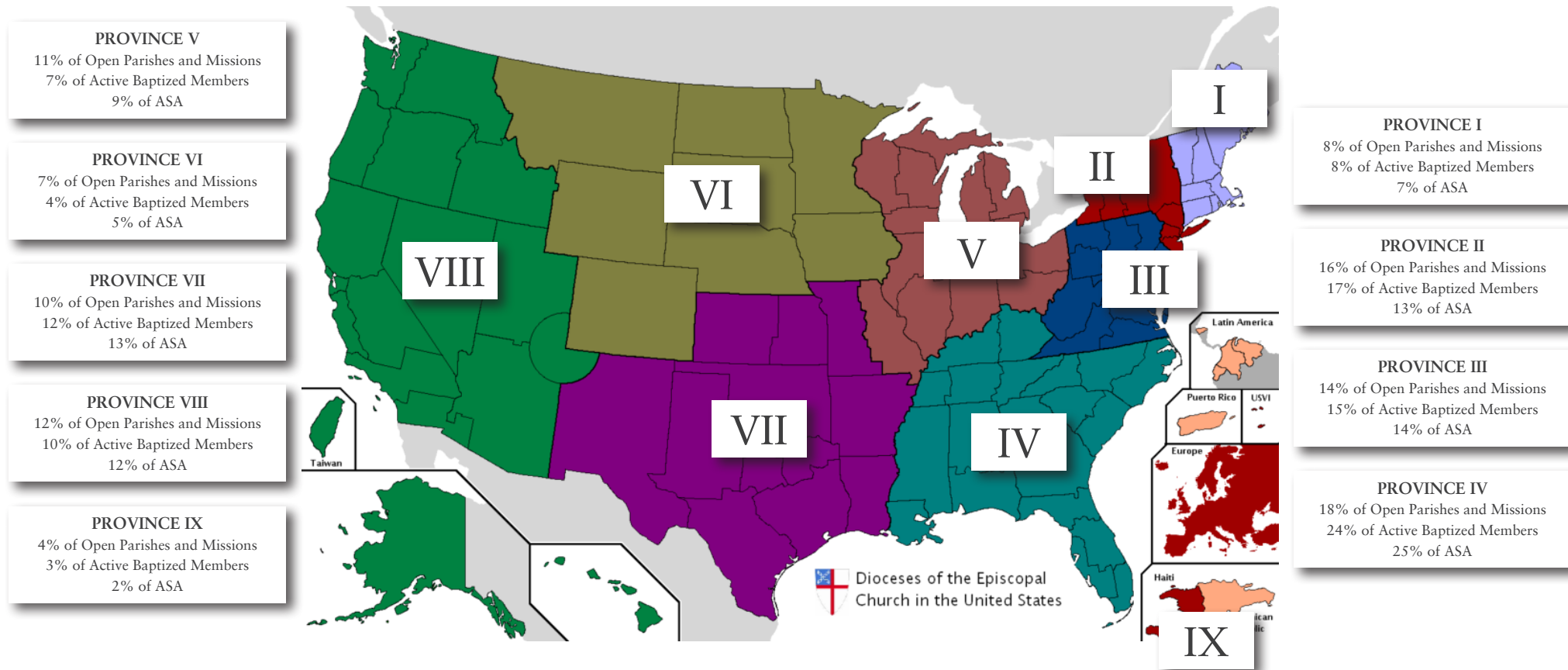
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1.3 billion

TOTAL PLATE AND PLEDGE

MAP OF CONGREGATIONS, MEMBERS, AND AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (ASA) BY PROVINCE

- In 2022, The Episcopal Church had a total of 6,789 open parishes and missions, 1,584,785 active baptized members, and a total average Sunday worship service attendance (ASA) of 372,952.
- Provinces II, III, and IV contain a concentration of congregations, members, and ASA. These Southeastern and Middle Atlantic states are home to 48% of parishes, 56% of members, and 52% of ASA. Most notably, Province IV has 24% of total members and 25% of total ASA



CONGREGATIONS, MEMBERS, AND ASA BY PROVINCE

	NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS IN 2022	% OF THE TOTAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH	NUMBER OF ACTIVE BAPTIZED MEMBERS IN 2022	% OF THE TOTAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH	SUM OF AVERAGE SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	% OF THE TOTAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PROVINCE I	563	8%	133,121	8%	27,237	7%
PROVINCE II	1,087	16%	269,127	17%	49,862	13%
PROVINCE III	962	14%	230,054	15%	52,895	14%
PROVINCE IV	1,245	18%	378,007	24%	93,696	25%
PROVINCE V	715	11%	116,343	7%	31,863	9%
PROVINCE VI	465	7%	64,215	4%	17,082	5%
PROVINCE VII	661	10%	185,121	12%	47,442	13%
PROVINCE VIII	821	12%	164,837	10%	43,742	12%
PROVINCE IX	270	4%	43,960	3%	9,133	2%
TOTAL	6,789	100%	1,584,785	100%	372,952	100%

DIOCESES WITH THE MOST CONGREGATIONS, MEMBERS, AND ASA

- The dioceses with the highest number of congregations are New York, Virginia, Texas, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Together these dioceses equal over 12% of all parishes.
- The dioceses with the highest number of members are Haiti, Texas, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Atlanta. Together these dioceses equal over 20% of all members.
- The dioceses with the highest ASA are Texas, Virginia, Haiti, New York, and Atlanta. Together these dioceses equal over 15% of the total ASA.

