

# KEY STATISTICS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

### DATA SOURCES:

Annual congregational statistical reports

ELCA Research and Evaluation

Synod Minutes books

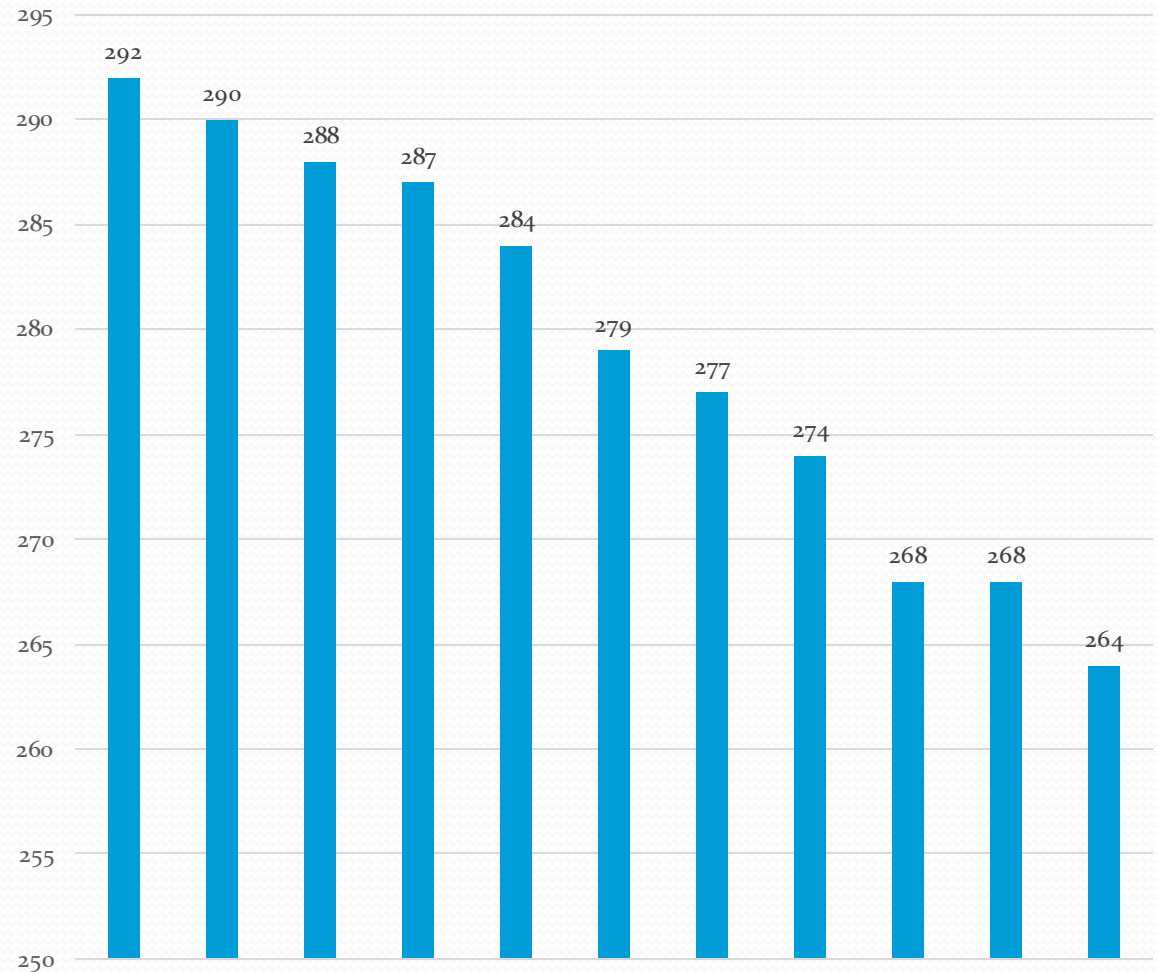
ARDA

U.S. Census data

# Number of Congregations

Number of  
synod  
congregations  
at the  
beginning of  
the ELCA  
(1988): 303

