



UNDERSTANDING DATA TERMS

(For Tables 1, 2, and 3)

**GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

#	Name	What is this for?	Who uses it (beyond the local church)?
1	<i>Total professing members reported at the close of last year</i>	Used by local churches, annual conferences, and GCFA for internal data auditing purposes. Intended more as a baseline for use of local church in reporting membership for the current reporting year.	Annual Conferences GCFA
2a	<i>Received this year on Profession of Faith other than confirmation</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. The "professions of faith" and "faith restored" lines are two of the most important indicators of the efficacy of local church outreach in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
2b	<i>Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation</i>		
2c	<i>Restored by affirmation</i>		
2d	<i>Correct last year's total professing membership by addition</i>	Increased use of online systems does not allow local churches to alter Line 1 as has commonly occurred in the past. As such, we anticipate an increased need for correction by addition and subtraction. By splitting corrections out from Line 2.b above, users of the data can better estimate the number or persons restored by affirmation from those corrections made to the previous year's membership.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
2e	<i>Transferred in from other United Methodist churches</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. UM transfers are an important indicator of how churches are receiving persons, and the generalized level of denominational solidarity in various regions.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
2f	<i>Transferred in from non-United Methodist churches</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. Transfers from non-UM churches does give some indication of our attractiveness to the church of other Christian traditions.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3a	<i>Removed by Charge Conference action</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. The information helps account for "roll cleanings" in decline of some congregations.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers

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3b	<i>Withdrawn from Professing Membership</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. If the withdrawn number peaks, it can help indicate a phase of conflict in a local church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3c	<i>Correct last year's total professing membership by subtraction</i>	Increased use of online systems does not allow local churches to alter Line 1 as has commonly occurred in the past. We anticipate that we will see an increased need for correction by addition and subtraction. By splitting corrections out from Line 5.b above, we can better estimate the number or withdrawn from membership from corrections made to the previous year's membership.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3d	<i>Transferred out to other United Methodist churches</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. UM transfers are an important indicator of how churches are losing persons, the generalized level of denominational solidarity in various regions, and patterns of migration and population movement.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3e	<i>Transferred out to non-United Methodist church</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. Transfers from non-UM churches are a useful indication of local congregation and denominational solidarity.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
3f	<i>Removed by death</i>	Used by DS's, Bishops, Conference and General Agency Staff, and Academic Researchers. This number been useful in estimating the relative age of members in congregations and conferences.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
4	<i>Total professing members reported at the close of this year</i>	One of the two most-referenced statistics (with attendance). Although membership is more static than attendance, it does not suffer from periods of non-reporting as the figure is carried over if no other data is reported.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
5a	<i>Asian Professing Members</i>	The Racial/Ethnic and Gender membership information is some of the most requested and used data in the local church statistics. Although it has and continues to be a source for some controversy, these lines provide researchers in and outside the denomination with critically important	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
5b	<i>Black Professing Members</i>		

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5c	<i>Hispanic Professing Members</i>	information for understanding the UMC's fruitfulness in reaching out to persons of a diverse range of socioeconomic backgrounds.	
5d	<i>Native American Professing Members</i>		
5e	<i>Pacific Islander Professing Members</i>		
5f	<i>White Professing Members</i>		
5g	<i>Multi-Racial Professing Members</i>		
6a	<i>Female Professing Members</i>		
6b	<i>Male Professing Members</i>		
7	<i>Average attendance at all weekly worship services</i>	Heavily-used data line that has seen its instructions subtly but substantively changed over time. Many conferences increasingly depend upon attendance as their most important evaluative metric.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
7a	<i>Number of persons who worship online</i>	As churches have adopted technology to broadcast via internet streaming, and a percentage of the faith based population increases in worshiping by live streaming, we may see a shift of more worship from in person attendance to online attendance. This is not intended to capture television or radio broadcasts. The number should only include verifiable visitors that can be counted who watch a live stream, including number in the party, not just a visit to the website.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
8a	<i>Number of infants and children baptized this year (0-12)</i>	Often used by conference leaders and denominational researchers, this data element has been reported denominationally for over a century. Splitting baptisms into children and adults allows for greater detail and understanding of how new people are joining our churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers

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8b	<i>Number of adults baptized this year (Ages 13 or older)</i>	Often used by conference leaders and denominational researchers, this data element has been reported denominationally for over a century. Splitting baptisms into children and adults allows for greater detail and understanding of how new people are joining our churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
9	<i>Total Baptized Members who have not become Professing Members</i>	This category has been a good indicatory of overall participation of children in local churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies & Academic Researchers
10	<i>Number of other constituents of the church</i>	A growing metric in the church. This category has come under increasing attention from leadership and researchers as a key component in estimating the total number of participants in the life of the local church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
11a	<i>Number of Children (0-11 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)</i>	These questions were significantly revised in the 2009-2012 form to 1) improve the ease of reporting by local churches 2) obtain a more accurate picture of the total local church participation in Christian formation activities including Church School, small groups, and other ministries meant to form persons of ages into Christian disciples.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
11b	<i>Number of Youth (12-18 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)</i>		
11c	<i>Number of Young Adults (19-30 yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)</i>		
11d	<i>Number of Other Adults (31+ yrs) in Christian groups and all other small groups (count only once)</i>		