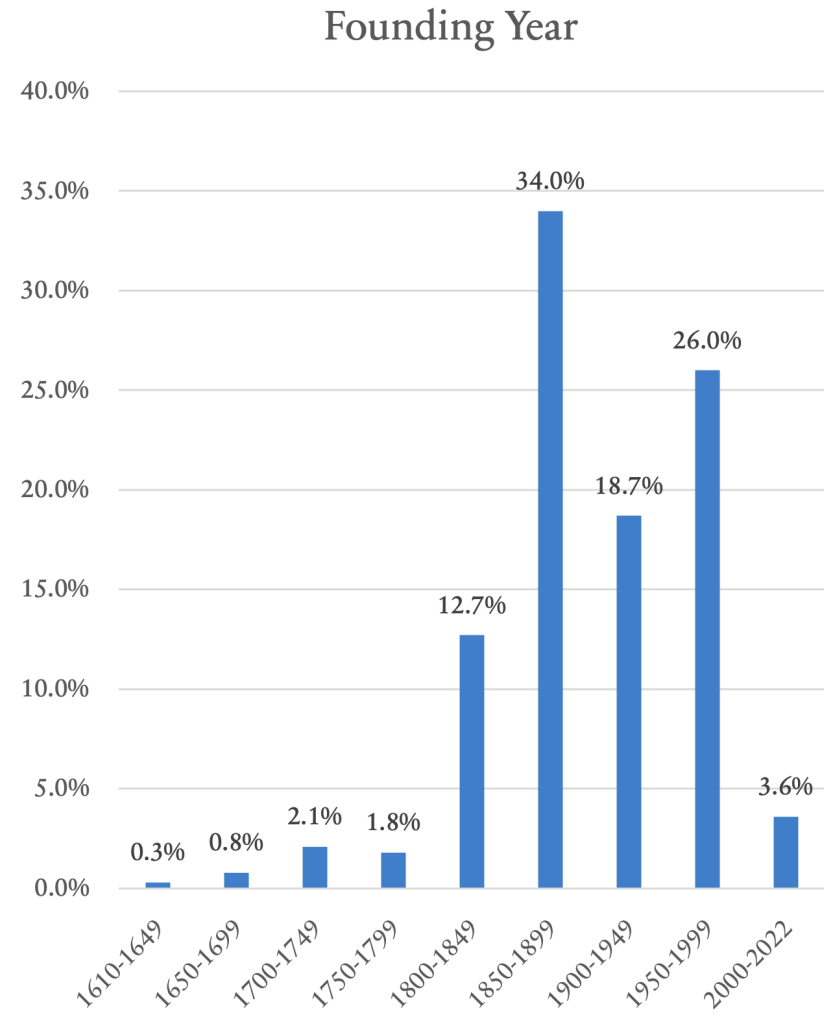
DIOCESE	CONGREGATIONS
NEW YORK	191
VIRGINIA	179
TEXAS	166
MASSACHUSETTS	162
CONNECTICUT	153

DIOCESE	MEMEBERS
HAITI	97,909
TEXAS	72,569
VIRGINIA	62,394
MASSACHUSETTS	47,642
ATLANTA	43,349

DIOCESE	ASA
TEXAS	16,495
VIRGINIA	13,176
HAITI	10,160
NEW YORK	8,786
ATLANTA	8,695

FOUNDING YEAR OF PARISHES

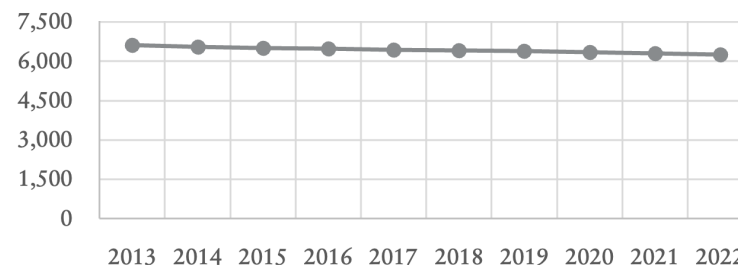
- Parishes of The Episcopal Church have a long history. The oldest parish that was open in 2022 was founded in 1610.
- About 18% of congregations that were open in 2022 were founded before the Civil War or earlier, and over a third were founded in the latter half of the 1800s.
- About 1 in 4 Episcopal congregations was founded between 1950 and 1999.
- The youngest parish was founded in 2022. This parish joins 8 others that have been founded so far in the 2020s decade and 230 others (about 4% of the total) that have been founded so far in the 21st century.
- About 2% of the total Episcopal Church membership are members of a parish founded in the 21st century. The congregations founded in the 21st century have 3% of the total ASA.



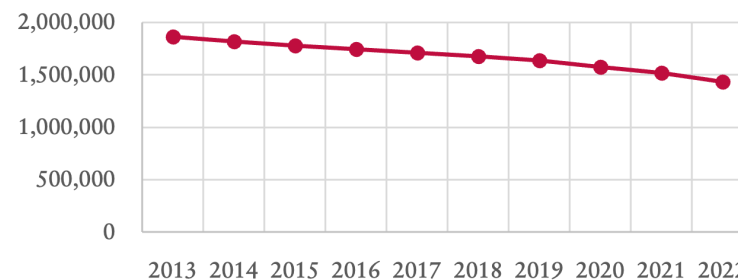
CHANGES IN CONGREGATIONS, MEMBERSHIP, AND ASA OVER THE PAST DECADE

- Since 2013, the number of open parishes and missions has remained fairly constant with only a slight decline.
- Since 2013, the number of active baptized members has decreased. This could be a sign of consistent roll cleaning, lower birth rates, and fewer new members.
- ASA declined dramatically during the pandemic in 2020-2021, but it seems to be rebounding. While not back to the pre-pandemic levels, there are signs of recovering some of the lost Sun-day attendance. Further, the ASA reported here included only in-person attendance and does not include virtual attenders from congregations that offer a virtual option for services.

