CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AC STATS Local Church Statistics Portal



What is AC Stats?

AC Stats stands for **Annual Church Statistics**. It is our new portal for logging annual conference statistics.

Why Statistics?

2016 Book of Discipline ¶606.7

The local church report to the annual conference shall be submitted on the prescribed forms no later than thirty days following the close of the calendar year. If the annual conference sets an earlier deadline for receiving the reports, the earlier deadline shall apply.

2022 North Texas Conference Journal Standing Rules, pages 321-322

4. Statistics

Each District Superintendent shall furnish the required district statistics to the Conference Statistician. In order to facilitate these reports, the following procedures will be followed:

a. Each church and pastor shall submit the Annual Conference report for auditing on the Check-Out Day specified by the Cabinet. Check-Out Day is the date when local churches turn in statistical information for the preceding year on forms provided by the Conference Statistician. Conference report shall be submitted to the District Statistician (see below).

b. Each District Superintendent shall appoint a District Statistician. The District Statistician shall check each Annual Conference report for accuracy, consistency, and completeness. The District Statistician then forwards the Annual Conference reports to the District Secretary, who in turn forwards them to the Conference Statistician.

c. Each pastor in charge shall also report to his or her District Superintendent on Check-Out Day any money borrowed necessary to pay current church obligations for the Conference Fiscal Year, or any delinquent church bills which have not been paid by the close of the Conference Fiscal Year.

How are NTC Statistics used?

- Statistical tables are printed every year in the North Texas Conference Journal (per *The Book of Discipline*.)
- Local churches refer to statistics for historical information.
- Apportionments are set based on some of the Table 1 and Table 2 questions as set by the Annual Conference.
- The conference reports statistical categories to various conference entities as requested.

TIMELINE for REPORTING 2023 STATISTICS

January 4Zoom training at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.January 18Official Due Date for completed
tables. (Please consult your District
Statistician's calendar for your
church's due date.)January 18-31Submitted tables are reviewed by
District Administrators and

Conference Staff.

February 1-3 Conference Statistician reviews tables.

How do I log in?

- Go to https://stats.gcfa.org/Login
- Login is the 6-digit church

GCFA number.

 The initial password is ntexas2023!



Reporting of Annual Statistics for Local Churches

Please enter the Login and Password that was communicated to you

Login	
Password	
	0
Log In	
For questions, comments, or technical support please contact & 855-700-9344 ataservices@gcfa.org	

Local Church Identification/Registration

When you log in, you will be presented with a screen listing registered users for your church. The list of registered users will be blank the first time you log in. Click the "I'm not Listed" button.



Local Church Identification/Registration

- Complete the form with your personal information and click the green "Register with Local Church" button at the bottom of the page.
- **Password**: create a personal password that is not used elsewhere.
- If you forget or lose your password, call the conference office. Only they can change it.

Ide	entify Yourself with	FOLLY BEA	СН			
Pleas	e create an Account for yoursel	f with this Local Cł	hurch			
First*	Middle	Last*				
Beth		Westbury				
Email*	Church Role*	Church Role*		Primary Phone*		
bwestbury@umcsc.org	Other	Other		✓ 803-726-6741		
Address	City		State			
4908 Colonial Drive	Columbia		South Car	olina		
Password	Pass	word				
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Passwords must be at I	east 8 characters long with at least 1 l	etter, 1 number, and	1 special character			
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More Users?

- Each church is allowed up to 5 users.
- If you have more than one person entering statistical data, each person will use the same initial login for the church—its GCFA number—and the same generic password—ntexas2023!.
- When someone logs in, the first screen allows you to identify which user you are or to add yourself as a user and create your own password.

More Users?

Local Church Identification / Registration

Identify Yourself with FOLLY BEACH

Please select yourself from previous registrations for this Local Church

		REGISTERED USERS	
NAME	TITLE	EMAIL	
Randall Horres	Pastor	rwhorres@umcsc.org	This is Me
Beth Westbury	Other	bwestbury@umcsc.org	This is Me
		I'm not Listed	Logout

Church Details

The next screen will bring up information on your church. You click the "Annual Report" button at the bottom of the page to move forward.