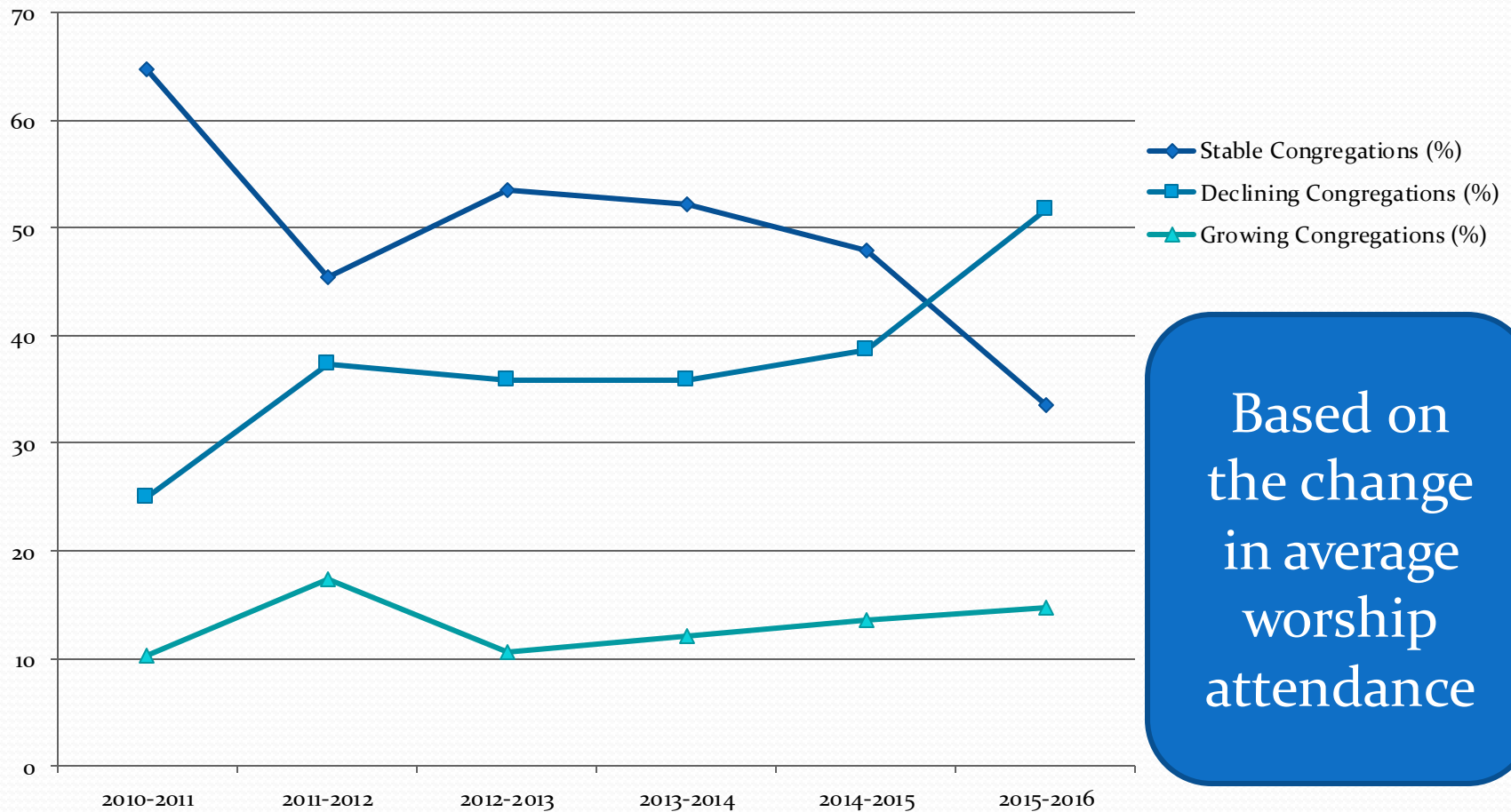
Number of Congregations 2007 - 2017



# Congregational Statistics

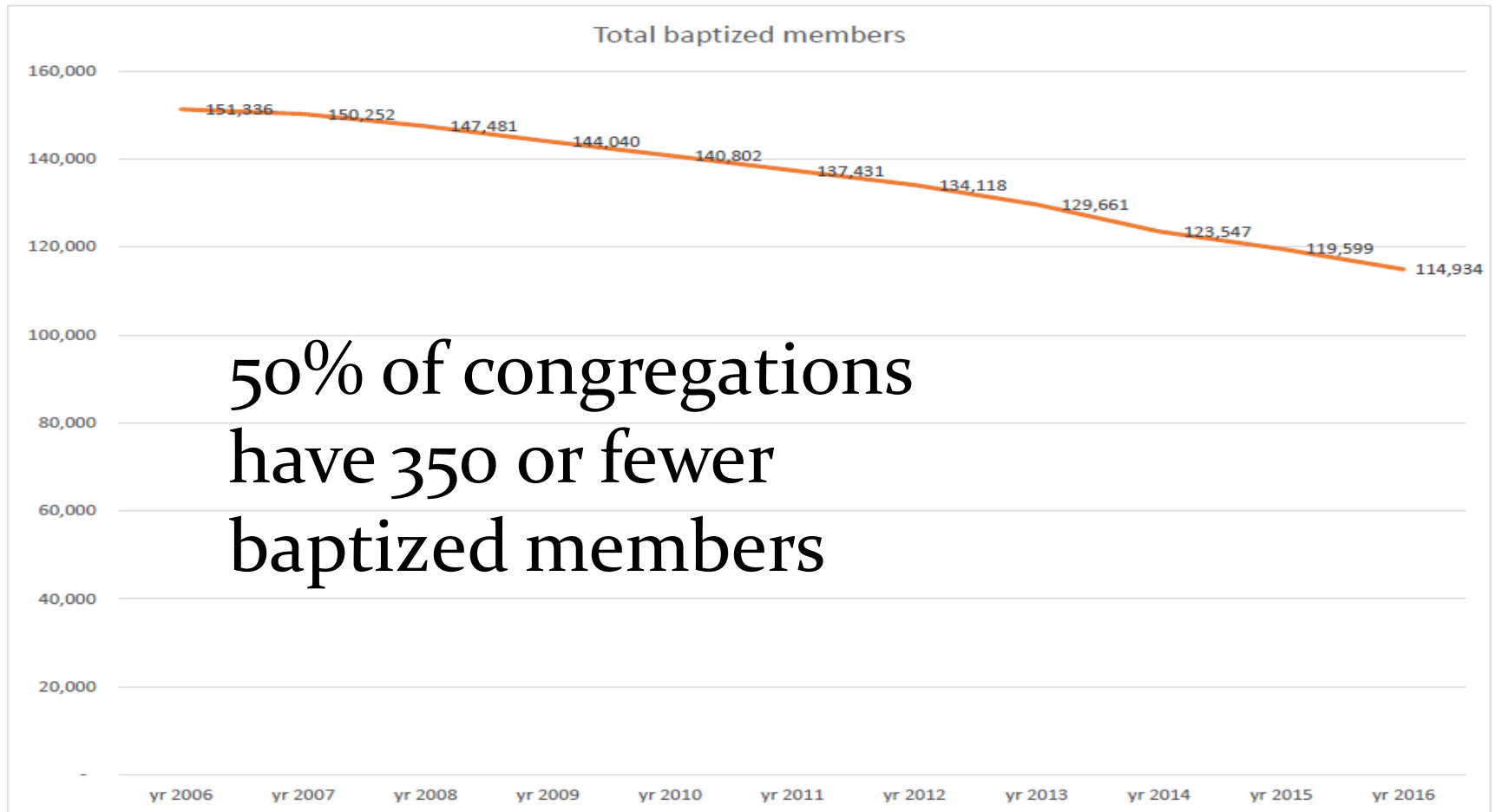
Note: The following statistics are self-reported . When congregations do not submit an annual statistical report, the Research and Evaluation Office carries forward the statistics from the previous year. A number of our congregations have not submitted a report in years.