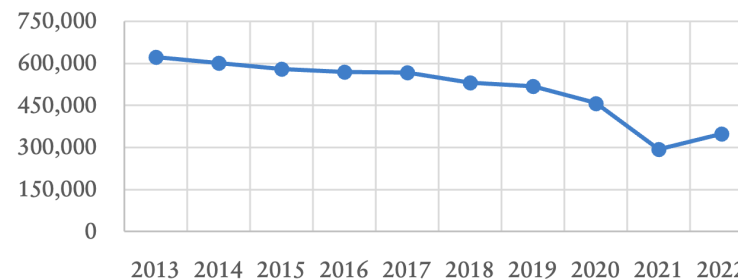
Open Parishes and Missions



Active Baptized Members



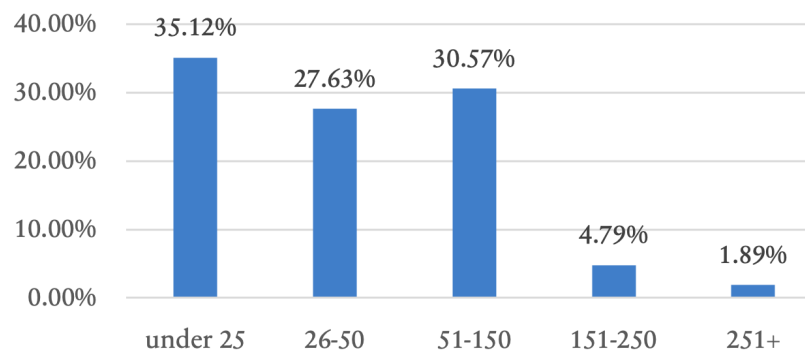
ASA



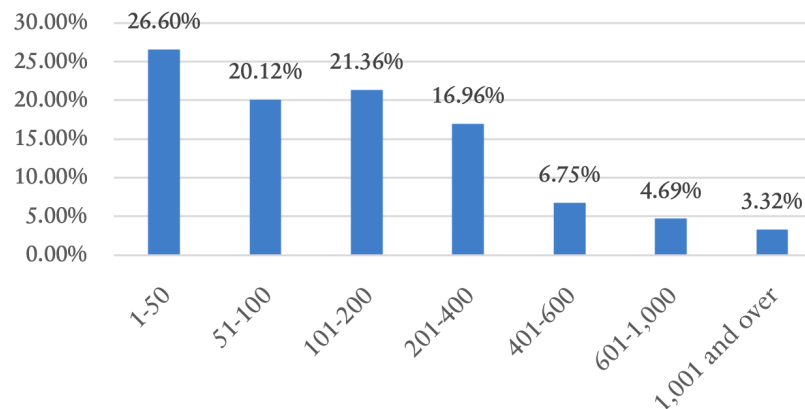
ASA AND MEMBERSHIP SIZE GROUPS

- The Episcopal Church has many small churches. Over a third of churches have an ASA of 25 or fewer people. 93% of congregations have an ASA of 150 or fewer. Only about 2% of parishes have an ASA of over 250 people. Median ASA is about 35, meaning that half of congregations have less than 35 in attendance on Sundays and half have more.
- Similarly, most churches (68%) in The Episcopal Church have 200 or fewer members. Nearly 15% have memberships of over 400. Median membership is 111, meaning that half of congregations have more than 111 members while half have less.

Percent of Congregations in ASA Size groups



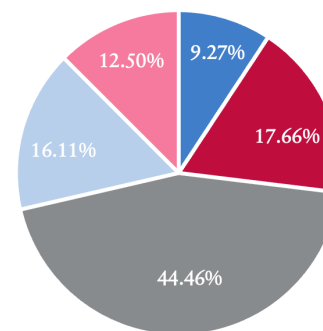
Percent of Congregations in Membership Size Groups



DISTRIBUTION OF CONGREGATIONS AND SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDERS IN ASA SIZE GROUPS

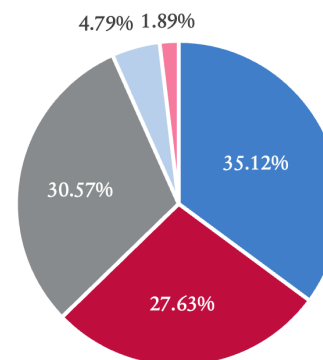
- While over half of congregations have a small Sunday service, most people attending a service on a Sunday are attending a mid-sized service. Nearly 45% of the total Sunday worship attenders are in a congregation with an ASA of 51-150.
- Though 63% of congregations have an ASA of fewer than 50 people, these congregations are attended by only 27% of the total Sunday worship attenders.
- 12.50% of Sunday worship attenders attend the largest 2% of churches (an ASA of over 251).

Sunday Worship Attenders by ASA Size Groups



■ under 25 ■ 26-50 ■ 51-150 ■ 151-250 ■ 251+

Congregations by ASA Size Groups

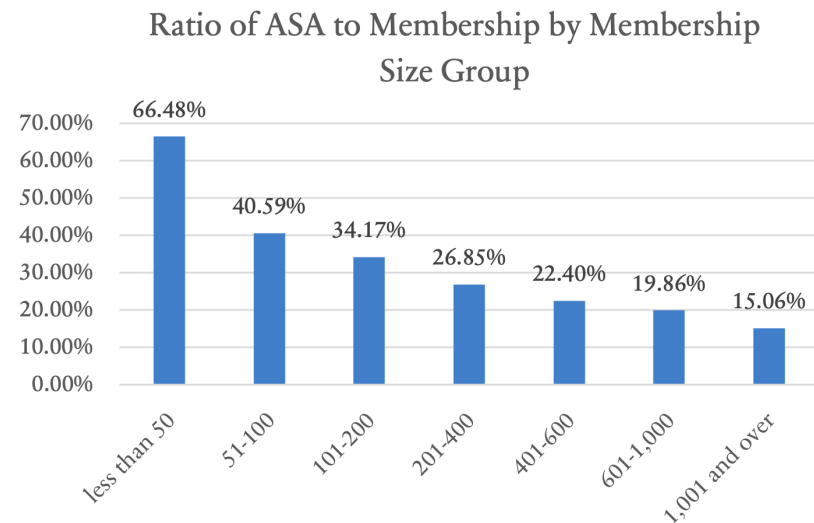


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ASA TO MEMBERSHIP RATIO

- The average ASA of all congregations is about 56 people. This varies by the size of the congregation. The average ASA of a church with fewer than 50 members is about 16 people. The average ASA of a church with over 1,001 members (only 3% of Episcopal congregations) is about 257 people.
- The ratio of ASA to membership illustrates how many of a congregation’s reported members are in the worship service on a Sunday. Small churches of 50 or fewer members have two-thirds of their members in attendance on a Sunday whereas less than 20% of members are in attendance at the larger churches. The smaller the parish, the greater percentage of its members are in Sunday worship services.

