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The Episcopal Church by the Numbers:

Analysis of the 2025 Parochial Report Data & EPIC Attender Survey

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FOREWORD

The 2025 Parochial Report builds on the significant changes introduced to the annual reporting process in 2024. The House of Deputies' Committee on the State of the Church, with the approval of Executive Council, substantially revised the Parochial Report questions in 2024 to better capture the evolving needs and circumstances of Episcopal congregations. The 2025 report continues this revised approach, providing a broader picture of congregational life while allowing for a more consistent basis for analysis in subsequent years.

Because of the changes introduced in 2024, many data points from earlier Parochial Reports are not directly comparable with the data presented in this report. Where meaningful comparisons can be made, selected trends over time are included at the end of the report. As the revised reporting framework continues, future reports will provide increasing opportunities to examine change over time.

This year's report also expands beyond the Parochial Report data alone. Findings from the 2024 Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) Attender Survey (part of a national study conducted by Hartford Institute for Religion Research and funded by the Lilly Endowment https://bit.ly/4xWrnPp) are incorporated alongside congregational-level data, providing a complementary perspective on the experiences and perspectives of people who participate in Episcopal congregations (2,541 respondents from 123 congregations). Bringing these sources together allows for a fuller understanding of both Episcopal congregations and the people who participate in them.

The 2025 Parochial Report achieved a 91.9% response rate, reflecting a high level of participation from Episcopal congregations. Combined with the additional sources included in this report, the data provide a broad view of the current state of congregational life across The Episcopal Church.

CONGREGATIONS

6,673 Open Parishes and Missions in 2025

6,131 (91.9%) Submitted data to the 2025 Parochial Report





SERVICE ATTENDANCE

In-Person and Online

407,001

Total Average Sunday Attendance
In-Person

116,936

Total Average Sunday Attendance
Online (livestream)

178,795

Total Average Weekday Attendance
In-Person

83,032

Total Average Weekday Attendance
Online (livestream)

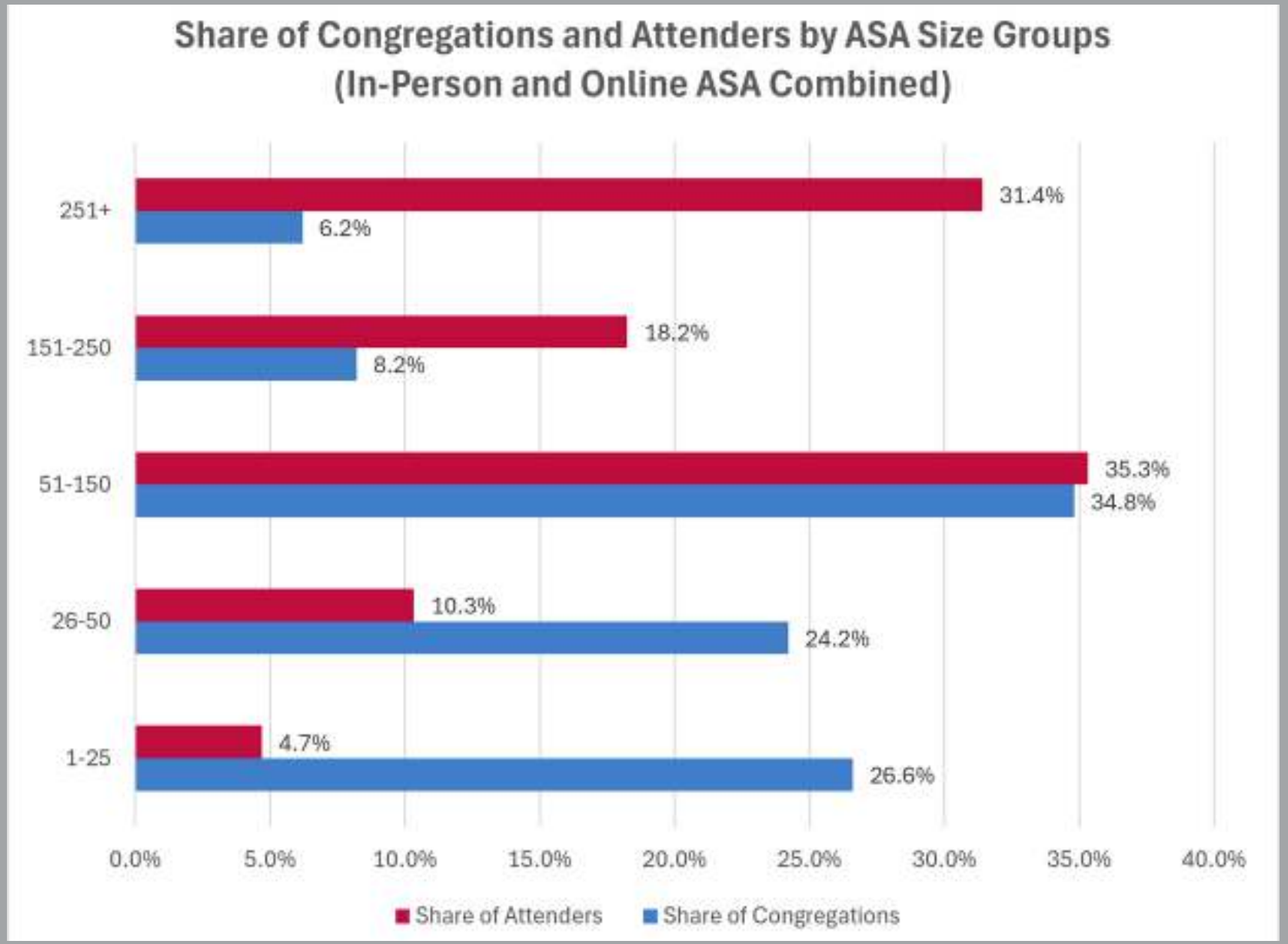
50.7% congregations report having people watch services online later in the week, with a median of **25** views per congregation per week