# Stable, Growing, Declining Congregations

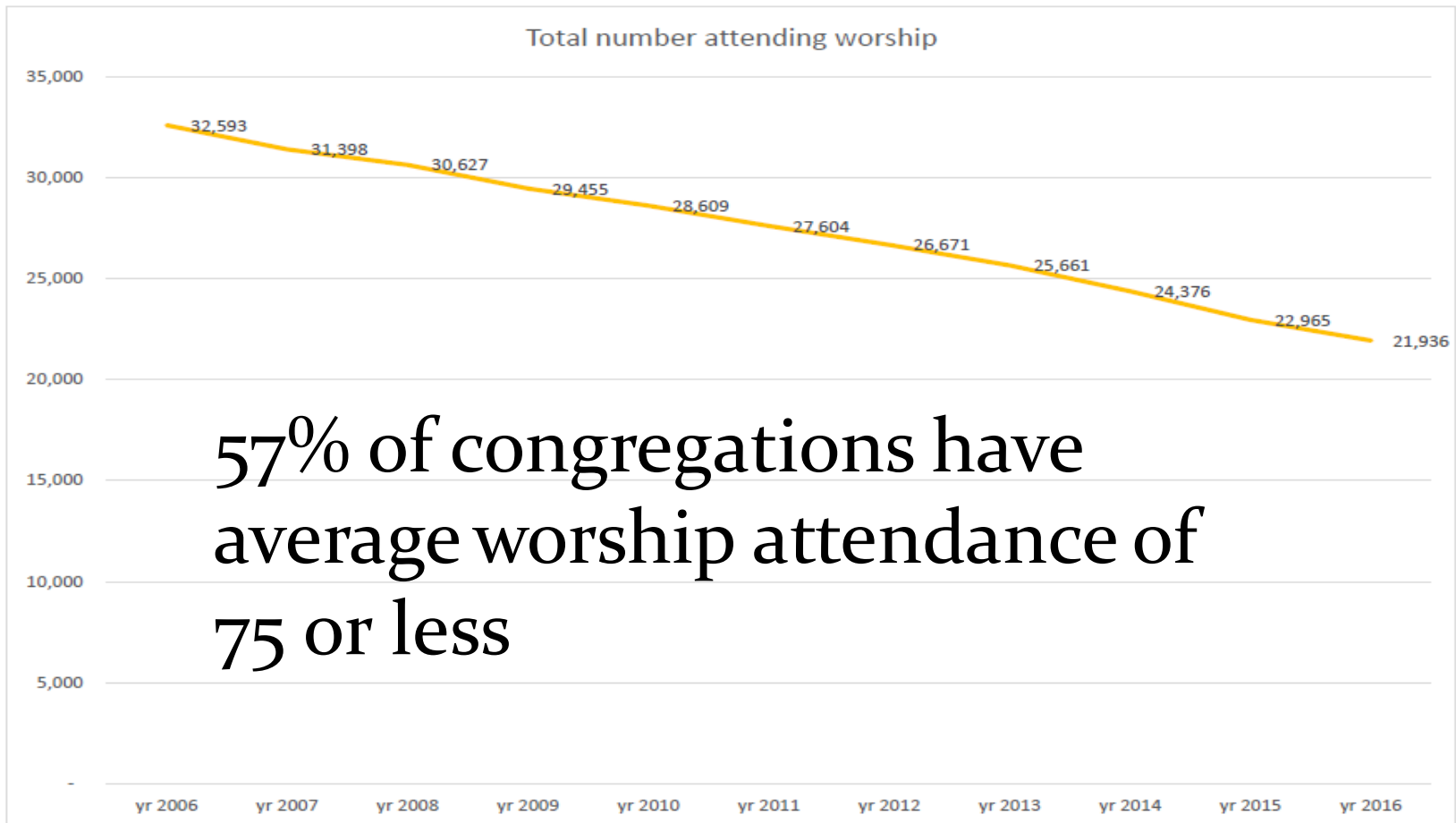


Based on  
the change  
in average  
worship  
attendance

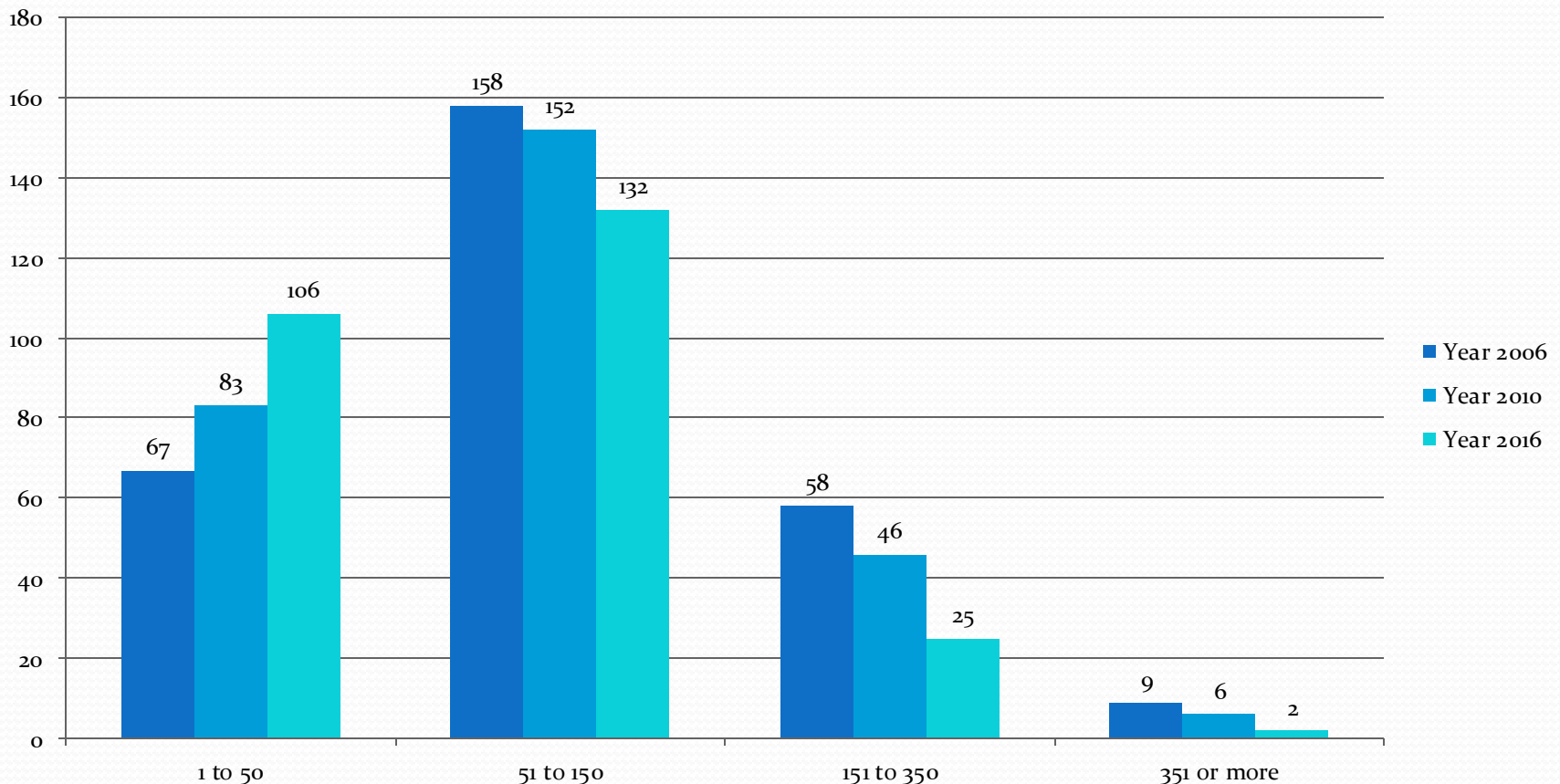
# Baptized Membership



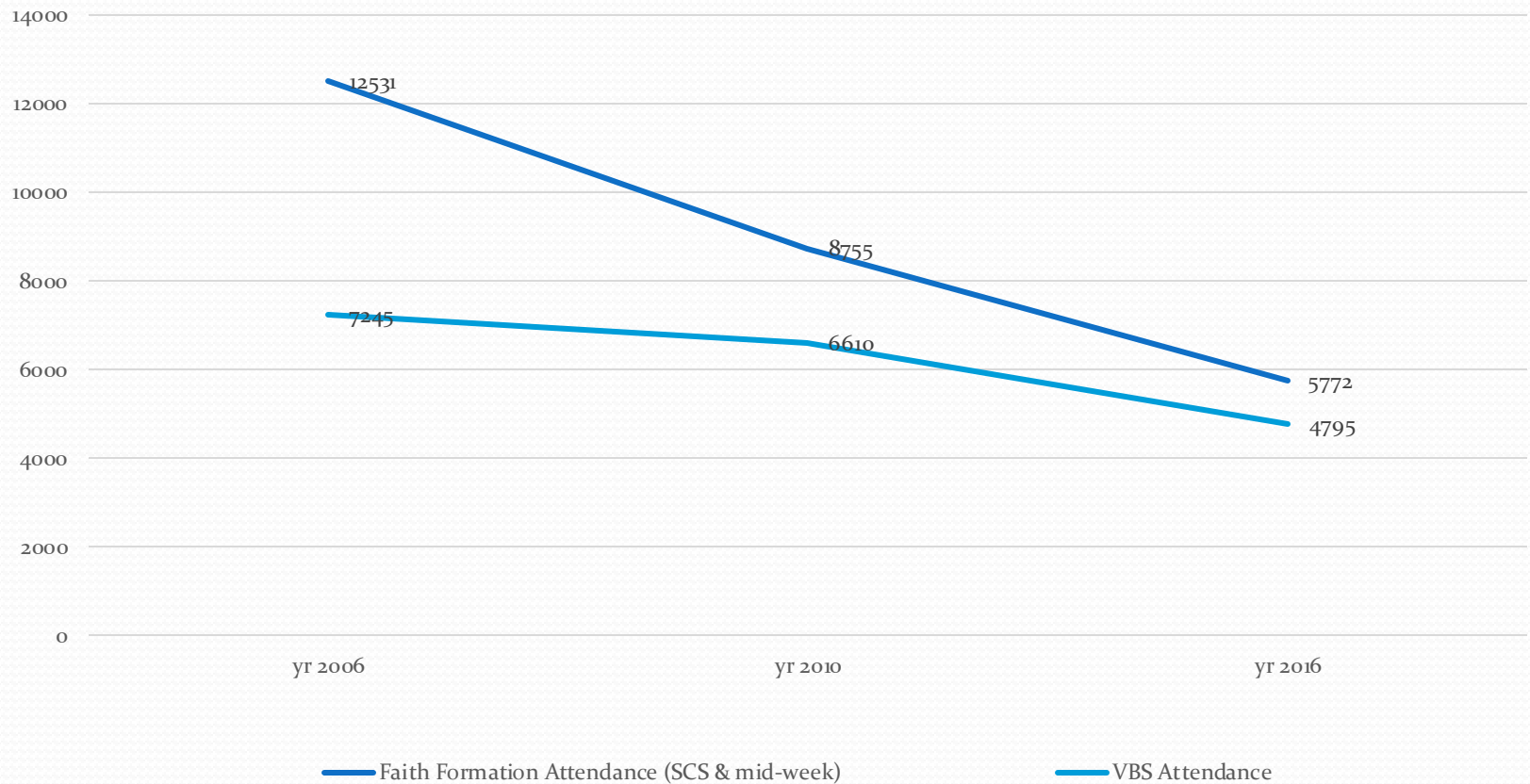
# Worship Attendance



# Congregation Size (ave. attendance) 2006, 2010 and 2016

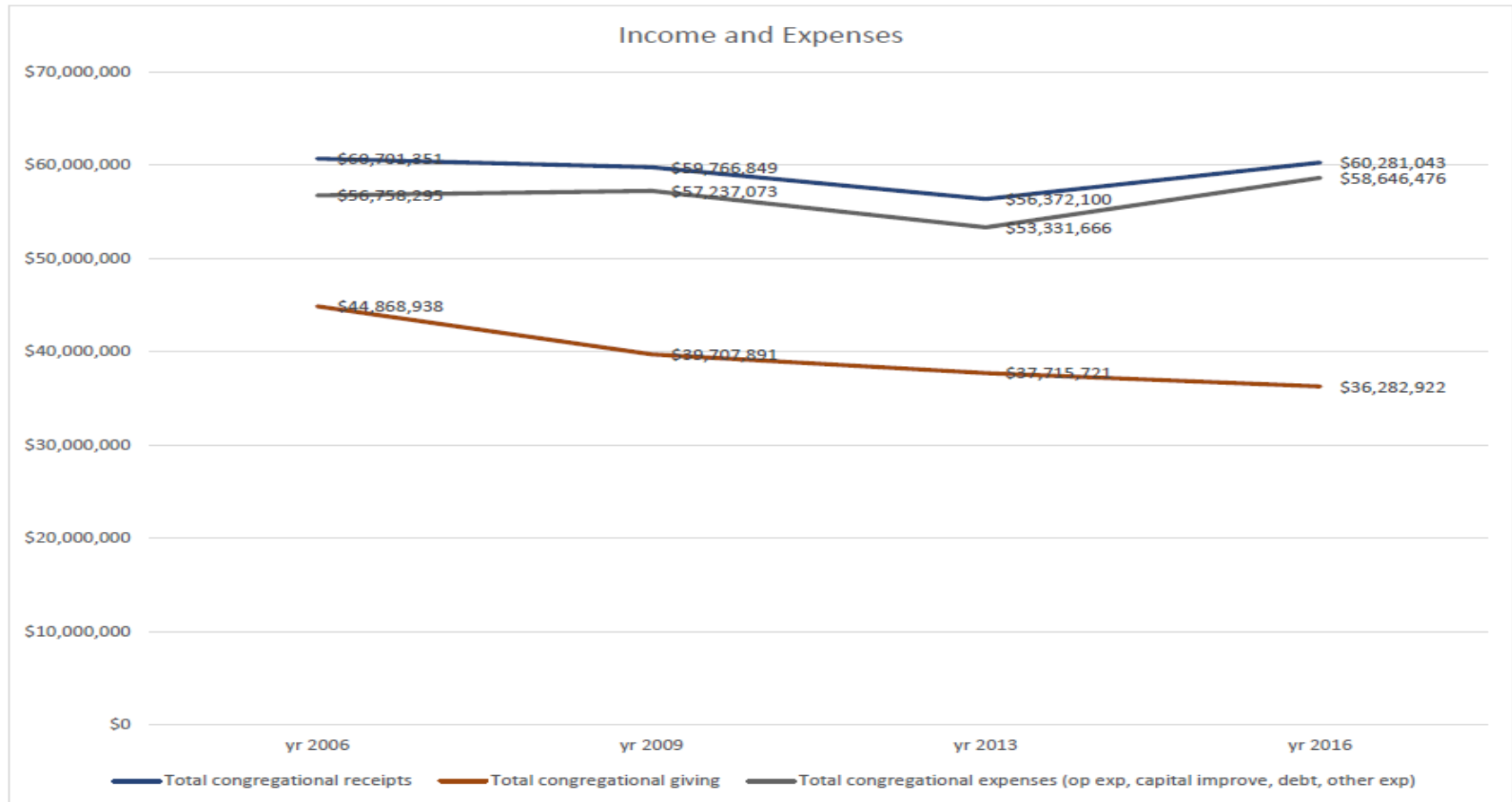


# Number of People Attending Faith Formation Experiences



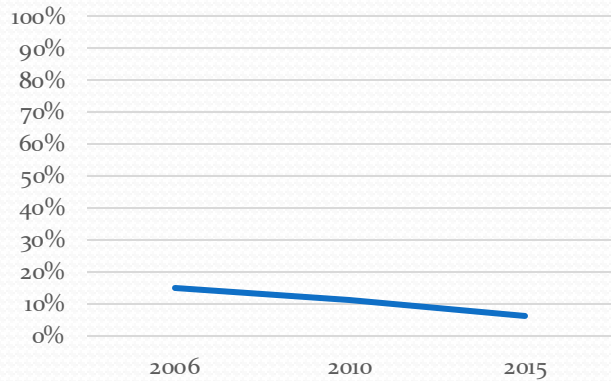


# Congregational Receipts and Disbursements

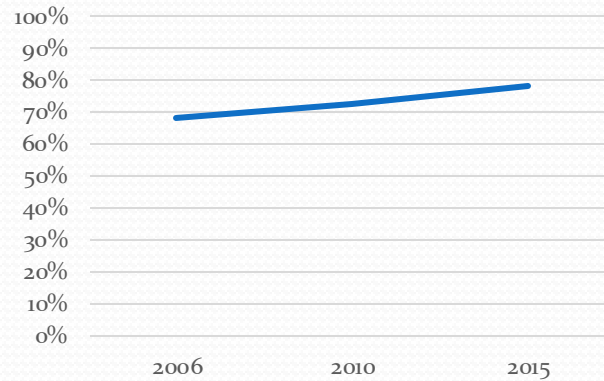