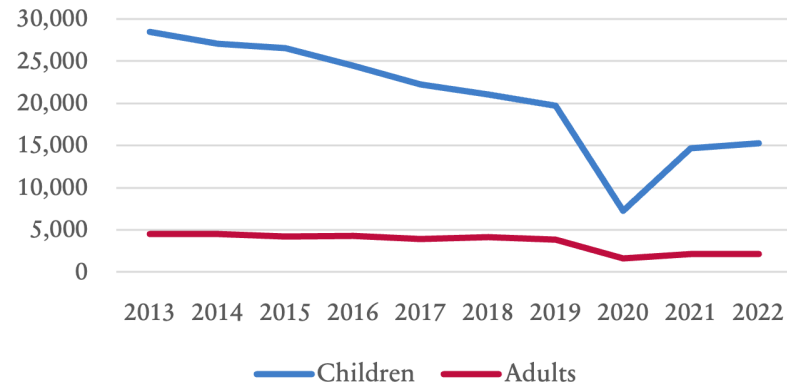
MEMBERSHIP SIZE	AVERAGE ASA
1-50	15.57
51-100	29.50
101-200	48.27
201-400	76.06
401-600	107.76
601-1,000	148.64
1,001 AND OVER	256.80
TOTAL	56.49



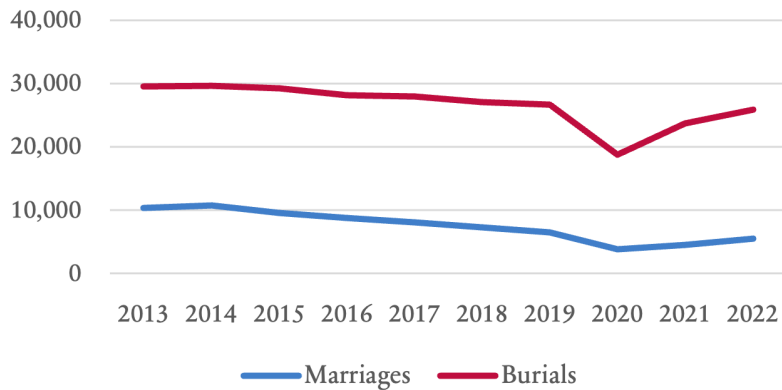
BAPTISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, RECEPTIONS, MARRIAGES, AND BURIALS

- While baptisms, confirmations, and people being received by a bishop all declined in 2020 due to the pandemic, each of these categories has rebounded.
- The same is true for the number of marriage ceremonies and burials conducted.

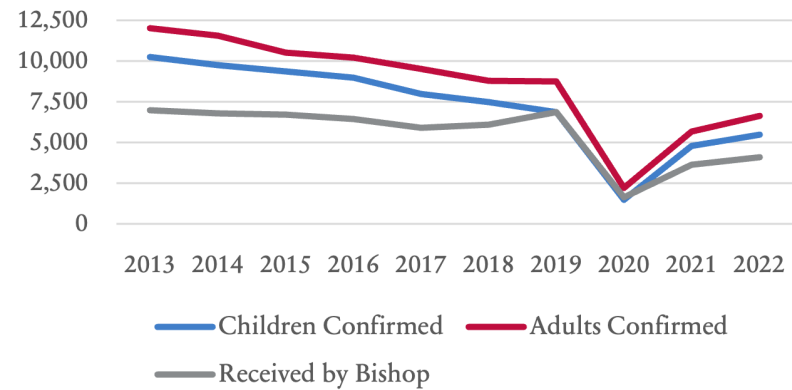
Baptisms



Marriages and Burials



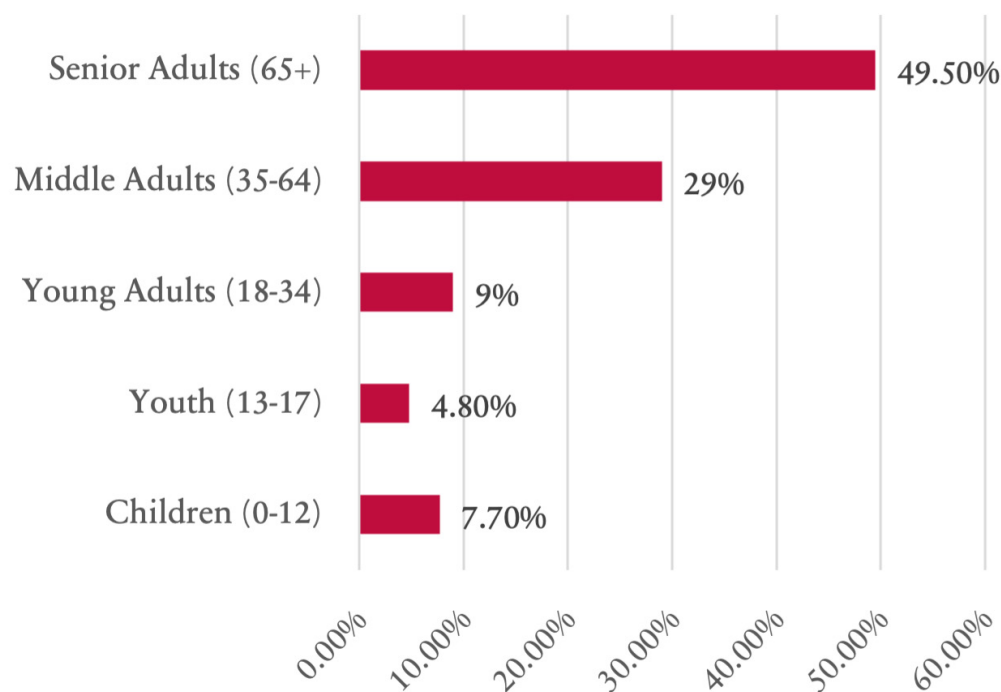
Confirmations and Receptions



ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS - AGES

- The median number of active participants is 96. This means that 50% of Episcopal congregations have more than 96 active participants and 50% have less.
- Of the 5,603 congregations who provided information about the ages of their regular participants, the average percent children is 7.7%, 4.8% youth, 9% young adult, 29% middle adult, and 49.5% senior adult.