37
Median Average Sunday Attendance In-Person

3
Median Average Sunday Attendance Online

43
Median Average Sunday Attendance Combined (In-Person and Online)

Most **churches** are small, but most **people** attend larger churches





SERVICES

527,940
Eucharist Services
&
259,753
Daily Offices

Christmas Attendance **961,932**

973,068 Easter Attendance

Burial Services **23,543**

4,397 Marriage Services

THE PEOPLE

1,425,065 Total members

98 Median members

13,131 Confirmations

5,388 Receptions

19,316 Baptisms

Median average age is **60 years old**





OUTREACH

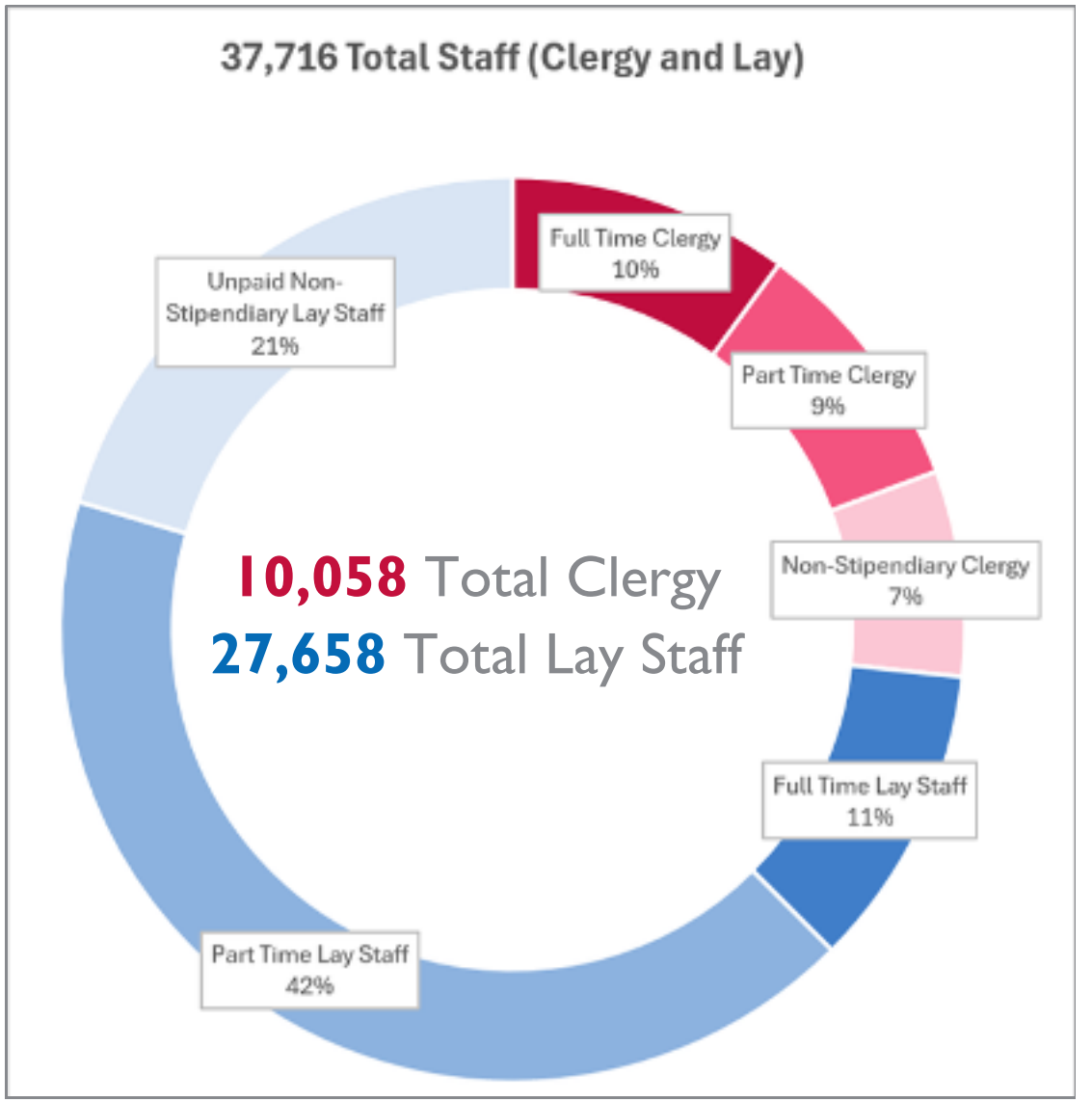


4,675 (76.3%) congregations report engaging people through outreach ministries, serving a median of 72 beneficiaries per congregation each week

3,642 (59.4%) congregations report involving non-member volunteers in their outreach ministries, with a median of 6 non-member volunteers per congregation