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11	<i>TOTAL number of persons in Christian groups and all other small groups</i>		
12	<i>Total enrolled in confirmation preparation classes this year</i>	A long-standing measure used by denominational researchers to estimate youth presence in the church.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
13	<i>Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church School or other weekly education classes</i>	One of the longest-reported statistics on Christian Formation. The data is useful in curriculum planning and the analysis of congregational ministries.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
14	<i>Number of participants in Vacation Bible School</i>	Helps churches more accurately and completely report the total impact the congregation has on the communities in which it serves.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
15	<i>Number of ongoing Sunday Church School Classes offered</i>	Questions designed to be, 1) easier for churches to report, 2) a more accurate measure of the sorts of Christian formation ministries being offered by churches.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
16	<i>Number of ongoing small groups, support groups, or classes offered (other than Sunday Church School)</i>		Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
17	<i>Number of short-term classes, support groups, or small groups offered</i>		Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
18a	<i>Membership in United Methodist Men</i>	Data is used by United Methodist Men in measuring activity and support levels, particularly at the local and AC levels. Alternative reporting methods	United Methodist Men leadership at the District, Conference, and Denominational

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18b	<i>Amount paid for projects (UMM)</i>	that capture the activity of individual congregations do not currently exist.	level.
19a	<i>Membership in United Methodist Women</i>	Data is used by United Methodist Women in measuring activity and support levels, particularly at the local and AC levels. Alternative reporting methods that capture the activity of individual congregations do not currently exist.	United Methodist Women at the District, Conference, and Denominational level.
19b	<i>Amount paid for local church and community work (UMW)</i>		
20a	<i>Number of UMVIM teams sent from this local church</i>	Mandated by the 2008 Discipline ¶247 .12 which states: “ The charge conference shall receive reports annually on all local church organized Volunteer In Mission (UMVIM) teams, and the total number of local church participants in any UMVIM team, and shall forward the combined report to the annual conference and the general church through the regular annual local church statistical report.” Similar data is collected by UMVIM through a separate means via the annual conference UMVIM organizations.	UMVIM at the District, Conference, and Denominational level. District Superintendents & Bishops Connectional Table, GBGM, GCFA, UMPH, Other Agencies Academic Researchers
20b	<i>Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team</i>		
21	<i>Total Number of community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy offered by this local church</i>	Lines 21 – 23 are intended to gauge the local church’s mission involvement and refer to the UMC’s four areas of focus. These are not mutually exclusive and are not a total. If a ministry fits into more than one category, it shall be counted twice.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
21a	<i>Number of global/regional health ministries</i>		
21b	<i>Number of ministries to the poor/socially marginalized</i>		

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22	<i>Number of persons from your congregation engaged in missions.</i>	Questions intended to give churches a means of reporting the total impact of the congregation upon the community, the region and the world. These questions give churches an opportunity to report about the lives they change, even if they do not attend our churches or participate in our Christian formation programs.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
23	<i>Number of persons served by community ministries for outreach, justice, and mercy</i>	Question intended to give churches a means of reporting the total impact of the congregation upon the community that surrounds it. This question gives churches an opportunity to report about the lives they change, even if they do not attend our churches or participate in our Christian formation programs.	Annual Conference Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops General Agencies Academic Researchers
24	<i>Market value of church owned land, buildings, and equipment (church and parsonage values combined)</i>	A basic measure of the total value of assets held by the local church. These measures are valuable in some financial planning and asset management research at the conference and denominational level.	District Building and Location Committees District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA and GBOPHB Academic Researchers
25	<i>Market value of financial and other liquid assets</i>		
26	<i>Debt secured by church physical assets</i>	A basic measure of the total level of debt held by the local church. These measures are valuable in some financial planning and asset management research at the conference and denominational level.	District Building and Location Committees District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA and GBOPHB Academic Researchers
27	<i>Other debt</i>		
28a	<i>Total amount APPORTIONED to the local church for all causes</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through apportionments, mission shares, and other forms of assigned giving. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving. Allows researchers the ability to better understand the full apportionment load being carried by local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
28b	<i>Total amount PAID by the local church for all apportioned causes to AC Treasurer</i>		

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29a	<i>Total amount APPORTIONED by the local church for all apportioned causes directly paid to the DISTRICT</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through apportionments, mission shares, and other forms of assigned giving. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving. Allows researchers the ability to better understand the full apportionment load being carried by local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
29b	<i>Total amount PAID by the local church for apportioned causes directly paid to the DISTRICT</i>		
30	<i>Total amount paid for General Advance Specials</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
31	<i>Total amount paid for World Service Specials</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
32	<i>Total amount paid for Annual Conference Advance Specials</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
33	<i>Total amount paid for the Youth Service Fund</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

