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The Lutheran Church - - Missouri Synod (LCMS), which was founded in 1847, has nearly 6,200 congregations in the United States and has active work or mission relationships in nearly 100 countries. It has 2.3 million members and is the second-largest Lutheran denomination in North America.

The LCMS is a mission-oriented, Bible-based, confessional Christian denomination. It accepts the teachings of Martin Luther that inspired the Protestant Reformation of the Christian church in the 16th century. The Synod's beliefs can be summed up in three phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

The church has nearly 9,000 rostered pastors and some 11,600 additional rostered (called) church workers. Women are active in church work, although they do not occupy clergy positions. Serving in positions such as teachers, deaconesses, and social workers, women account for more than half of all commissioned rostered workers.

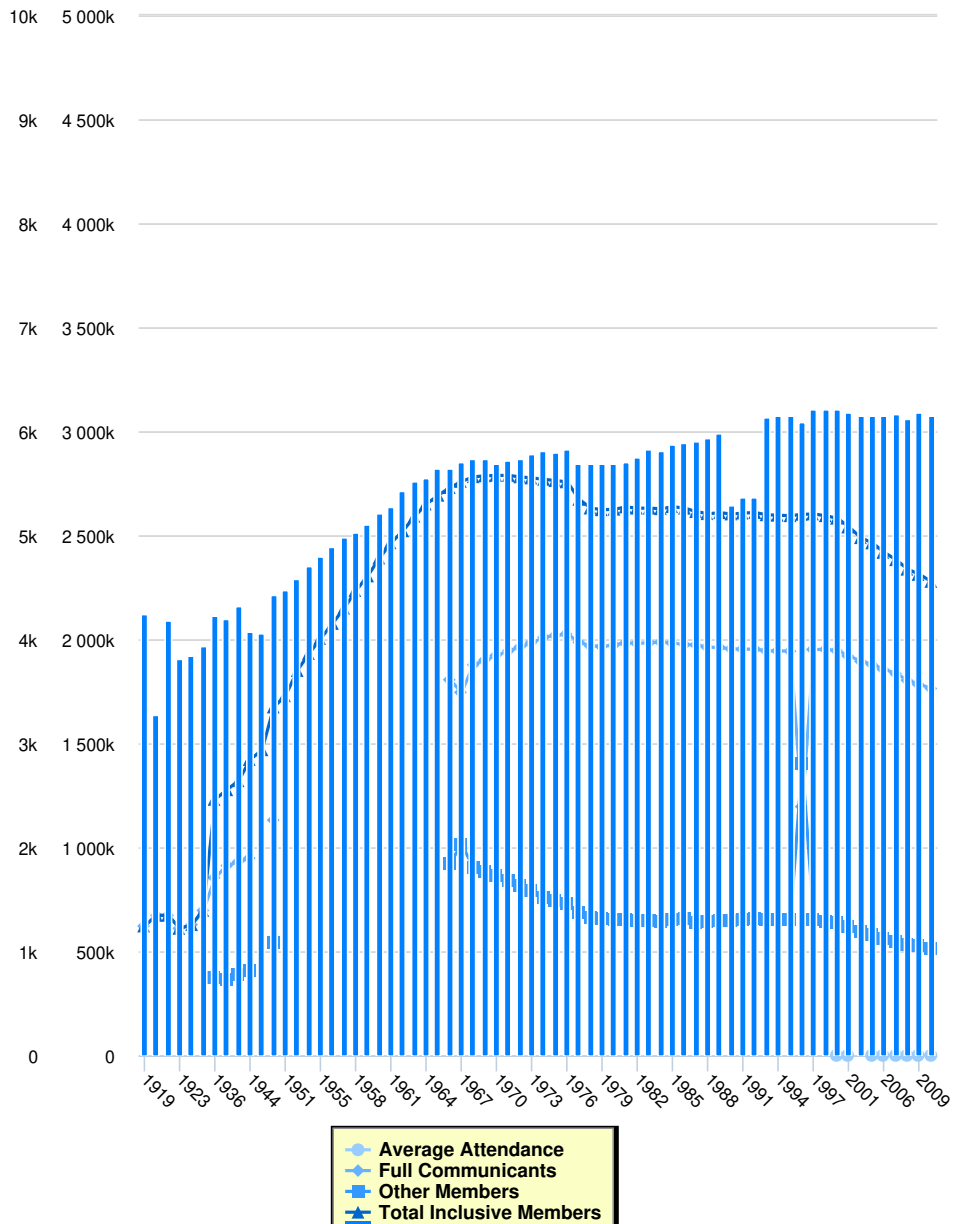
The members' responsibility for congregational leadership is a distinctive characteristic of the LCMS. Power is vested in voters' assemblies, generally comprised of adults of voting age. Synod decision making is given to the delegates at triennial national and district conventions, where the franchise is equally divided between lay and pastoral representatives.