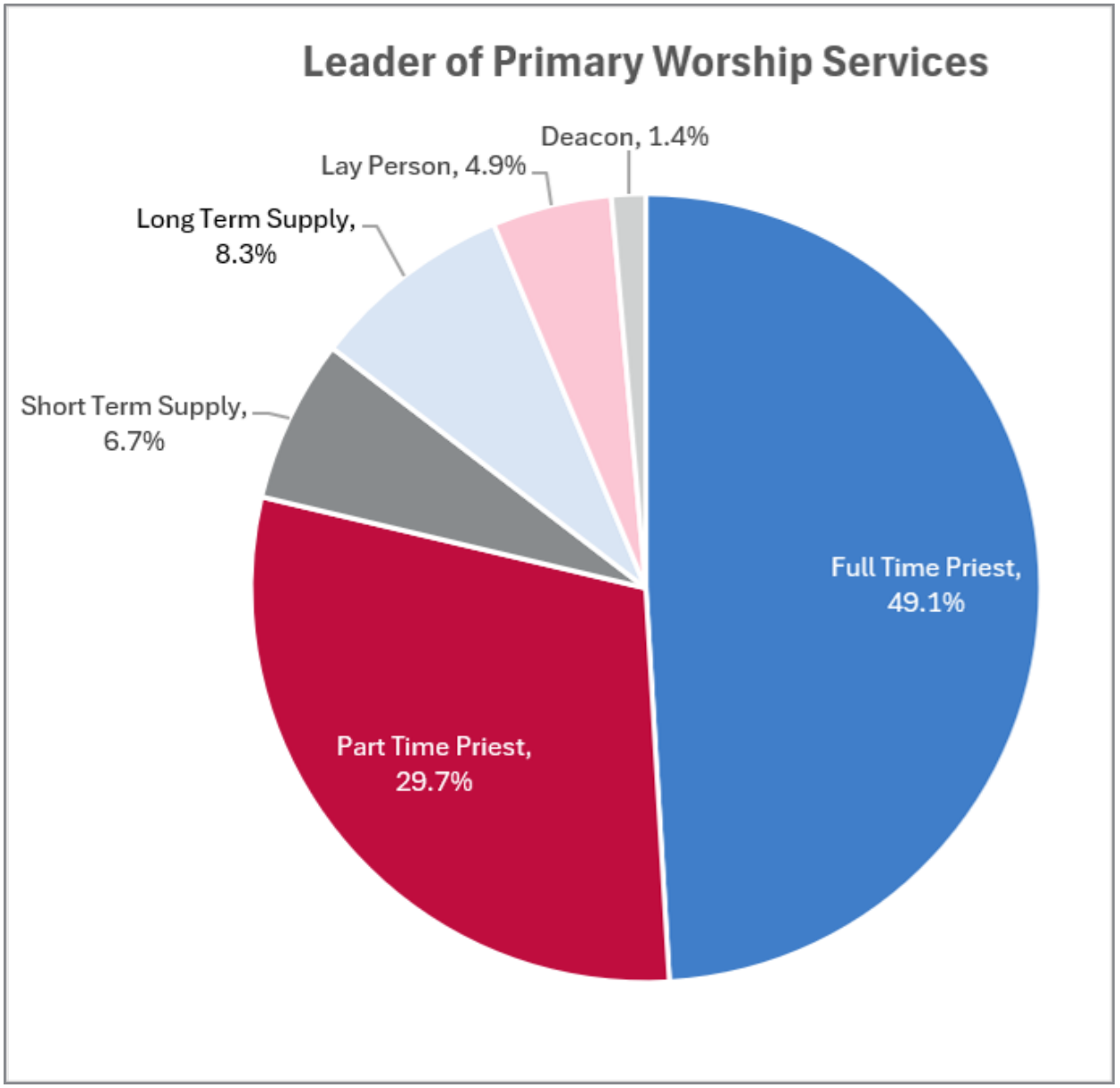
CLERGY & STAFF





1,882 Total Parishes with a Deacon

WORSHIP LEADERS

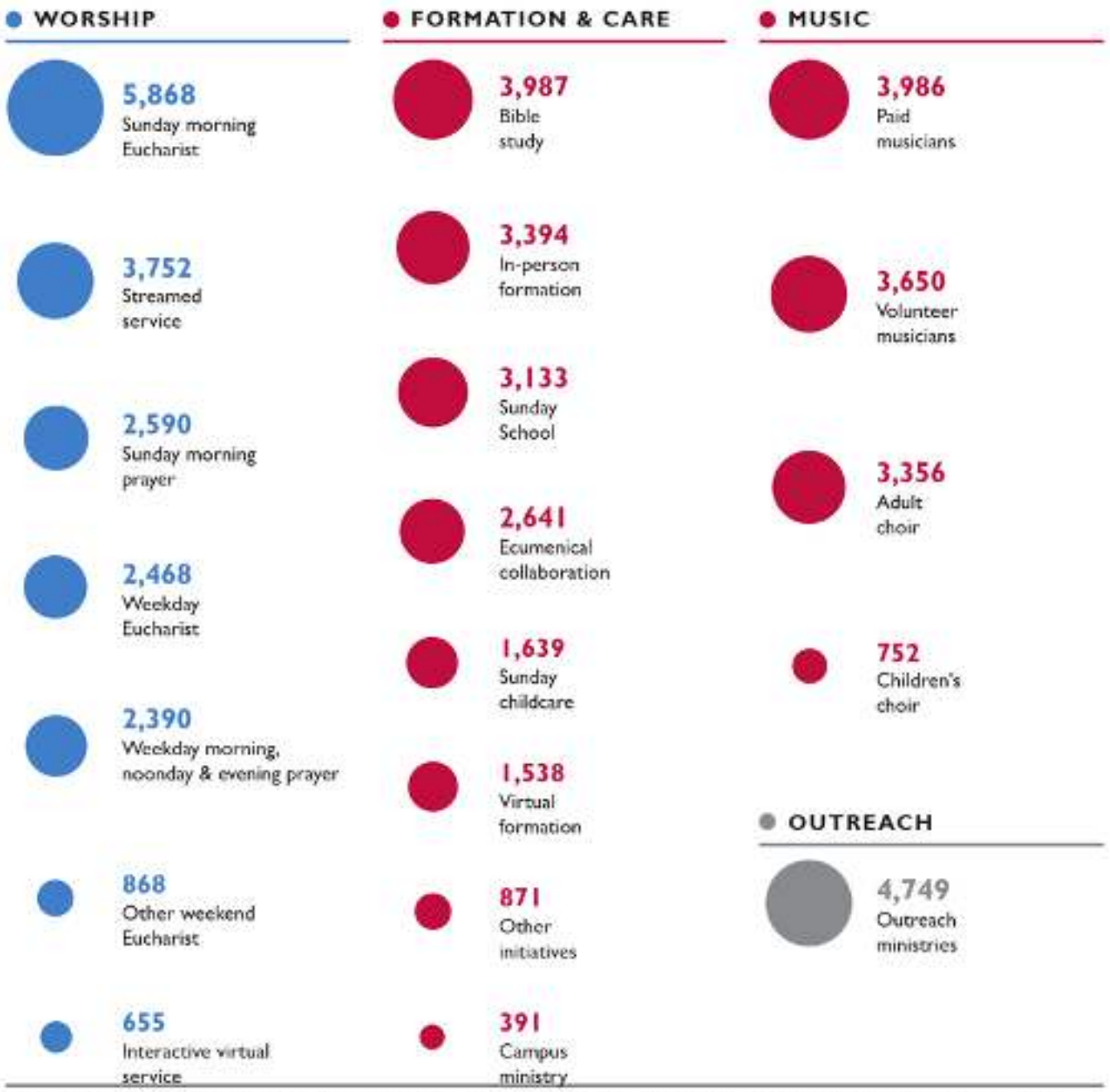


Unique Clergy Situations

- Long Term Supply or Interim
  1,017
- Call to Common Ministry
  163
- Clergy from Anglican Communion
  145
- Other Arrangements
  916

SERVICES, PROGRAMS, & INITIATIVES

 # = number of congregations reporting



Circle area is proportional to the number of congregations. Congregations report every activity they offer, so categories overlap and do not sum to a total.