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34	<i>Total amount of all other funds sent to AC Treasurer for connectional mission and ministry</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
35	<i>Total Annual Conference Special Sunday Offerings</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
36a	<i>Human Relations Sunday (General Special Sundays)</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
36b	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i>		
36c	<i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i>		
36d	<i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i>		
36e	<i>World Communion Sunday</i>		
36f	<i>U.M. Student Day</i>		
37	<i>Total amount given directly to United Methodist causes (not sent to AC Treasurer)</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to connectional causes through more voluntary means outside of the usual connectional structures. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and accountability, as well as the promotion of connectional giving.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
38	<i>Total amount given to non-</i>	Basic financial information on giving by local churches to charitable causes	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards

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	<i>United Methodist benevolent and charitable causes</i>	through more voluntary means outside of the usual connectional structures. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and accountability, as well as the promotion of connectional giving.	and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
39	<i>Total amount paid by the local church for all direct-billed clergy non-health benefits</i>	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
40	<i>Total amount paid by the local church for all direct-billed health benefits</i>	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
41a	<i>Total amount paid in base compensation to the pastor</i>	Basic financial information on spending for clergy benefits for pastor(s). Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
41b	<i>Total amount paid in base compensation to all associate pastors and other pastoral staff assigned by the bishop</i>		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
42a	<i>Total amount paid to lead pastor for housing benefits</i>		

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42b	<i>Total amount paid to associate pastor(s) and other pastoral staff assigned or appointed to the church for housing benefits</i>		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
43	<i>Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for accountable reimbursements</i>		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
44	<i>Total amount paid to pastor and associate(s) for any other cash allowances (non accountable)</i>		Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
45	<i>Total amount paid in salary and benefits for all other church staff and diaconal ministers</i>	Basic financial information on spending and benefits for other lay staff. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
46	<i>Total amount spent for local church program expenses</i>	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
47	<i>Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses</i>	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

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48	<i>Total amount paid for principal and interest on indebtedness, loans, mortgages, etc.</i>	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
49	<i>Total amount paid on capital expenditures for building, improvements, and major equipment purchases</i>	Basic financial information on spending to support ministry in the local church. Useful at all levels of the denomination in financial planning and understanding major cost drivers for local churches.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
50	<i>Total amount PAID by the local church on all expenditures</i>	A useful tool in ensuring that the data reported for expenditures equals the total amount spent by the church.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
51	<i>Number of giving units</i>	This data, paired with other income information, can be useful in financial planning at the local church level. Household information can also provides useful information on family structures in the local church.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52.a	<i>Amount received through pledges</i>	The basic income information reported on lines 57.a, 57.b, and 57.c, comprise the vast majority of income for most local churches. These lines are essential in better understanding the financial picture of local churches and will, as the quadrennium progresses, be the foundation for a number of resources for use by local churches in their financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52.b	<i>Amount received from non-pledging, but identified givers</i>		
52.c	<i>Amount received from unidentified givers</i>		

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52.d	<i>Amount received from Interest and Dividends</i>	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from endowments. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52.e	<i>Amount received from Sale of Church Assets</i>	This line of basic income data is useful for financial planning purposes, especially at the conference level. Churches that rely heavily on the sale of church assets for normal operating expenses may need special attention by District Superintendents or other leaders.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52.f	<i>Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals</i>	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from use of the building. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52.g	<i>Amount received through fundraisers and other sources</i>	This line of basic income data can be especially useful in identifying churches where a significant amount of income is derived from individual contributions not given through the offering plate. This is useful by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
52	<i>Total income for annual operating budget and benevolence giving</i>	Total line for lines 52.a-g.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
53.a	<i>Capital campaigns</i>	Lines 53.a, 53.b, and 53.c report basic income data that can be especially	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards

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53b	<i>Memorials, endowments, and bequests</i>	useful in developing a better understanding of how capital campaigns impact other giving in the church. This is used by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
53.c	<i>Funds from other sources and projects, including sale of buildings</i>		
53.d	<i>Amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving</i>	This new line is designed to help churches know where to put designated giving, and Special Sundays in particular and decrease confusion in reporting.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
53	<i>Total income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects</i>	Total line for lines 53.a-d.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers

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54.a	<i>Equitable Compensation Funds received by Church or Pastor</i>	Lines 54.a, 54.b, 54.c and the 54 totals line report basic income data that can be especially useful in developing a better understanding of how connectional funds and other institutional sources help support the local church. This is used by churches, districts, and conferences in financial planning.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers
54.b	<i>Advance Special, apportioned, and connectional funds received by church</i>		
54.c	<i>Other grants and financial support from institutional sources</i>		
54	<i>Total income from connectional and other institutional sources outside the local church</i>		
55	<i>Total amount received by the local church</i>	This is the total of all income total lines (52, 53 and 54). All income received, regardless of purpose, are comprised of the generous members and constituents of the church. This is used by churches, districts and annual conferences as one measure of many to evaluate the financial vitality of the church.	Annual Conference CFA and other Boards and Agencies District Superintendents & Bishops GCFA, GBOPHB, and other General Agencies Academic Researchers