LCMS educational institutions serve all ages from pre-school to college. LCMS congregations operate one of the largest Protestant early childhood, elementary and secondary school system in the nation and more than 28,000 students are enrolled in the LCMS' 10 colleges and universities and two seminaries.

The LCMS is known for mass-media outreach through "The Lutheran Hour," broadcast around the world by Lutheran Hour Ministries; syndicated and streaming programming on KFYO radio; "This Is The Life" dramas on television; and the products of Concordia Publishing House, the third-largest Protestant, church-owned publisher, whose Arch Books children's series alone has sold more than 60 million copies.

The LCMS works with some 270 Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) which foster the church's mission and ministry. These organizations include social service agencies, educational institutions, retreat centers, summer camps and mission societies. The LCMS also is a founding partner of Lutheran Services of America, a social service organization that serves one in every 50 Americans.

Membership



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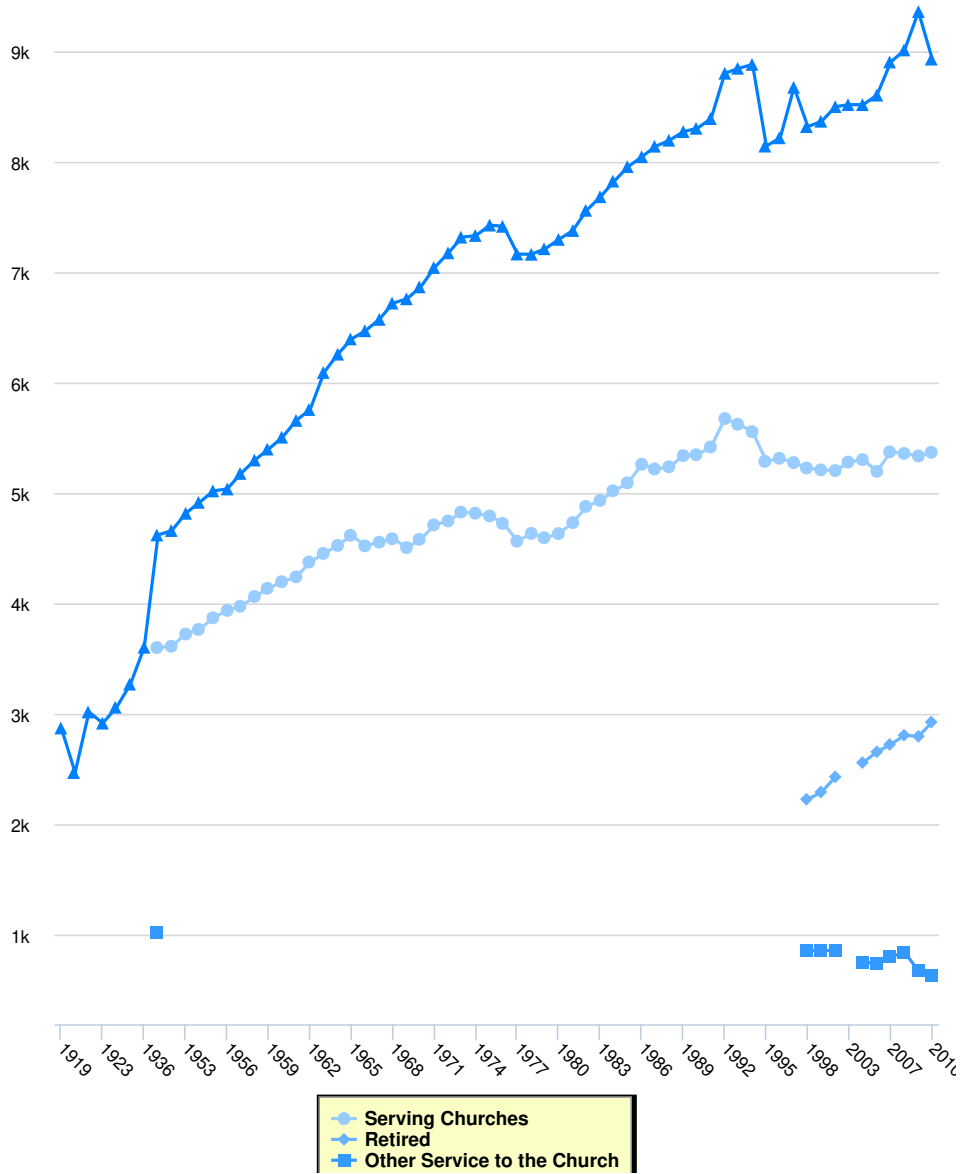
Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2010	1,764,024	153	514,562	2,278,586	6,158	
2009	1,784,139	156	527,972	2,312,111	6,178	
2008	1,803,900	155	533,449	2,337,349	6,123	
2007	1,835,064	166	548,020	2,383,084	6,167	
2006	1,856,783	172	561,214	2,417,997	6,155	
2004	1,880,213	169	583,534	2,463,747	6,151	
2003	1,894,822	0	594,114	2,488,936	6,160	
2001	1,920,949	156	619,096	2,540,045	6,187	
1999	1,945,846	155	636,594	2,582,440	6,220	
1998	1,952,020	0	642,384	2,594,404	6,218	