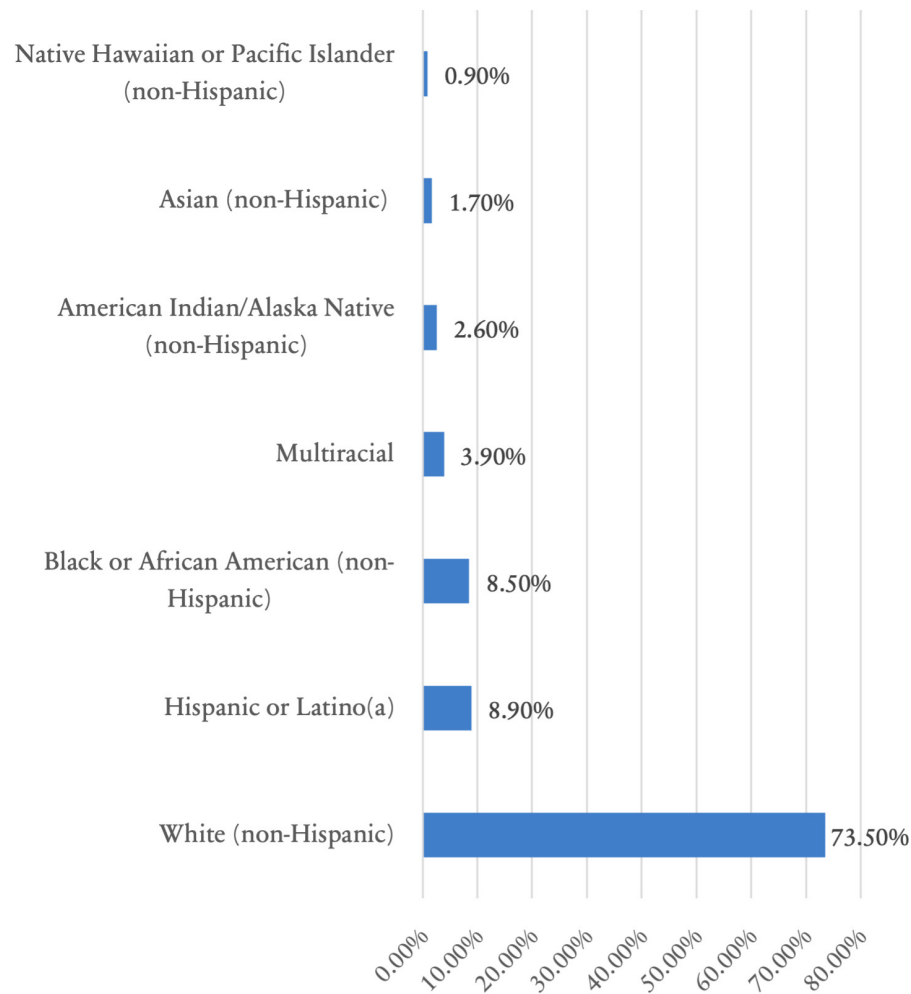
Episcopal Congregations by Age



ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS - RACE AND ETHNICITY

- Of the 3,752 congregations who provided information about the race and ethnicity of their regular active participants, the average percent American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic) is 2.6%, 1.7% Asian (non-Hispanic), 8.5% Black or African American (non-Hispanic), 8.9% Hispanic or Latino(a), 0.9% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic), 73.5% White (non-Hispanic) and 3.9% Multiracial.

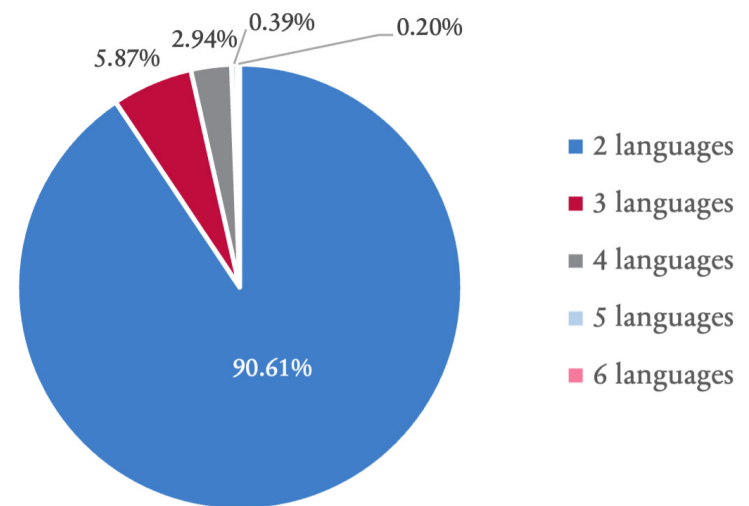
Episcopal Congregations
by Race/Ethnicity



LANGUAGES USED IN WORSHIP

- Parishes of The Episcopal Church conduct worship in a variety of languages. When asked what languages they use for worship, congregations report a total of 42 different languages.
- 86% of congregations use only English while 14% use a language other than English or multiple languages.
- 510 congregations (8%) include more than one language in their worship services. Of these multilingual congregations, 91% use two languages and 9% use 3 or more.
- One congregation reports using as many as 6 different languages in worship.