# Percent of Disbursements by Category

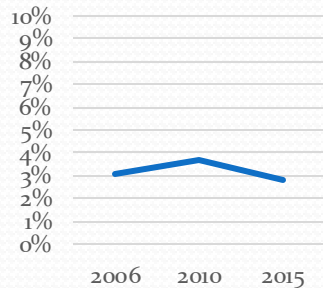
## Capital Improvements



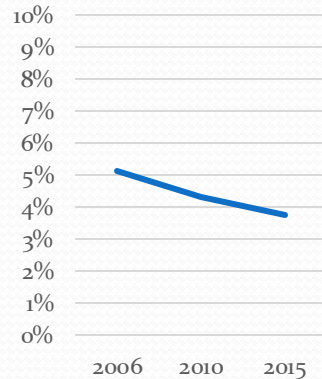
## Operating Expenses



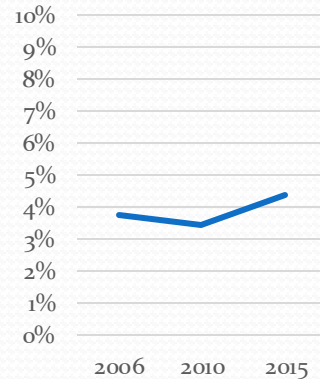
## Non-Mission Support Benevolence



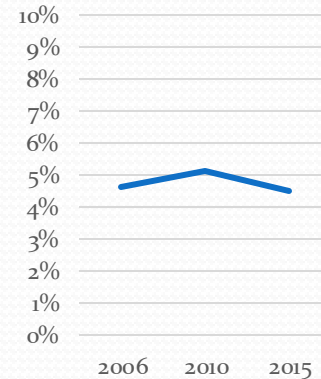