Other Initiatives Include:

- **Worship and Liturgy:** Evening Prayer, Compline, Taizé, Evensong, seasonal services
- **Prayer and Spiritual Practices:** Centering Prayer, meditation, healing services, prayer groups
- **Children, Youth, and Families:** Youth groups, VBS, children's programs, camps, family ministries
- **Pastoral Care and Support:** Home Eucharists, hospital visits, grief support, senior ministry, chaplaincy
- **Education and Fellowship:** Book studies, adult education, small groups, concerts, social gatherings
- **Community and Outreach:** Interfaith partnerships, food programs, recovery groups, refugee/homeless ministries, community organizations

SCHOOLS & PARTNERSHIPS



CONGREGATIONS WITH SCHOOLS

Preschool or Nursery Program	**748**
K-8 School	**173**
9-12 School	**47**

SUBSIDIARY or ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

1,575 congregations with a Subsidiary or Associated Outreach Ministry or Other Organization

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE:

- **Food and basic needs:** Food pantries, meals, thrift shops
- **Youth and families:** After-school programs, camps, tutoring
- **Health and social services:** Recovery groups, senior services, counseling
- **Education and enrichment:** Schools, arts, music, recreation
- **Community partnerships:** Nonprofits, civic groups, shared spaces
- **Faith and outreach:** Interfaith partnerships, missions, community gardens

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

Out of the **4,669** responses to the question,

"What is one program or initiative at your Church that you feel best exemplifies your congregation?"

congregations identified several core themes.

CORE THEMES

- **Food & hunger relief:** Pantries, community meals, gardens, blessing boxes — 1,797
- **General outreach & community service:** Broad outward orientation, grants, giving — 1,076
- **Worship & liturgy:** Eucharist, daily office, healing services, music — 805
- **Fellowship & belonging**: Hospitality, newcomer welcome, coffee hour — 776
- **Partnerships & collaboration**: Shared ministry, ecumenical & interfaith work — 731
- **Children, youth & families:** Schools, camps, mentoring, youth groups — 646
- **Housing & homelessness:** Shelters, showers, rent aid, Habitat builds — 579
- **Material & financial assistance:** Thrift shops, clothing, holiday baskets, funds — 571

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

FOOD & HUNGER RELIEF

"Each Wednesday morning, [volunteers] provide free food and clothing to all...In 2025, we served an average of 341 households per week (about 1,438 people per week) and distributed 713,435 pounds of food."
— St. Patrick's, Atlanta, GA

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

"We completed an 8-story, 84-unit affordable housing building on our property that focuses on families with many 2 and 3 bedroom units. It opened in October 2025..."
— St. Luke's, Seattle, WA

WORSHIP & LITURGY

"In January 2025 we installed a 'Prayground' in our nave... This has allowed children to be present in our congregation and worship in age-appropriate ways."
— St. Peter's, Brentwood, PA

FELLOWSHIP & BELONGING

"Chili Bingo Night captures who we are as a church: welcoming, relational, joyful, and rooted in community."
— St. Mary, Burgaw, NC

WORSHIP SERVICE LANGUAGES

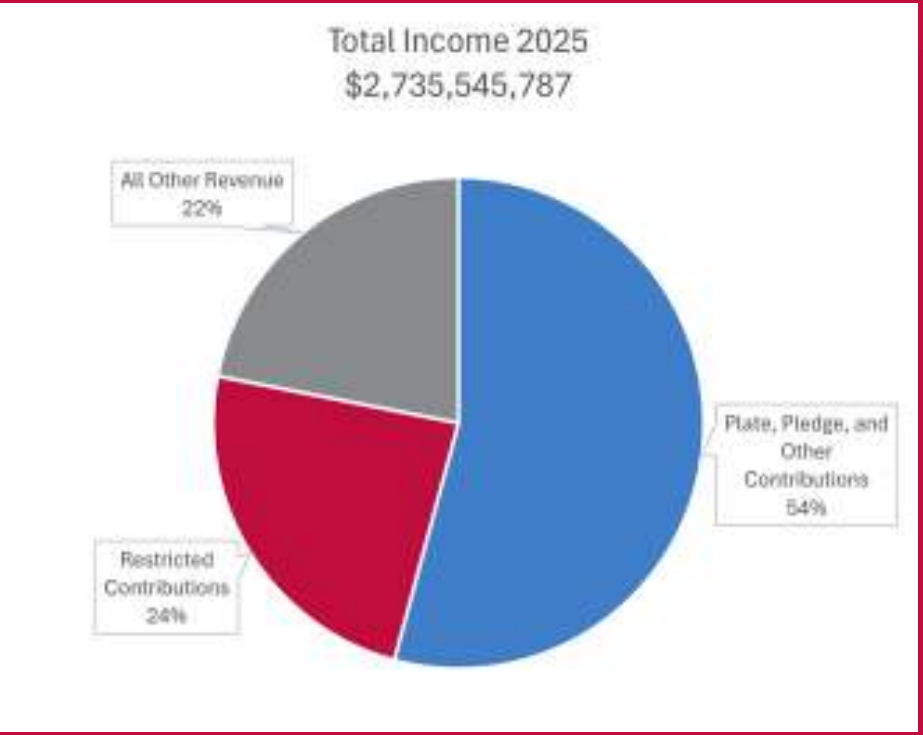
5,759 congregations offer services in English

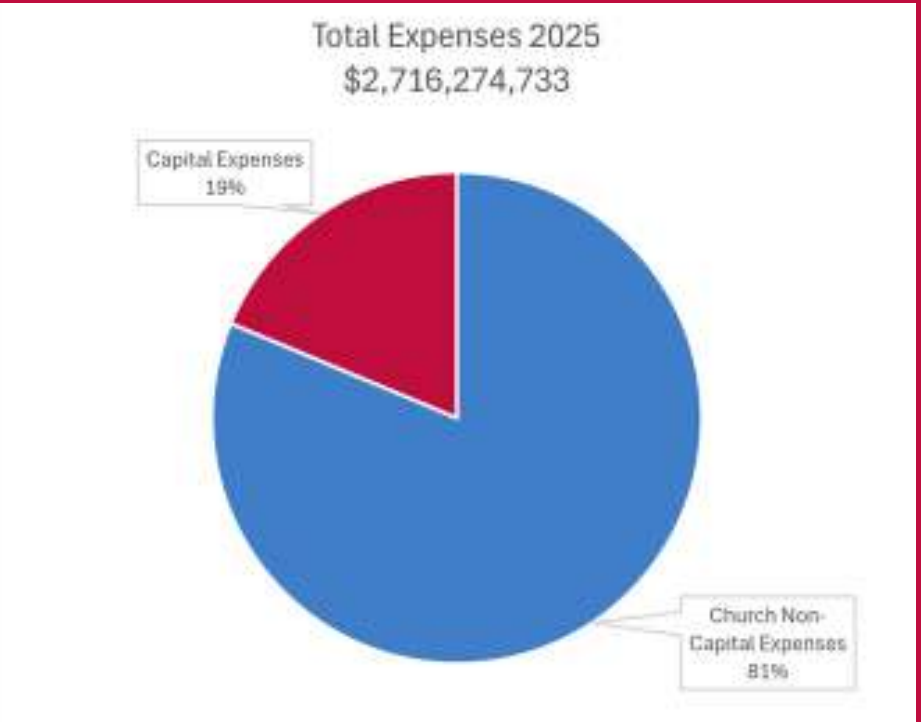
267 offer a service that is simultaneously conducted in more than one language