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1997	1,951,391	0	651,645	2,603,036	6,215	
1996	1,195,730	0	1,405,414	2,601,144	6,099	
1995	1,943,281	0	651,274	2,594,555	6,154	
1994	1,944,905	0	652,022	2,596,927	6,148	
1993	1,945,077	0	653,858	2,598,935	6,134	
1992	1,953,248	0	656,657	2,609,905	5,369	
1991	1,952,845	0	654,464	2,607,309	5,364	
1990	1,954,350	0	648,499	2,602,849	5,296	
1989	1,961,114	0	647,911	2,609,025	5,990	
1988	1,962,674	0	641,604	2,604,278	5,939	
1987	1,973,347	0	641,028	2,614,375	5,912	
1986	1,974,798	0	655,790	2,630,588	5,897	
1985	1,982,753	0	655,411	2,638,164	5,876	
1984	1,986,392	0	641,741	2,628,133	5,821	
1983	1,984,199	0	646,748	2,630,947	5,829	
1982	1,981,260	0	649,563	2,630,823	5,752	
1981	1,983,198	0	653,517	2,636,715	5,710	
1980	1,973,958	0	651,692	2,625,650	5,694	
1979	1,965,422	0	657,759	2,623,181	5,689	
1978	1,969,279	0	662,095	2,631,374	5,689	
1977	1,985,706	0	687,615	2,673,321	5,687	
1976	2,026,336	0	730,935	2,757,271	5,832	
1975	2,018,530	0	745,015	2,763,545	5,797	
1974	2,010,456	0	759,138	2,769,594	5,813	
1973	1,983,114	0	792,990	2,776,104	5,777	
1972	1,963,262	0	818,035	2,781,297	5,741	
1971	1,945,889	0	842,221	2,788,110	5,724	
1970	1,922,569	0	865,967	2,788,536	5,690	
1969	1,900,708	0	885,394	2,786,102	5,745	
1968	1,877,799	0	904,093	2,781,892	5,733	
1967	1,745,502	0	1,013,806	2,759,308	5,707	
1966	1,806,187	0	923,710	2,729,897	5,647	
1965	0	0	0	2,692,889	5,639	
1964	0	0	0	2,650,857	5,556	
1963	0	0	0	2,591,762	5,519	
1962	0	0	0	2,522,095	5,432	
1961	0	0	0	2,464,436	5,276	
1960	0	0	0	2,391,195	5,215	
1959	0	0	0	2,304,962	5,109	
1958	0	0	0	2,234,844	5,028	
1957	0	0	0	2,150,230	4,979	
1956	0	0	0	2,076,550	4,898	
1955	0	0	0	2,004,110	4,805	
1954	0	0	0	1,932,000	4,701	
1953	0	0	0	1,850,100	4,592	
1951	0	0	0	1,728,989	4,478	
1950	1,131,175	0	543,726	1,674,901	4,430	
1946	0	0	0	1,469,213	4,064	
1944	948,371	0	408,284	1,422,513	4,073	
1941	930,791	0	389,719	1,320,510	4,326	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1939	912,729	0	364,368	1,277,097	4,205	
1936	854,109	0	376,596	1,230,705	4,224	
1929	696,967	0	0	696,967	3,942	
1925	628,695	0	0	628,695	3,849	
1923	610,498	0	0	610,498	3,820	
1922	673,321	0	0	673,321	4,179	
1921	673,321	0	0	673,321	3,283	
1919	621,886	0	0	621,886	4,246	