## Mission Support



## Other Expenses

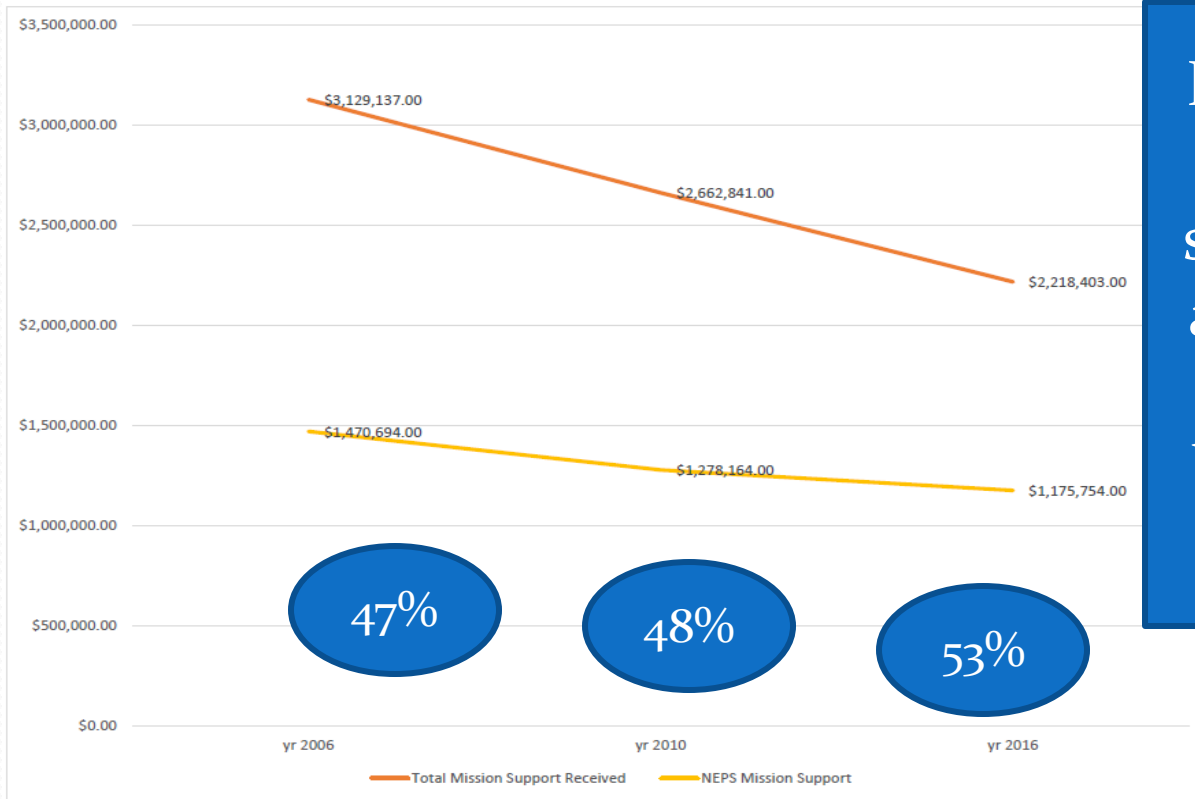


## Debt



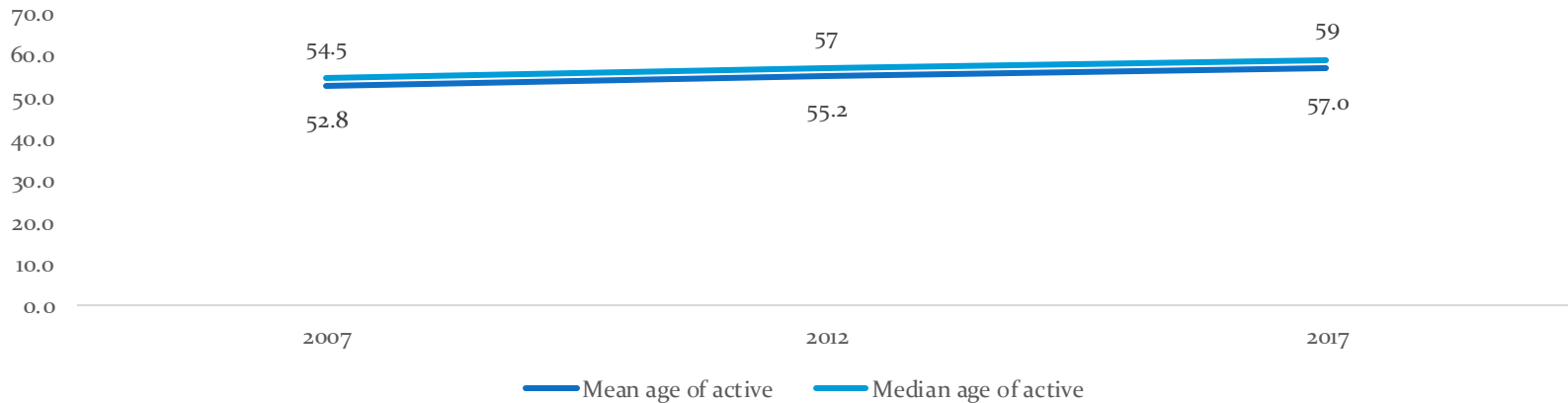
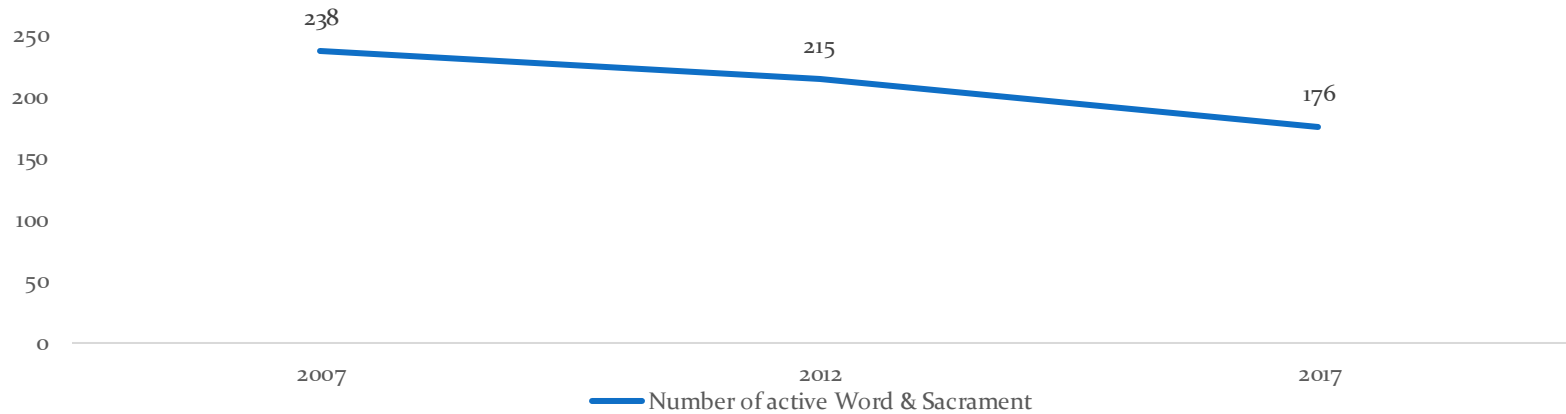
# Synod Statistics

# Mission Support Received: Total and Synodical Portion

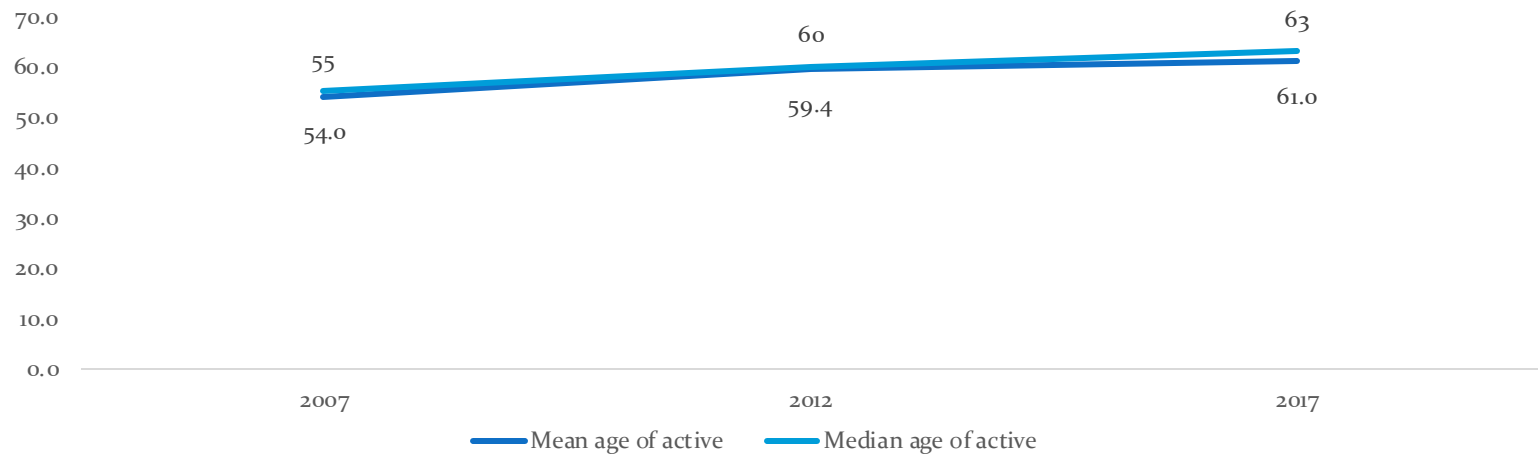
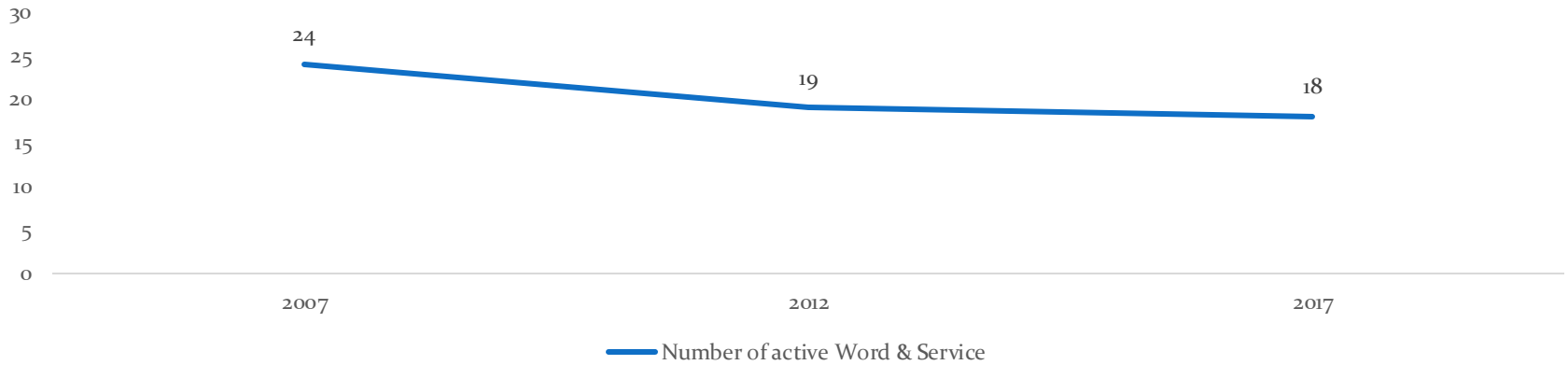