Church Details								
Church Name	ALEY			Pastor Name	Charles Robinson			
GCFA #	740977	Conference #	522	Pastor Email				
Conf Church #	74097			Pastor Phone #				
District	EAST		~	EIN #	75-2637675			
Church Email				Congregation Type	Chartered			
Church Phys Address	ess 1215 West Cedar Creek Parkway		dress 1215 West Cedar Creek Parkway 🤪 Quick Access Key			Quick Access Key	22CEE6FB-CEA9-4044-	9D32-8FBF8B99E5D4 🗹
Phys Address 2				Founded Date		Chartered		
Phys City	Seven Points			Closed Date		ReOpened		
Phys State	Texas	~		Parent Church GCFA #				
Phys ZIP Code	75143			Charge #	740977			
Status	Active			Charge Type	Single-Point Charge			
Notes on Submit						11		
					1			
Lul Metrics Report			🖹 Annu	al Report				

Enter Your Statistics-The Buttons

- The Instructions button will give you general information.
- The Print button will print the report listing all the questions. You may find this helpful if you distribute the questions to various individuals for them to complete.
- The Local Church Detail takes you back to the information about your church.

INSTRUCTION BUTTON

Basic Help Information pops up when you click the "Instructions" button.

AUTO SAVE ENABLED	All of your answers will automatically be saved as you enter them. You a at any time and return and all of your entered information will be saved	can leave 1.
1) Enter Report Completely fill out this form. Do not leave any fields blank. Enter Answers have nothing to enter. The system only accepts WHOLE NUMBE be able to enter data using commas, periods or dollar signs.		you will not
 2) Submit Report When done entering Answers, click "Submit". When successful, you can Report answers for review to by the Conference and District offices. Question Help If you need help on any question, click on the Question Number (left column, in blue) to view Help detail on that question. 		
Please Note You may come back and update these values as many times as need you submit the annual report the values cannot be changed, and yo to contact your conference/district representative to unsubmit and r answers		. Once vill have dify the
		Close

PRINT BUTTON

The Print button will print the report listing all the questions. It will include the values entered for 2022 statistics. (These values cannot be changed.) We recommend printing your annual report before you start filling out the 2023 statistics.



LOCAL CHURCH DETAIL BUTTON

The Local Church Detail takes you back to the information about your church.

i Instructions 🕒 Print 🔥 Local Church Detail								
Leave a pre-submission note for viewers of this page:	Save		Hide Note					
				Churc	h Details			
	Church Name	FOLLY BEACH			Pastor Name			
Display Question Help Table # 1 2 2 4	Church #	271525	Conference #	741	Pastor Email			
	District	CHARLESTON		×	Pastor Phone #			
# QUESTION	Church Email	follybeachunited@	Dellsouth.net		EIN #	0		
TARIFA	Church Address	PO BOX 1079			Congregation Type	Chartered		
TABLE 1	Address 2				Founded Date		Chartered	
PROFESSING MEMBERSHIP	City	FOLLY BEACH	~		Closed Date		ReOpened	
	ZIP Code	294391079	-		Parent church GCA e			
	Notes on Submit							
	Lee Metrics Report			Annu	ual Report			
			2021 Ann	ual Repor	t has not been Started			

HELP ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Toggle the "Display Question Help" to blue. The instructions for line numbers are embedded with the line itself. You will have to use the toggle each time you open the tables.



NAVIGATING THE TABLES

- The new portal allows you to scroll down the page from the first to the last question.
- If you want to move more quickly to the different tables, you can click on the table number.



Enter Your Statistics-General Help

- Saving the data: Your input is saved automatically. You do not have to click a save button.
- Each question must have an answer. If the answer is zero, put in 0. Use whole numbers.
- "Total" lines are shown in bold lettering. These are calculated for you. Do not try to enter values in total lines.

WHAT INFORMATION IS COLLECTED?

ONLINE TABLES IN ACS

- **Table 1** Membership and Participation
- **Table 2**Church Assets and Expenses
- Table 3Church Income
- **Table 4** New Faces New Spaces Follow each line's instructions on form.
- **Table 5** Special Report Apportionment related line items. Values areautomatically populated in Table 5 from Tables 1 and 2.