Spanish	637	Arabic	7	Hindi	2	Irish	1
Lakota	46	Chinese (Traditional)	6	Inupiaq	2	Javanese	1
French	20	Swahili	6	Luganda	2	Kannada	1
Haitian Creole	18	Farsi	4	Portuguese	2	Khmer	1
Hawaiian	16	Italian	4	Telugu	2	Ojibwe	1
Dinka	15	Hmong	4	Amharic	1	Paiute	1
Dakota	13	Igbo	3	Armenian	1	Papiamentu	1
Navajo	11	Ilokano	3	Bengali	1	Polish	1
Tagalog	11	Malayalam	3	Chuukese	1	Russian	1
Karen	9	Tongan	3	Dutch	1	Sundanese	1
Korean	9	Urdu	3	Filipino	1	Tamil	1
Latin	9	Chinese (Simplified)	2	Greek	1	Vietnamese	1
German	8	Georgian	2	Gujarati	1	Yoruba	1

FINANCES

- Total income of $2.7 Billion including $1.5 Billion plate and pledge contributions
- 304,928 total pledge cards with a median average pledge amount of $3,193
- Total expenses of $2.7 Billion including 19% capital expenses





ENDOWMENTS & INVESTMENTS



78.6% of congregations report having an endowment or investment account

Total of $5.6 Billion in endowments and $1.8 Billion in investments

Median endowment size of around $193,000 and median investments of about $70,000

Median draw rate from endowment of 4.0%

OUTSTANDING DEBT



20.2% of congregations report having outstanding debt totaling around **$358 million** with a median of around **$50,000.**

Congregations most often reported outstanding debt related to **property and facilities**. Building construction or acquisition and capital repairs or improvements—including roofs, HVAC systems, renovations, and other major projects—accounted for the majority of reasons mentioned.

Operating expenses and cash-flow needs were another common source of debt, frequently reflected in year-end credit-card balances and lines of credit.

Smaller shares of responses referenced **personnel or diocesan obligations**, **COVID-19 borrowing**, and other **specific projects** such as solar and energy-efficiency improvements.

BUILDINGS, LAND, & RENTAL INCOME



88.5% of congregations own buildings and/or land with the rest renting or borrowing space.



More than half (59%) of these congregations rent or lease all or a portion of their building(s) or land to groups outside of the congregation.



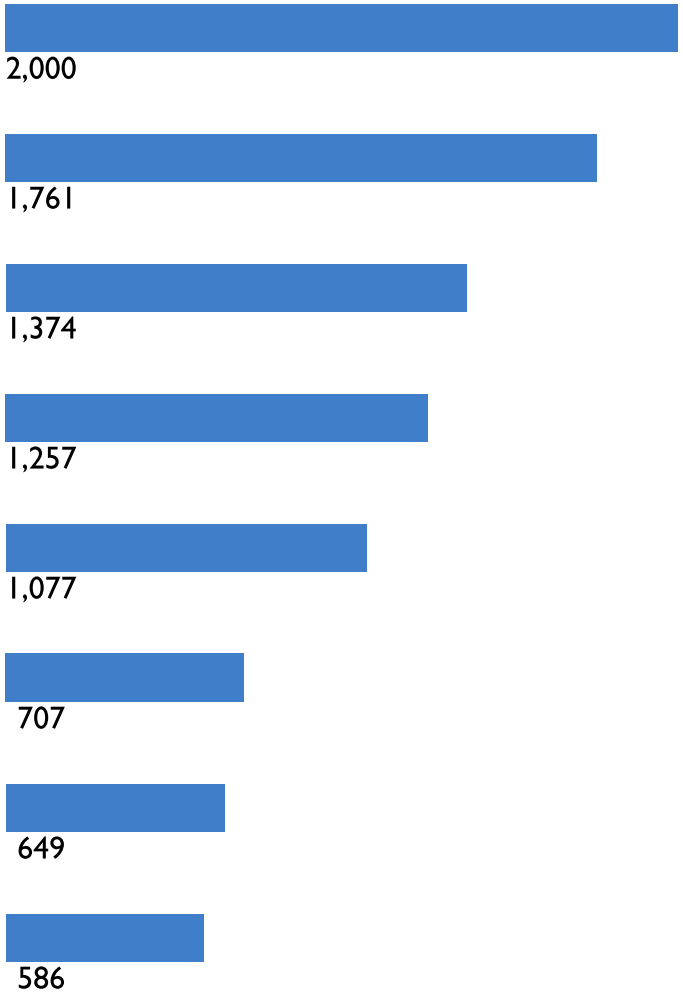
Among those who rent out their buildings, the median revenue earned annually is about $14,000 and the median expenses incurred are about $1,200 annually.

REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT

Out of the **4,340** responses to the question,
"How is your parish reducing your carbon footprint?"
congregations identified several core themes.