Note: 1994-2002, mission support stayed consistent at \$3.5 million or above. It fell below \$3 million in 2008

# Active Word and Sacrament Ministers

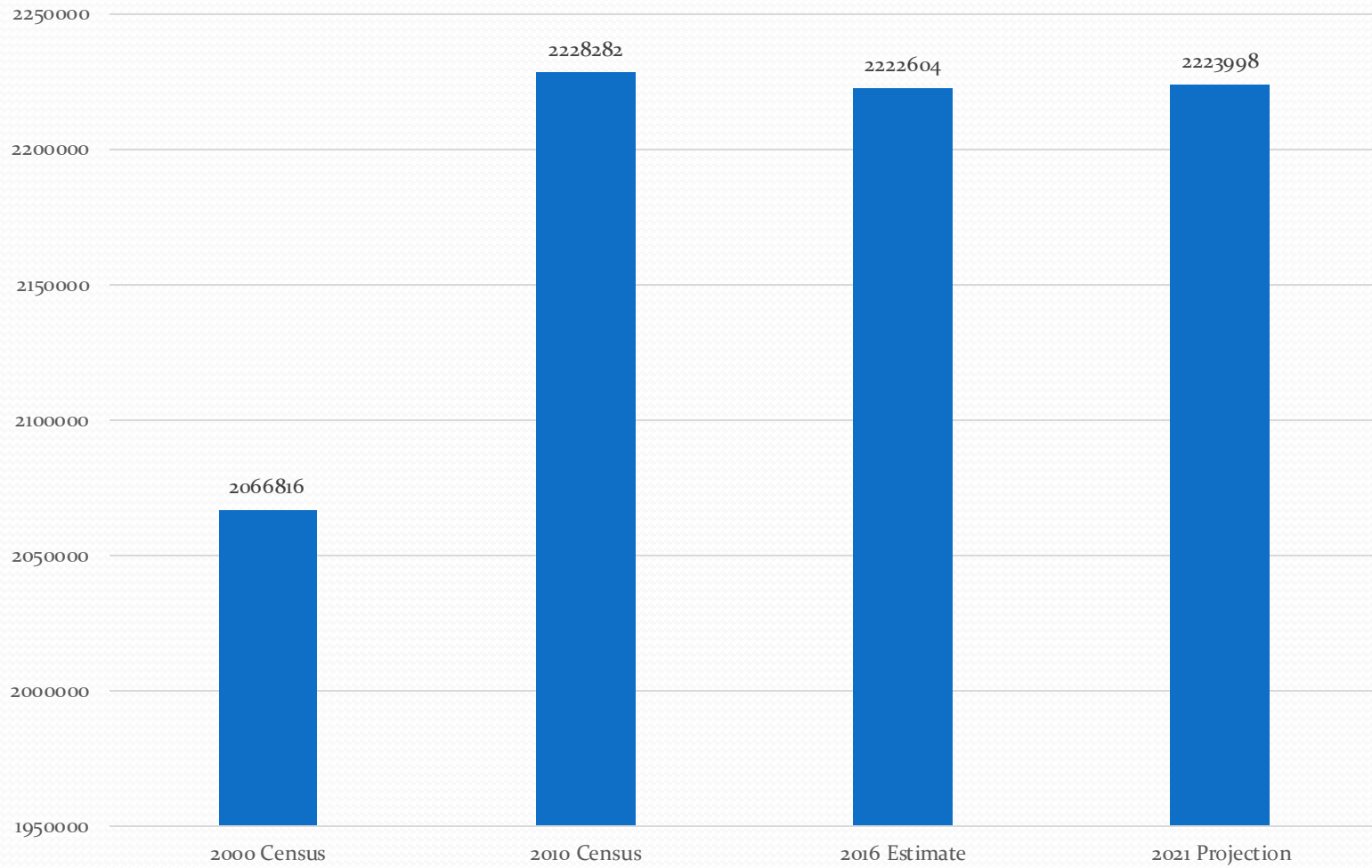


# Active Word and Service Ministers



# Area demographics

## Population of the 14 county synod territory





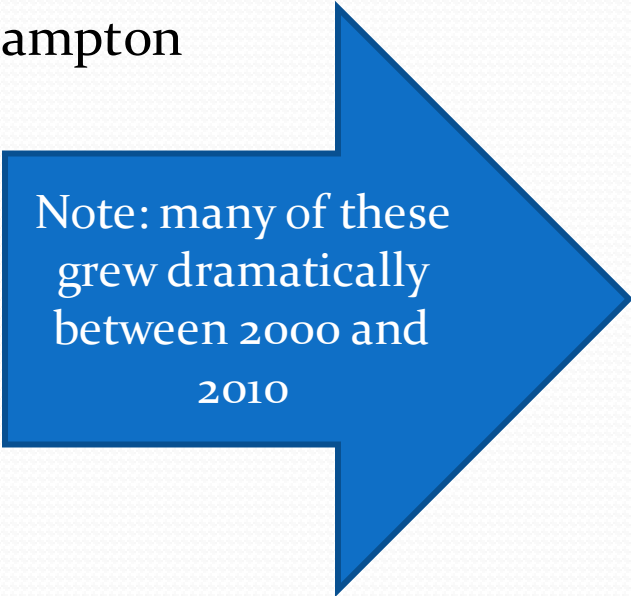
# Growth and Decline

Counties projected to grow after 2010:

