

Subject: Local Church 2020 Year-End Statistical Report to the Annual Conference Submission Period: December 30, 2020 through January 30, 2021

Greetings, Pastors and Leaders, in this holy Advent season of 2020!

Here are a few notes about submitting your upcoming 2020 Statistical Report to the Annual Conference, a yearly function required by *The Book of Discipline* \P 606.7.

- As usual, you will access the online form for Statistical Tables 1, 2, and 3 by selecting Statistics/Enter Stats at www.ezra.gcfa.org. If you do not have a login that enables you to see the Tables headed 2020, please contact me as soon as possible.
- Tables will be open for online reporting on December 30, 2020, and will close on January 30, 2021. *Please begin early* in this 31-day period to avoid last-minute snags and delays. <u>The</u> <u>January 30 deadline is firm</u>. No reports can be accepted after that date. A reminder will be sent midway through January.
- Attached is a set of blank Tables for use as a worksheet. *Please note that Lines 28-36 are missing. These lines are for remittances you made to the Conference. We will fill these lines for you.* For additional help, (including counting virtual worship attendance,) look for information and instructions on the Statistician's Page at https://bit.ly/michstats
- Another way to prepare your 2020 figures is to go to your Local Church Dashboard. (Your username and password are the same for both the Dashboard and Statistics.) Select Statistics from the left sidebar. Click on "Full 2019 Stats Report." This will show you last year's figures for comparison.

Please contact me if you have questions or need assistance. Email is preferable, as it gives me time to research answers to your questions and avoid time-consuming phone tag.

If you are unable to submit your statistics online, please contact me right away to arrange for submission.

Thank you for attending to accuracy and promptness in completing this important work for the strength of our United Methodist Connection.

Serving with you,

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