

# 2015 CONGREGATION STATISTICS REPORT

Please complete the enclosed form.

*Return the original to your District Office at the address below:*

**Due Date: February 29, 2016**

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete numbers **1** through **22** on the following page.

This report is a vital source of information for planning and action by the Synod and its districts. Information gained from use of this data is now being used by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund committee to evaluate loan requests. Districts also use demographic studies which incorporate this data when assisting congregations in planning local ministry.

- 1** - Fill in the total Baptized Membership as of December 31st. This is not a sum of questions **2a** and **2b**. It is the total number of Baptized Members in your congregation, including those who are also confirmed members.
- 2** - Enter the number of baptisms that took place during the past year: infants/children on line **a**, and adults on line **b**.
- 3** - Fill in the total Confirmed Membership as of December 31st. This is not a sum of questions **4a** through **4m**. It is the total number of Baptized Members in your congregation that are confirmed.
- 4** - Enter the number of gains (**4a-4f**) or losses (**4g-4m**) of confirmed members in each category that occurred by the end of the year.
- 5** - Enter the average weekend worship attendance. Do not include Lenten, Advent, or other festival services. Of the number entered in line **A**, please enter the number of people in attendance on a typical Sunday who are NOT members (baptized or confirmed) of your congregation. In addition to visitors, please also include regular attendees who are not yet members and even those who are members of another LCMS congregation.
- 6** - Enter the last Vacation Bible School enrollment figures.
- 7-17** - Enter the enrollment on the appropriate line for each age or class group. A special class group is for people with physical or developmental disabilities as stated in the Lutheran Annual. This does not include enrollment of pre-schools, elementary, or high schools associated with the congregation.
- 18** - Enter the average age of all confirmed members in your congregation. If you do not know the exact ages of your members, please estimate as accurately as possible.
- 19** - Enter the average age of all baptized (including confirmed) members of your congregation. Since this will likely include young children, it is expected the number will be lower than the average age of all confirmed members. If you do not know the exact ages of your members, please estimate as accurately as possible.
- 20** - For each group listed, please enter the percent of baptized (including confirmed) members of your congregation of that age. If possible, calculate each percentage by counting the total number of members in an age group, and then dividing that by the total number of members in the congregation. If you do not know the exact ages of your members, please estimate as accurately as possible. **Please ensure the total of all numbers entered adds to 100%.**
- 21-22** - Enter the amount rounded to the nearest dollar:
  - 21a** Total Contributions - Enter the total of contributions (weekly offerings) including building funds and other special contributions which include gifts for missions and ministries of the congregation, the District or Synod. This income **excludes** subsidy, dividends/interest, rent/fees, etc
  - 21b** Total Other Income - Enter the amount of other income the congregation received from subsidy, dividends or interest, rents, fees and other receipts like school tuition (day school or preschool), subscriptions, loans, endowment funds, etc.
  - 22a** AT-HOME Expenses - Enter the sum of all fund spent for salaries, benefits, operating expenses, capital expenses, debt service, school/preschool expenses, registrations, subscriptions (including Lutheran Witness), payments for health and pension programs, conference and convention registrations, etc.
  - 22b.** AT-LARGE District/Synod Contributions - Enter the total amount disbursed to your District for District/Synod budget. Usually this is the amount given to a pledge of support for district and national work of the church. Doesn't include gifts for use of a specific ministry.
  - 22c.** Other AT-LARGE Contributions - Enter the total amount disbursed for other purposes, i.e.; World Relief, colleges/seminaries, Wheat Ridge, local ministries beyond the congregation, etc.

**Return the completed original form by February 29, 2016 to**