NOT ONLINE

Clergy Compensation Worksheet-print out, fill out, submit to Check-out. You can find it at <u>https://ntcumc.org/connectional-resources/close-out-</u> <u>check-out</u>

BEST PRACTICES

- Set up your local church users in the ACS portal.
- Print out the Annual Report in order to start collecting information needed from the various individuals who may have access to these values.
- Locate last year's report as well as notes as another resource in completing this year's tables.
 Your church should have printed a hard copy.

- Line 1 is automatically filled in from the 2022 reported membership. This line CANNOT be changed. If it is incorrect for some reason, you can make the correction on Line 2c.
- Line 7a Online Worship. Generally, it is **not** included with the total worship attendance, so if you have been counting online attendance as part of your worship attendance, you should NOT include it on Line 7 but then report it on 7a as a separate number. DO NOT ADD LINE 7a WITH LINE 7. THE CONFERENCE OFFICE MUST REPORT THESE SEPARATELY TO GCFA. For the Journal and all other reports, the conference office will add these two lines together.

Average attendance at the principal weekly worship service(s)

7 Report average in-person attendance at all services held on a consistent weekly basis as the primary opportunity for worship. Count all persons (including children) who participate in part of any of these services. Do not include online worshippers nor attendance from irregularly held special services (i.e. Christmas Eve services).

Number of persons who worship online

7a Report here average weekly number of unique viewers who access worship online. This includes those live streaming your worship service and views/downloads of recorded worship services (audio or video), sermons, and/or podcasts. Do not include generic hits/visits to your website.

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Ministries included in Line 21 may be listed in both lines 21a and 21b, if they fit the definitions of those lines.

Total Number of community ministries for outreach justice and mercy offered by this local church

- 21 Enter the total number of different ministries sponsored by your church (i.e. revivals, community events, food banks, homeless shelters, legal services, community nurse, prison ministry) that are offered to the community as a means of outreach, social justice, and/or mercy.
- 21a Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on global/regional health?
- 21b Of the ministries counted in Line 21 how many focus on engaging in ministry with the poor/socially marginalized?

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0	
1	

 Line 25 is asking for the "Market Value of all other church-owned assets" which is liquid assets only. This includes bank accounts, CDs, savings, etc. YOU MAY USE YOUR FUND BALANCE REPORT to help this. <u>If you</u> <u>haven't already done so, submit your Fund Balance Report at Check-out.</u>

ASS	ASSETS					
24	Market value of church-owned land buildings and equipment Enter the estimated market value of buildings, parsonages, vehicles, and equipment plus the value of parsonage-related assets. If a parsonage is in a charge of more than one church, list parsonage-related assets only on the report of the church where parsonage is located. If property is held by a multi-church charge in common (rather than by an individual church) a share of the value should be assigned to each church according to its percentage of total professing membership within the charge unless a specific percentage of commonly-held property has been otherwise designated. Congregations are not obligated to initiate property appraisals in order to provide this estimate.	406200				
25	Market value of other assets (cash securities other property etc) Enter information from bank accounts, CDs, savings, as well as the estimated market value of cash, stocks, bonds, trusts, securities, investments (including endowments) belonging to the church, including money raised or donated and held for future building programs or any other special purposes, and all property and other investments not included elsewhere. Include any liquid reserve funds in this line.	4885				

- Lines 28-36e will be completed by the Annual Conference following close-out on January 11.
- Please do not enter values in the lines that read have a "Conf" button beside it. If you enter values in these lines, the conference will overwrite them on Table 2 by January 12.

The apportionment lines will be populated by Conference on January 12.

APP	ORTIONMENTS	
28a	Amount APPORTIONED to the local church by the CONFERENCE Conf	1001
	the local church to be remitted to the annual conference treasurer. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	1991
	Amount PAID by the local church to the CONFERENCE for all apportioned causes Conf	
29a	This amount should include the total given by the local church to the annual conference treasurer for all district, annual conference, jurisdictional, and general church apportioned funds. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	900

The UMC Giving lines will be populated by the Conference on January 12.