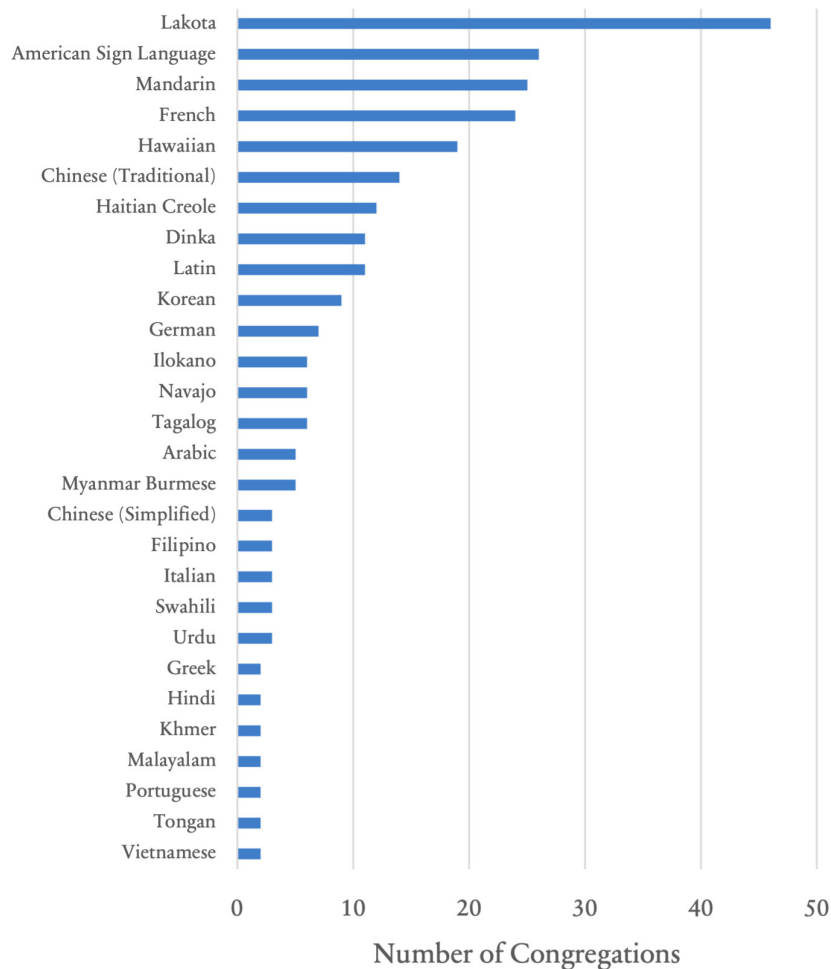
Number of Languages used in Worship by Multilingual Congregations



LANGUAGES USED IN WORSHIP (CONTINUED)

- The most common language after English is Spanish. About 11% of congregations use Spanish. Of congregations who do not exclusively use English, 77% use Spanish in worship.
- A list of the languages used in worship other than English and Spanish is shown here. In addition to those languages, the languages of Amharic, Armenian, Bengali, Chuukese, Hmong, Igbo, Japanese, Romanian, Sundanese, Tamil, Telugu, and Thai are each used by one congregation.

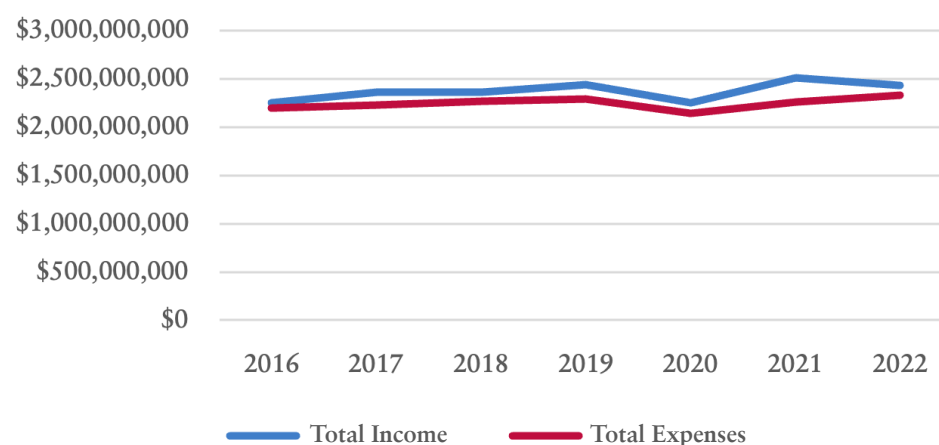
Languages in which Worship is Conducted



FINANCES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- The total income and total expenses for the whole Episcopal Church have remained fairly constant since 2016. In all years, the total income was greater than the total expenses.
- In 2022, total income for The Episcopal Church was about \$2.4 billion and total expenses for The Episcopal Church was about \$2.3 billion.
- The median income for a congregation in 2022 was \$179,716 and the median expenses were \$176,642.

Total Income and Total Expenses



TOTAL INCOME

- Income comes from a variety of sources. These sources fall into two categories: operating income and non-operating income. Sources that comprise operating income are plate offerings, pledge payments, and regular support; money from investments; other operating income; unrestricted bequests; and assistance from a diocese. Non-operating income comes from capital funds; gifts and additions to endowment or other operating funds; contributions and grants for outreach and mission; and funds for transmittal to other organizations. Below is a breakdown of total income into these components.