Clergy

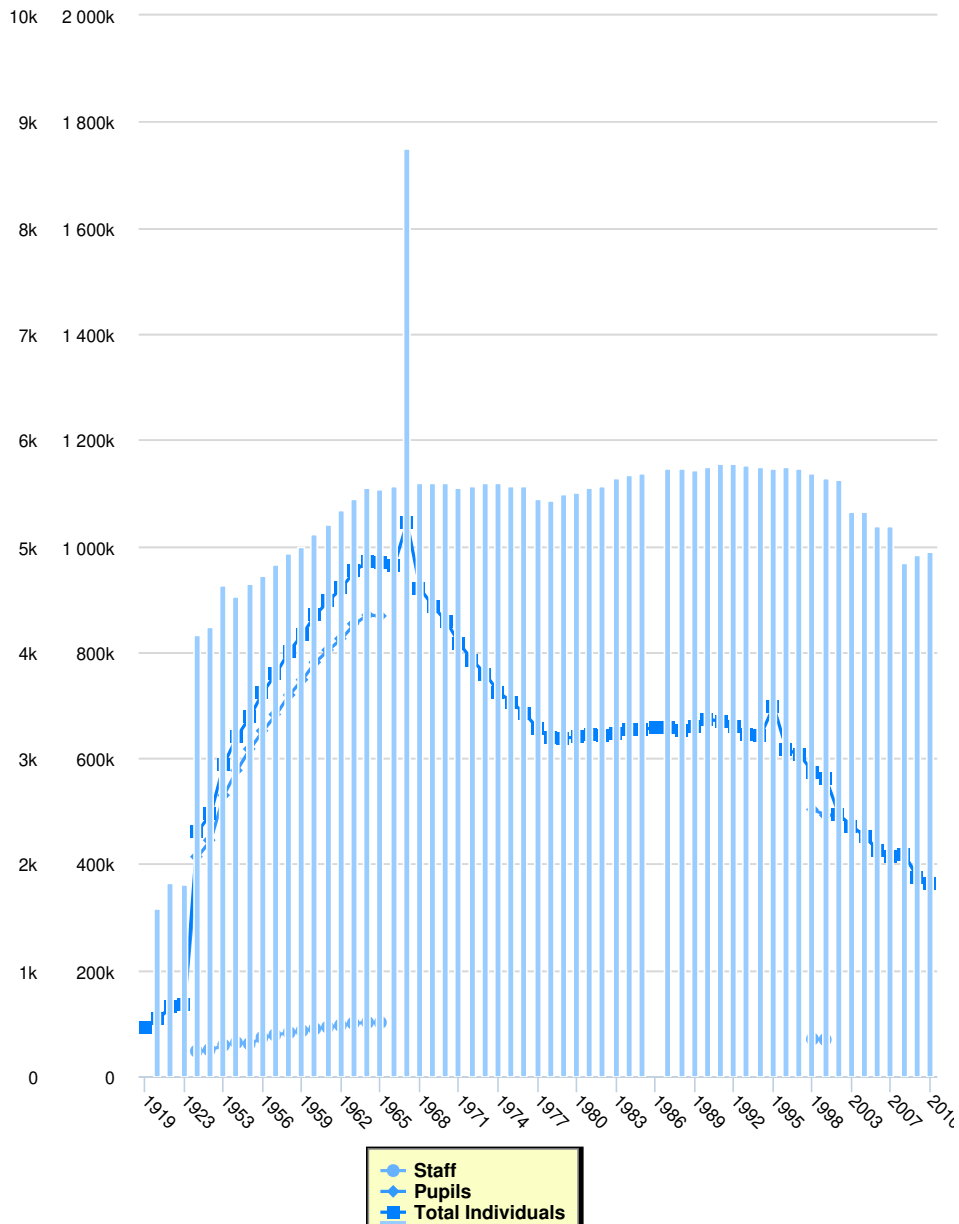


Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2010	5,369	2,928	630	8,927
2009	5,336	2,799	679	9,357
2008	5,359	2,809	842	9,010
2007	5,373	2,725	803	8,901
2006	5,197	2,659	745	8,601
2004	5,303	2,561	754	8,515
2003	5,281	0	0	8,515
2001	5,204	2,432	861	8,497
1999	5,210	2,295	860	8,365
1998	5,227	2,229	860	8,316
1997	5,276	0	0	8,672
1996	5,315	0	0	8,215
1995	5,287	0	0	8,140
1994	5,556	0	0	8,879

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1993	5,623	0	0	8,844
1992	5,674	0	0	8,799
1991	5,417	0	0	8,389
1990	5,347	0	0	8,301
1989	5,339	0	0	8,271
1988	5,238	0	0	8,193
1987	5,218	0	0	8,139
1986	5,261	0	0	8,044
1985	5,093	0	0	7,954
1984	5,021	0	0	7,823
1983	4,933	0	0	7,682
1982	4,879	0	0	7,559