30	Total amount for General Advance Specials remitted to the Annual Conference Treasurer Conf Report the amount paid for all General Advance Special Gifts by the local church. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			
31	Total amount for World Service Specials remitted to the Annual Conference Treasurer Conf Report the amount paid for all World Service Special Gifts by the local church. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			
32	Conference Advance Specials Conf Report the amount of gifts to approved Annual Conference Advance specials. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			
33	Youth Service Fund Conf Report the amount paid for Youth Service Fund by the local church. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			
34	Other Benevolences sent to Conference Treasurer Conf Report any other non-apportioned funds sent to the annual conference treasurer for connectional mission and ministry not otherwise reported on lines 40.b and 41b-45 including non-apportioned giving to higher education and health and welfare ministries. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			
35	Conference Sunday Offerings Conf Report the total paid for annual conference special day offerings. This number shall be provided by the annual conference treasurer.	0			

The Special Sunday offering lines will be populated by Conference on January 12.

SPE	SPECIAL SUNDAYS					
36a	Human Relations Conf	0				
36b	UMCOR Sunday (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) Conf	0				
36c	Peace with Justice Conf	0				
36d	Native American Sunday Conf	0				
36e	World Communion Conf	0				
36f	U.M. Student Day Conf	0				

- Line 41aa is for equitable compensation funds and/or conference grants (such as from the Center for Church Development) that supplement the lead pastor's salary.
- Line 41bb is for conference grants that supplement the associate pastor's salary.

BASE COMPENSATION

41a	Base compensation paid to/for the Senior Pastor or other person assigned or appointed in the lead pastoral role to the church (Appor)	
	Enter here the total amount of compensation paid by local church to the primary (senior) pastor of the church, as well as any tax-deferred amounts (agreement pursuant to IRS Section 403b), and/or any contributions made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement to a "cafeteria plan" (IRS Code Section 125 plan).	10788
41aa	Amount received from equitable compensation or other conference grants toward lead pastor's base compensation	
4144	Enter here the total amount paid by the conference or other agencies toward the lead pastor's base compensation. For example, this includes equitable compensation or grants from the Center for Church Development.	
	Base compensation paid to/for all Associate Pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church. Appor	
41b	Enter here the total amount of compensation paid by local church to the associate pastor(s) of the church, as well as any tax- deferred (agreement pursuant to IRS Section 403b), and/or any contributions made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement to a "cafeteria plan" (IRS Code Section 125 plan).	0
	Amount received from conference grants toward the associate(s) base compensation.	
41bb	Enter here any amounts received from conference grants toward the associate(s) base compensation. An example would be the portion of the grants provided by the Center for Church Development applied to the associate(s) base compensation.	
	Base compensation paid to/for any Deacons not included in 41a or 41b. Appor	
41c	Report the amounts paid by the local church as compensation and expense reimbursements for ordained deacons and diaconal ministers it employs. The report total should include base salary, benefits, reimbursements for expenses such as travel, and allowances such as those for utilities and housing. Do not include non-cash benefits.	0

TABLE 5- SPECIAL REPORT

Values are automatically populated from Tables 1 and 2.

ECIAL REP	ORT		
Memb	ership Total (Line 4)	146	0
Record	the membership total from Line 4 to this line.	140	
Pastor'	s Base Compensation (Line 41a)	44360	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded in Table 2, Line 41a, Senior Pastor base compensation.	44500	U
Associa	ates' Base Compensation (Line 41b)	0	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded in Table 2, Line 41b, Associates Base Compensation.	0	0
Deacor	ns' Base Compensation (Line 41c)	0	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded in Table 2, Line 41c, Deacons Base Compensation.	0	0
Clergy	Accountable Reimbursements (Line 43)	350	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded in Table 2, Line 43, Clergy Accountable Reimbursements.	550	
Clergy	Other Cash Allowances (Line 44)	300	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded in Table 2, Line 44, Clergy Other Cash Allowances.	500	
5 Other S	Staff Salary and Benefits (Line 45)	15738	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded on Table 2, Line 45, for other staff salary and benefits.	15150	Ŭ
Progra	m Expenses (Line 46)	2046	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded on Table 2, Line 46, for program expenses.	2040	
Operat	ting Expenses (Line 47)	51596	0
Enter th	ne amount recorded on Table 2, Line 47, for operating expenses.	51550	Ū
TOTAL	FINANCIAL FACTOR FOR 2022	114390	0
This is t	he total of Lines 60-67 to determine the financial total for 2022 related to apportionments.	114550	·

CLERGY COMPENSATION WORKSHEET

There is no online worksheet that automatically populates the appropriate lines on Table 2. Please follow the instructions below.