CORE THEMES

- **HVAC systems & maintenance:** Furnaces, heat pumps, thermostats, servicing
- **Recycling programs:** Paper, glass, plastic, aluminum, electronics
- **Waste & single-use plastics:** Reusables, compostables, no Styrofoam
- **Lighting & LED conversion**: Fixture upgrades, motion sensors, timers
- **Energy audits & monitoring**: Assessments, utility tracking, efficiency goals
- **Paper reduction & digital comms:** Digital newsletters, shorter bulletins
- **Grounds & land care:** Native gardens, pollinator meadows, no-mow
- **Solar & renewable energy:** Rooftop arrays, geothermal, community solar



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

SOLAR & RENEWABLE ENERGY

"Our goal is to use 100% renewable energy at St. Michael's by 2030 and produce 110% of our energy needs, so we can give 10% of the energy we produce back to our wider community."
— St. Michael's, Brattleboro, VT

GROUNDS & LAND CARE

"Our latest project is replacing over 36,000 square feet of grass with native plants and trees. We'll also be changing our sprinkler system from spray to drip which we estimate will save 20%-30% on water used for landscaping."
— St. Andrew's, Irvine, CA

LIGHTING & LED CONVERSION

"We replaced all lighting on campus with LED lighting... we expect to save approximately $1,200/month, as well as reduce the carbon footprint after the replacement of 239 lights and fixtures."
— St. James the Apostle, Conroe, TX

HVAC SYSTEMS & MAINTENANCE

"With a 100 year old building our options are somewhat limited. [In 2025 we began a project] to improve the efficiency of our heating and cooling system through sealing our stained glass windows and installing fans."
— St. Bartholomew's, White Plains, NY

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Out of the 4,475 responses to the question,

"What is one program or initiative at your Church that represents your hope for the future of your congregation or the greater Episcopal Church?"

congregations identified several core themes.

CORE THEMES

- **Youth, children & families:** Sunday School, VBS, youth group, next generation — 1,289
- **Outreach to people in need:** Food pantries, shelter, tutoring, chaplaincy — 1,094
- **Community partnership & engagement:** Schools, nonprofits, shared space, neighbors — 1,000
- **Worship & liturgy**: Eucharist, evensong, dinner church, preaching — 913
- **Welcome, hospitality & inclusion**: Open table, LGBTQ+ affirming, beloved community — 785
- **Vision, planning & sustainability:** Viability, strategic planning, merger, lay leadership — 581
- **Growth, evangelism & newcomers:** Invite Welcome Connect, revitalization, planting — 557
- **Fellowship & pastoral care:** Fellowship, small groups, lay pastoral care — 457

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

"Beloved Kids is more than children's programming. It is a theological commitment... We do not see children as the 'future church' only — we experience them as the Church now."

— Grace, Cincinnati, OH

WORSHIP & LITURGY

"The growth of our weekday Mass from two regular attendees to twenty two represents our deepest hope... people are showing up in the middle of the week to pray, receive the Eucharist, and anchor their lives in Christ."

— Trinity, Northport, NY

WELCOME, HOSPITALITY & INCLUSION

"Grace is still one of the few affirming churches in the area and we are often met with surprise and joy when we tell people that we welcome gay and transgender people, not just as members, but also into marriages and as clergy."

— Grace, New Lenox, IL

VISION, PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

"Our Lay Leadership is the hope and future of our church, and perhaps the future of the church going forward. With so few called to the ordained priesthood, small churches need to creatively grow and develop alternatives."

— Holy Innocents, West Orange, NJ

Province I

Total Congregations: 554
Total Members: 110,209

Total ASA (in-person): 29,866
Total ASA (online): 7,082

Total income: $213,425,471

Total Clergy Staff: 830
Total Lay Staff: 2,178

Province II

Total Congregations: 1,074
Total Members: 246,505

Total ASA (in-person): 44,931
Total ASA (online): 16,325

Total income: $301,835,542

Total Clergy Staff: 1,248
Total Lay Staff: 3,433

Province III

Total Congregations: 937
Total Members: 205,429

Total ASA (in-person): 62,051
Total ASA (online): 23,994

Total income: $445,875,736

Total Clergy Staff: 1,437
Total Lay Staff: 4,053

Province IV

Total Congregations: 1,228
Total Members: 350,136

Total ASA (in-person): 107,748
Total ASA (online): 29,148

Total income: $720,100,044

Total Clergy Staff: 2,010
Total Lay Staff: 6,621

Province V

Total Congregations: 701
Total Members: 103,087

Total ASA (in-person): 35,456
Total ASA (online): 10,230

Total income: $245,932,267

Total Clergy Staff: 1,085
Total Lay Staff: 2,633

Province VI

Total Congregations: 458
Total Members: 57,924

Total ASA (in-person): 18,235
Total ASA (online): 4,256

Total income: $111,260,767

Total Clergy Staff: 695
Total Lay Staff: 1,319

Province VII

Total Congregations: 658
Total Members: 172,947

Total ASA (in-person): 53,096
Total ASA (online): 13,715

Total income: $380,417,255

Total Clergy Staff: 1,139
Total Lay Staff: 3,512

Province VIII

Total Congregations: 800
Total Members: 144,093

Total ASA (in-person): 47,621
Total ASA (online): 11,771

Total income: $314,423,351

Total Clergy Staff: 1,414
Total Lay Staff: 3,369

Province IX

Total Congregations: 263
Total Members: 34,735

Total ASA (in-person): 7,997
Total ASA (online): 415

Total income: $2,275,354

Total Clergy Staff: 200
Total Lay Staff: 540

ATTENDER SURVEY DATA

Who fills Episcopal Pews?

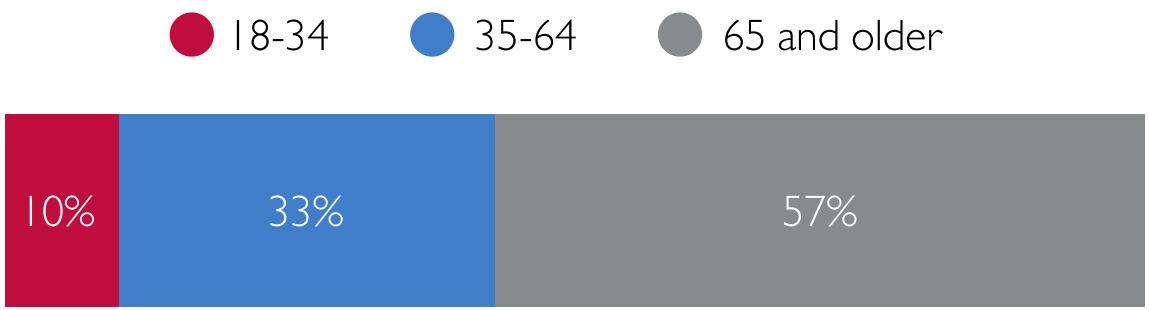


69%
are
women

91%
identify
as White

46%
hold a master's degree
or higher

47%
report household
income of $100,000+



ATTENDER SURVEY DATA

Deeply Engaged Participants

92%
attend worship monthly or more

65%
volunteer monthly or more

13%
give 10% or more of their income

84%
say faith is very important to them



There are many deeply engaged Episcopalians. Most have increased or maintained their involvement in attending, volunteering, and financial giving over the past 5 years.