Breakdown of Total Income

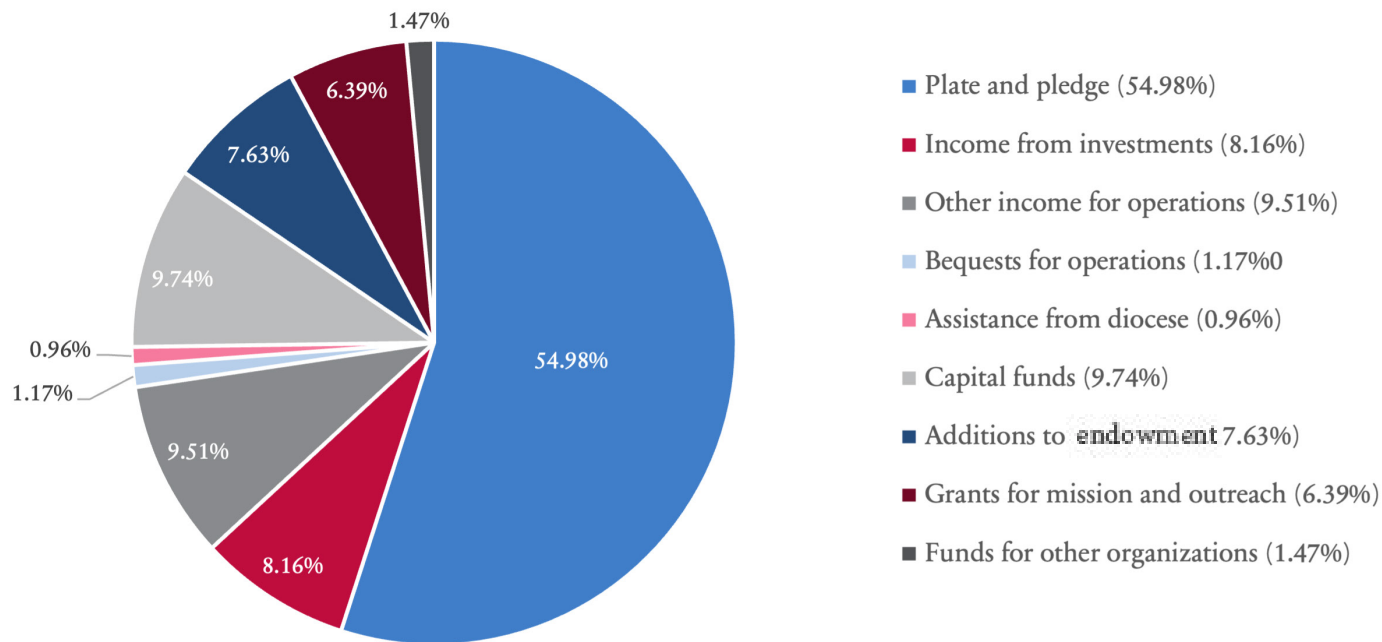
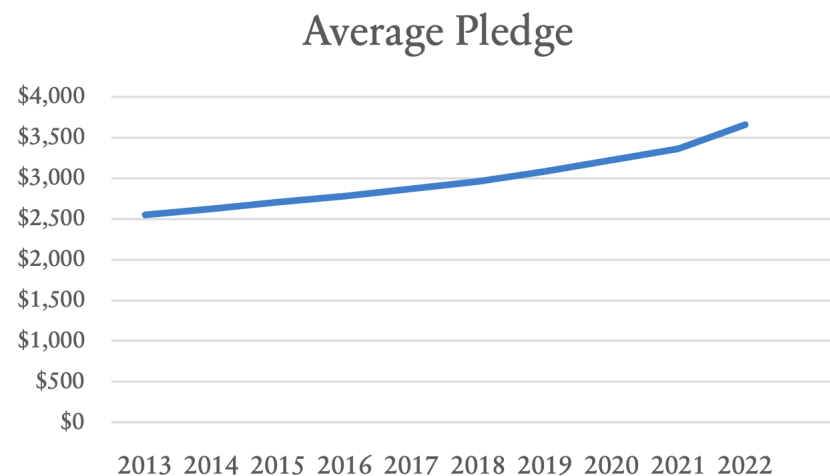
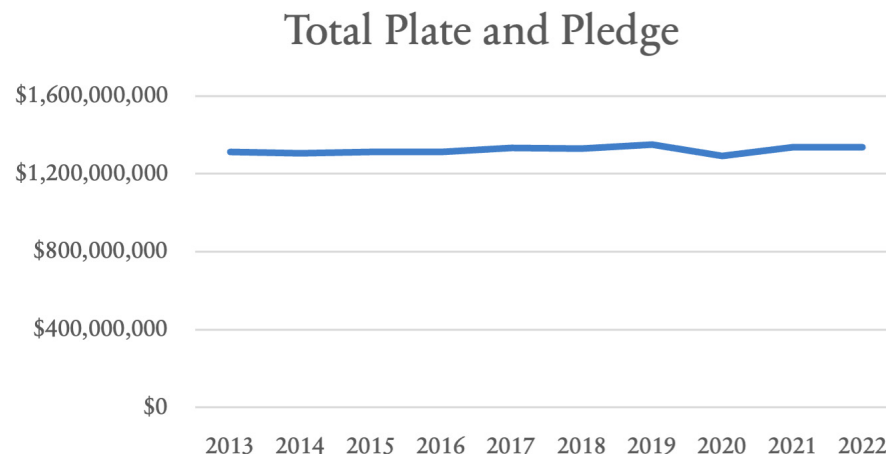