- Fill out the Clergy Compensation Excel Worksheet before filling out Table 2.
- Your pastor will have been emailed the worksheet along with these instructions. You can also find it at https://ntcumc.org/connectional-resources/close-out-check-out.
- Download the excel file and fill it out. There are tabs for lead pastors, associate pastors, and deacons. There is also a "**Totals for ACS**" tab.
- In cases where there was a mid-year appointment change for lead pastors, or if there
 are multiple associate pastors or deacons under appointment <u>list each clergy
 separately on the appropriate tab with their corresponding amounts paid.</u> Each tab will
 total the lines.
- The amounts entered in the lead, associate, and deacon tabs automatically populate the "TOTALS FOR ACS" tab. DO NOT INCLUDE CONFERENCE GRANTS OR EQUITABLE COMPENSATION FUNDS IN THE COMPENSATION WORKSHEET AMOUNTS. SEE TABLE 2 INSTRUCTIONS.
- <u>Manually</u> enter the total amounts from the individual categories on the "Totals for ACS" worksheet into the appropriate lines on Table 2.
- Print out this completed worksheet—all sheets that you filled out—could be up to 4 excel files printed out—and submit it on your church's check-out day.

CLERGY COMPENSATION WORKSHEET

Church Name:

Date:

Person Filling Out Form:

2023 Compensation Worksheets

<u>Instructions:</u> Please use the form below to record compensation for your clergy. Fill out the clergyperson's name in the left column and his/her corresponding data to the right. They will sum automatically. When you are done with all three worksheets, use the TOTALS FOR ACStats tab to input information into ACStats. <u>Use annual figures. Do not report cents – round figures to the nearest dollar</u>. PRINT AND TAKE ALL WORKSHEETS TO DISTRICT CHECK-OUT.

	SALARY				HOUSING			ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENTS	OPTIONAL BENEFITS				REQUIRED BENEFITS		
Lead Pastor Name	Base Salary paid by church	Other cash compensation paid to pastor (e.g., to cover bonuses, payments to private investment programs, scholarships, etc.)	41a TOTAL SALARY	41aa Amount received from equitable compensation and/or grants toward base salary of Lead Pastor	Housing Allowance	Cash payments designated as additional housing exclusion (includes utilities allowance)	Utilities paid by church	42ª TOTAL HOUSING	43 Total Accountable Reimbursement Plan Expenses	Dependents health insurance premiums paid by local church	Automobile provided by local church including insurance and maintenance	Allowance provided for the pastor which ARE NOT included in an Accountable Reimbursement Agreement or reported above.	44 Total Optional Benefits	39 Pension (CRSP paid by local church)	40 Appointee's HealthFlex insurance premium paid by local church
Lead Pastor 1			\$0	\$0				\$0					\$0		
			\$0	\$0				\$0					\$0		
			\$0	\$0	1		1	\$0				1	\$0		

Validate & Submit

- Once you have completed the input and determined it to be accurate, you must click the green Submit button.
- This will test for any inaccuracies and highlight the problem under the question with a box for explanation.

ASSETS						
24	Market value of church-owned land buildings and equipment ERROR: More than a 75% decrease from last year. Please update your Answer or enter an Explanation. Please provide a Explanation (required)	40520	0			
25	Market value of other assets (cash securities other property etc)	4889	0			

Validate & Submit

- After you provide explanations, ACStats will ask you to verify that you are ready to submit.
- There will be some boxes to complete. Please fill in the pastor's cell phone number in "Pastor's #."
- In the Notes section, list the person in addition to the pastor who should be called with questions along with that person's phone number.
- Once you submit, you cannot make changes.
- You must contact the district office to make corrections.
- The due date for submitting statistics is January 18 or the date(s) set by your district.

QUESTIONS

For questions on filling out tables or for your login and password, contact your district office or the conference office if the district is unavailable.

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