ATTENDER SURVEY DATA

Growth by Switching, Not Conversion



32% of attenders joined their current congregation in the past five years — very few are new to church.

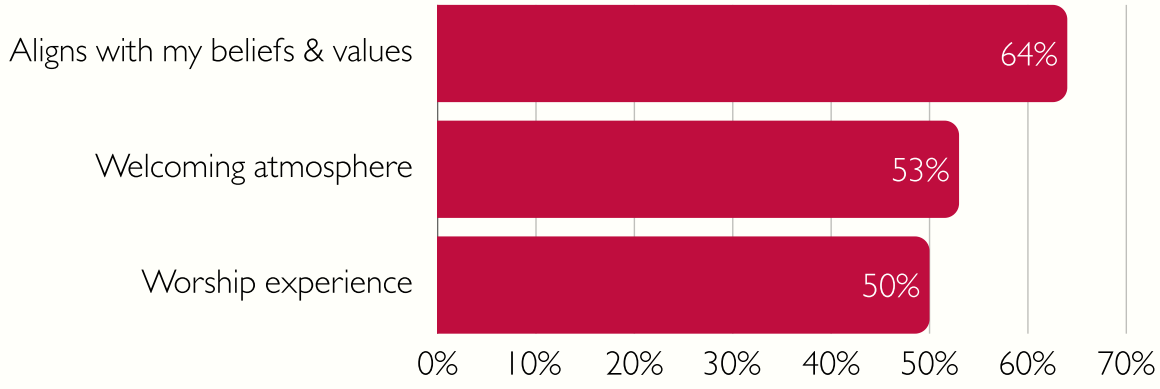
Who are these new attenders?

3% Never attended a congregation before

20% Returning after years away

77% Came from another congregation

Why did they choose their new church?



ATTENDER SURVEY DATA

Experiences of Online Worshippers



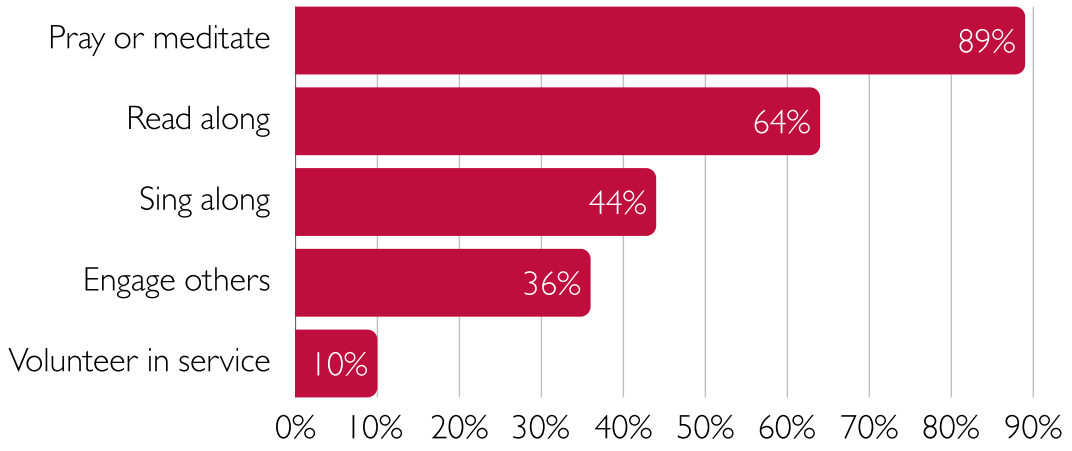
91%
participate where online worship is offered

15%
of attenders worship online at least sometimes

73%
of online worshipers do so alone

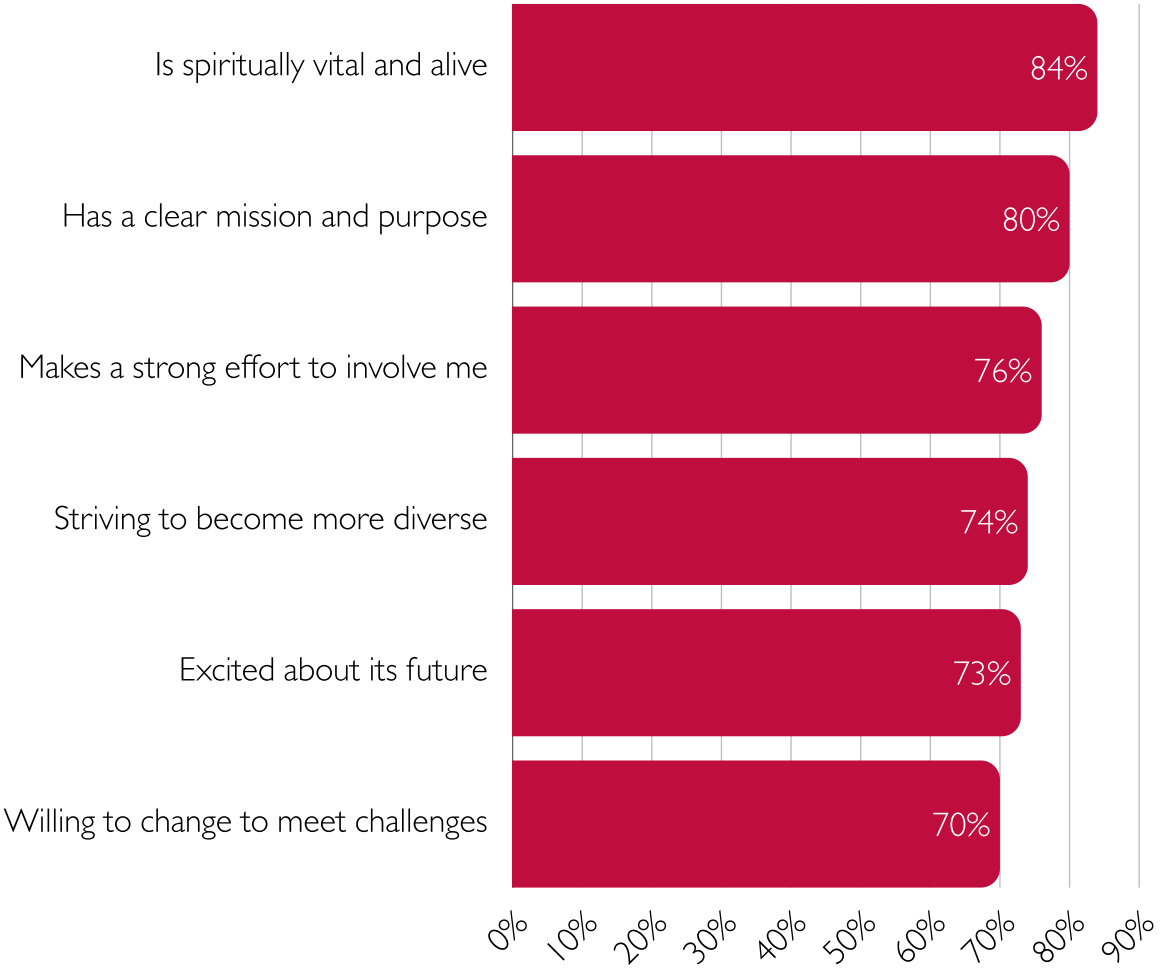
85%
satisfied with online worship experience