- Berks
- Lehigh
- Northampton

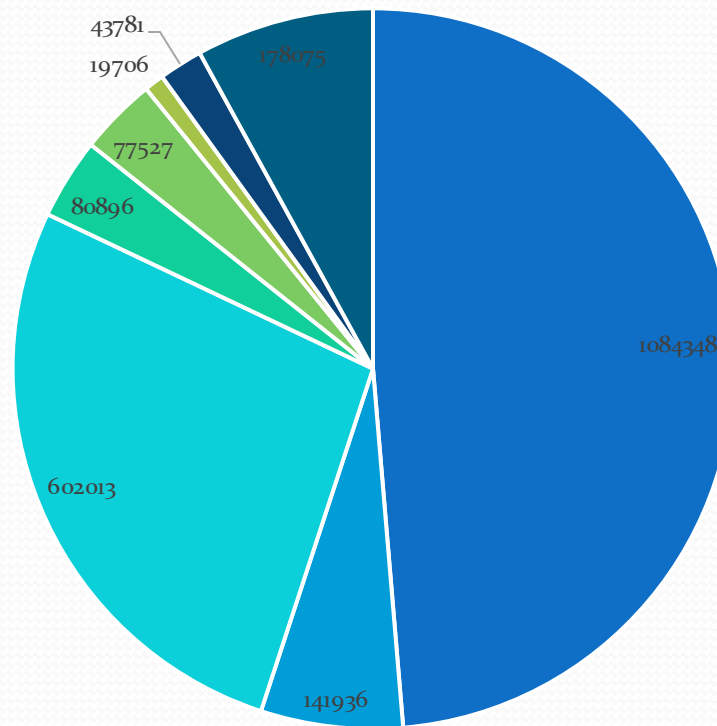
Counties projected to decline after 2010:

- Bradford
- Carbon
- Lackawanna
- Luzerne
- Monroe
- Pike
- Schuylkill
- Sullivan
- Susquehanna
- Wayne
- Wyoming



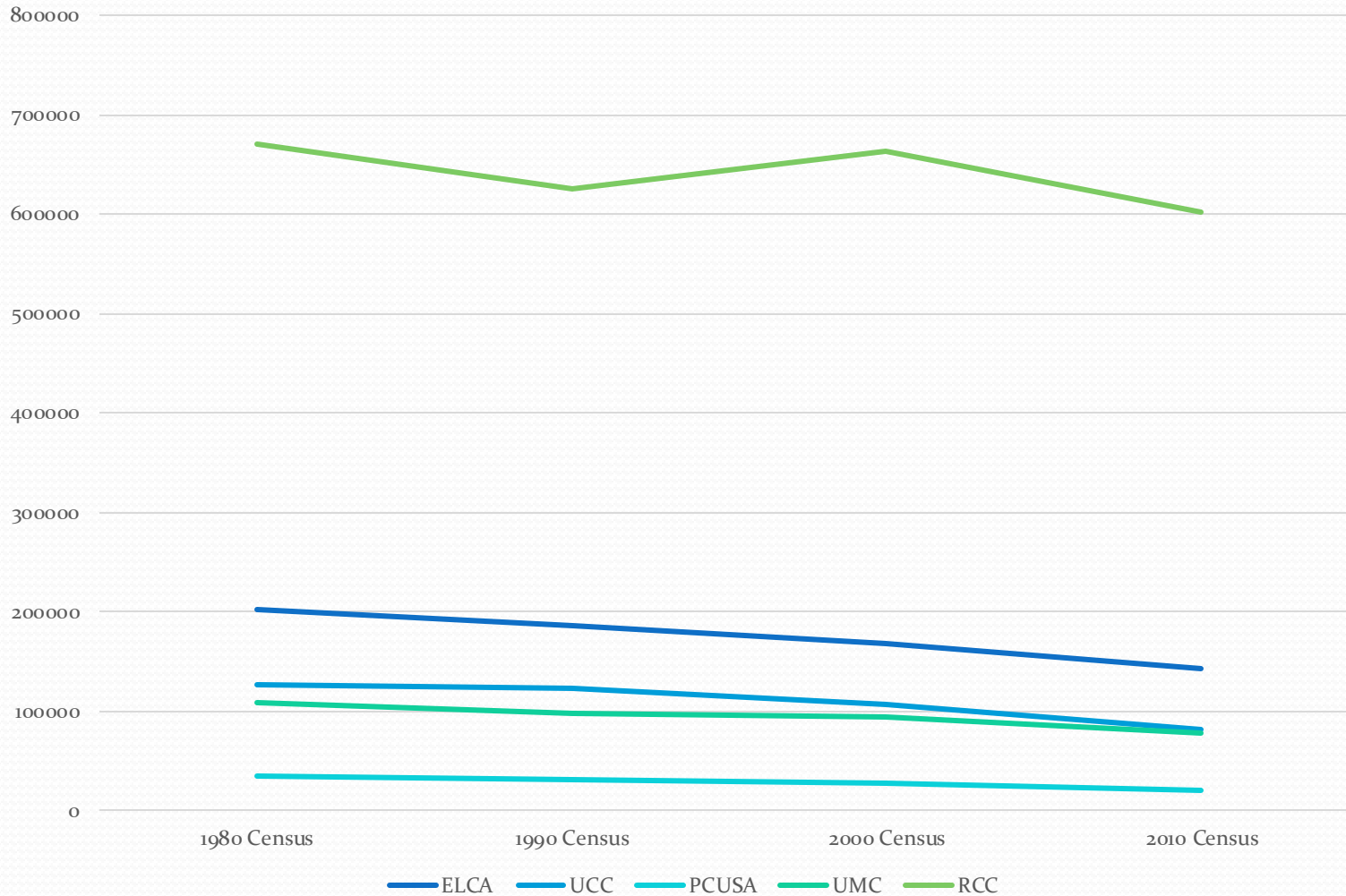
Note: many of these  
grew dramatically  
between 2000 and  
2010

# Religious affiliation of people on synod territory



■ No affiliation ■ ELCA ■ RCC ■ UCC ■ UMC ■ PCUSA ■ Non-denominational ■ Other religious groups

# Number of Adherents (ARDA)





Sharing  
MINISTRIES

Building  
RELATIONSHIPS

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