PLATE AND PLEDGE INCOME AND AVERAGE PLEDGE

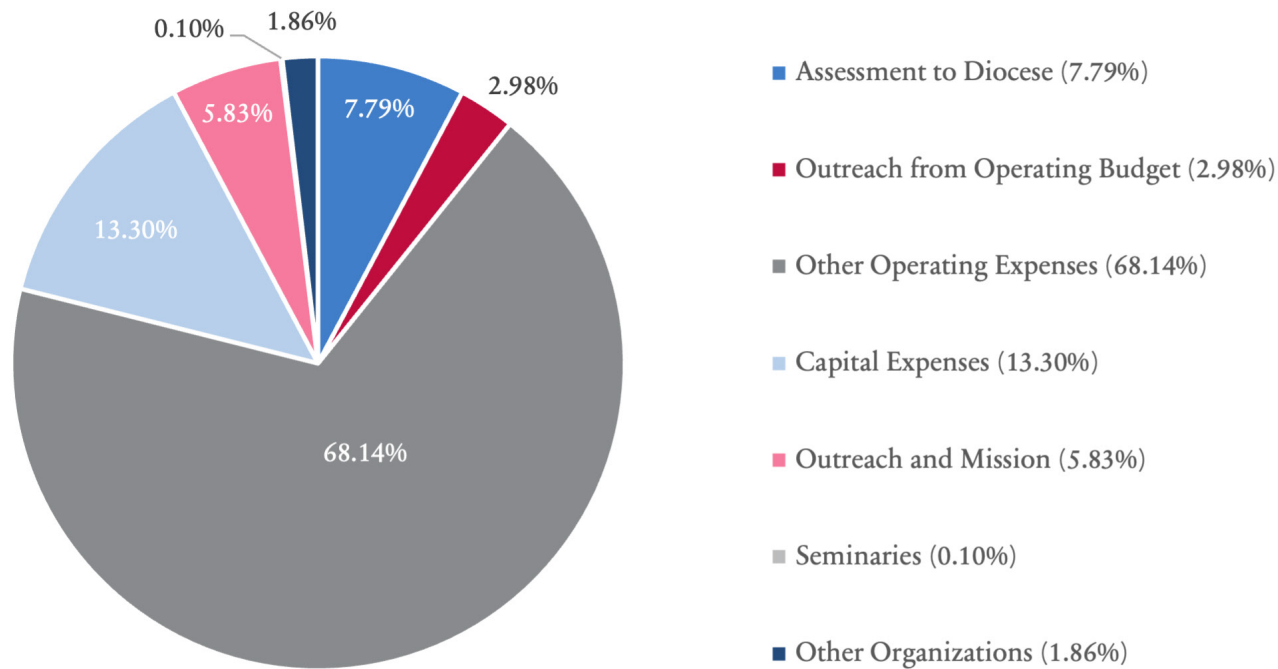
- The largest source of income is from plate and pledge offerings (55%). The total amount received from pledges and donations in an offering plate has also remained fairly stable over the last decade.
- In 2022, the total plate and pledge income for the whole Episcopal Church was about \$1.3 billion.
- The median total plate and pledge for a congregation is \$103,978.
- The average pledge has increased over the past decade. In 2013 the average pledge was \$2,553 while in 2022 the average pledge is \$3,658. This is an overall increase even when accounting for inflation during this time period.
- The median number of contributing households without a pledge is 9. This means that, of the congregations who answered this question, half reported more than 9 households without a pledge and half reported less.



TOTAL EXPENSES

- Expenses fall into two categories: operating expenses and non-operating expenses. Operating expenses consist of assessments to a diocese, outreach from the operating budget, and all other operating expenses. Non-operating expenses consist of major improvements or capital expenditures, expenses for a congregation’s outreach and mission, funds contributed to Episcopal seminaries, and funds sent to other organizations. Below is a breakdown of total expenses into these various components.

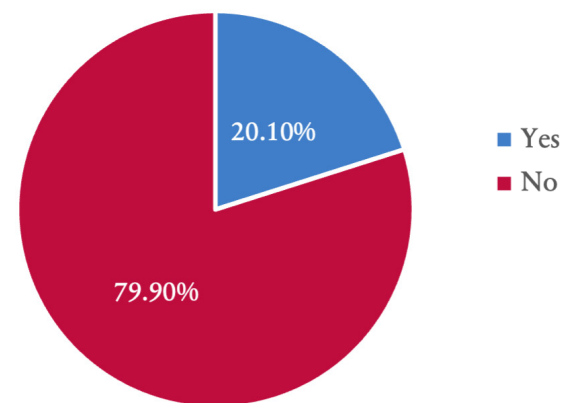
Breakdown of Total Expenses



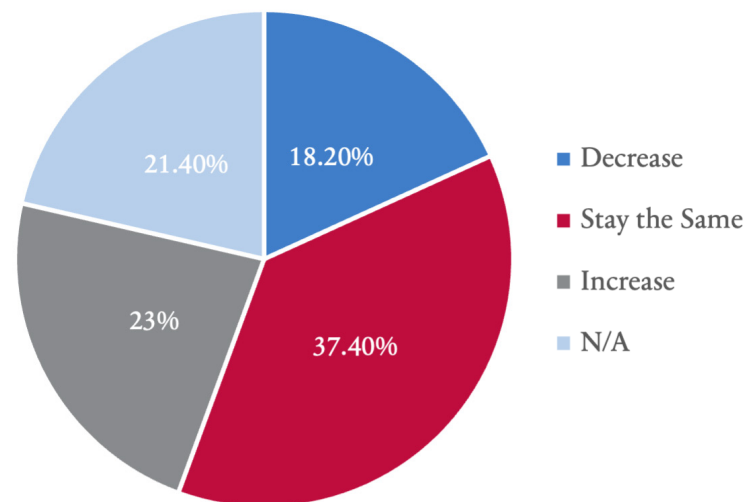
DEBT AND USAGE OF RESERVE FUNDS

- 20% of congregations report having outstanding debt. Among those with outstanding debt, the median amount of outstanding debt is \$76,227. The other 80% of congregations who answered this question indicated that they had no debt.
- The most common reasons for having outstanding debt are having a mortgage or a loan from building repairs.
- 18% of congregations report decreasing their usage of their endowment or reserve funds as compared with 2021. 37% of congregations are using their endowment or reserve funds to the same degree as compared with 2021 and 23% of congregations have increased their usage this year.
- The mean endowment or reserve fund draw percentage among congregations who have increased their reserve usage is 5.26%. This percent is only 2.08% among congregations who have not changed their usage as compared to the previous year. The draw percentage is 3.63% among congregations who have decreased their use over the last year.

Outstanding Debt



Change in Reserve Usage



PANDEMIC IMPACT ON FINANCES

- The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on religious life across the country. With regard to the pandemic’s impact on their financial situation, almost half (47.5%) of Episcopal congregations indicated that the pandemic had a somewhat significant or very significant negative impact on them.

Negative Impact of Pandemic on Finances