Participation as an Online Worshipper



ATTENDER SURVEY DATA

How Attenders See Their Congregation

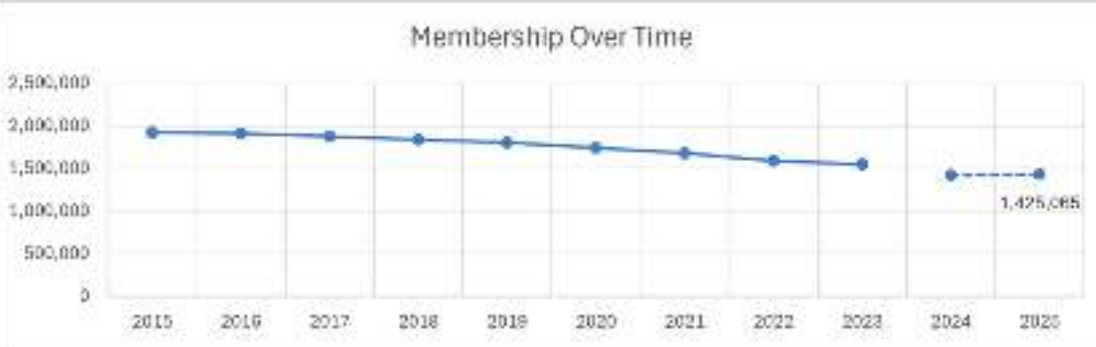


89% of attenders under age 35 are excited about the future of their congregation

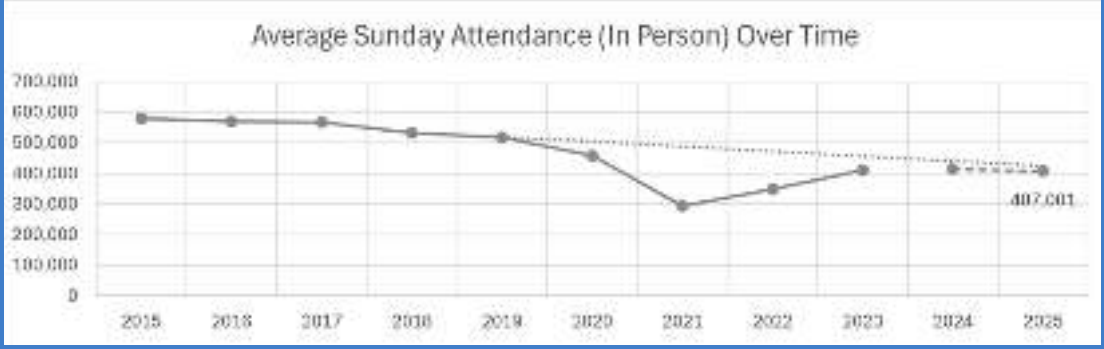


LIMITED TREND DATA

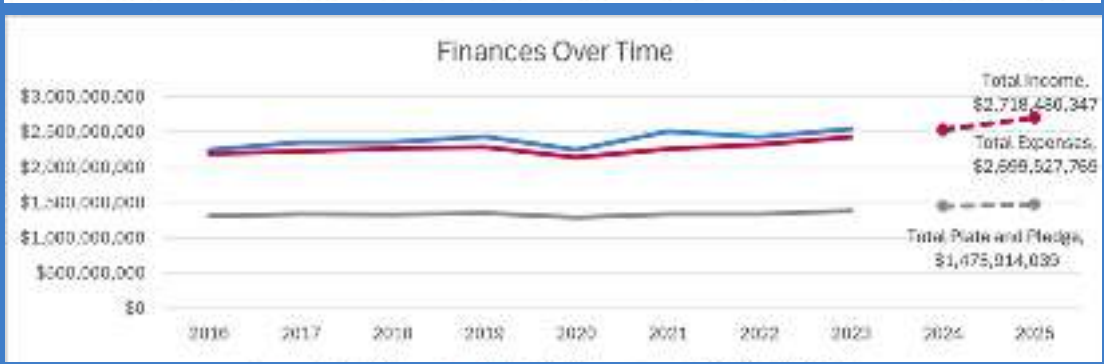
This year's report is significantly different from the reports from previous years. Due to changes in the questionnaire as well as in the data handling process, most data are not able to be compared over time. However, there are a few trends which can be looked at over time—with caution. The few comparable trends are membership, average Sunday attendance (in-person only) and finances. Below are the graphs for these metrics, but note the disconnect in the graph to depict the trend is not continuable due to changes in the data management process which began in 2024.



Membership was not reported in last year's report due to inaccurate data. As such, this year, membership was requested for both 2024 and 2025. Membership continues its slow decline, a trend that has persisted for decades.



In-person ASA continues to rebound after the dip it took during the pandemic. However, the recovery is only back to the previous point of decline.



Similar to last year, total expenses and total income are almost equal. Plate and pledge income continues to account for about 54% of total income received.

[1] For comparability over time, financial data reported for filing congregations in the USA, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Micronesia, and Europe only.