1981	4,733	0	0	7,376
1980	4,633	0	0	7,296
1979	4,596	0	0	7,211
1978	4,635	0	0	7,161
1977	4,565	0	0	7,163
1976	4,725	0	0	7,414
1975	4,793	0	0	7,425
1974	4,818	0	0	7,331
1973	4,828	0	0	7,316
1972	4,748	0	0	7,174
1971	4,712	0	0	7,041
1970	4,581	0	0	6,866
1969	4,507	0	0	6,758
1968	4,587	0	0	6,719
1967	4,556	0	0	6,572
1966	4,522	0	0	6,469
1965	4,618	0	0	6,395
1964	4,526	0	0	6,257
1963	4,454	0	0	6,091
1962	4,376	0	0	5,756
1961	4,242	0	0	5,658
1960	4,198	0	0	5,506
1959	4,138	0	0	5,398
1958	4,064	0	0	5,299
1957	3,976	0	0	5,178
1956	3,938	0	0	5,037
1955	3,871	0	0	5,020
1954	3,766	0	0	4,916
1953	3,725	0	0	4,817
1951	3,614	0	0	4,661
1950	3,602	0	1,019	4,621
1936	0	0	0	3,605
1929	0	0	0	3,271
1925	0	0	0	3,062
1923	0	0	0	2,918
1922	0	0	0	3,019
1921	0	0	0	2,471
1919	0	0	0	2,874

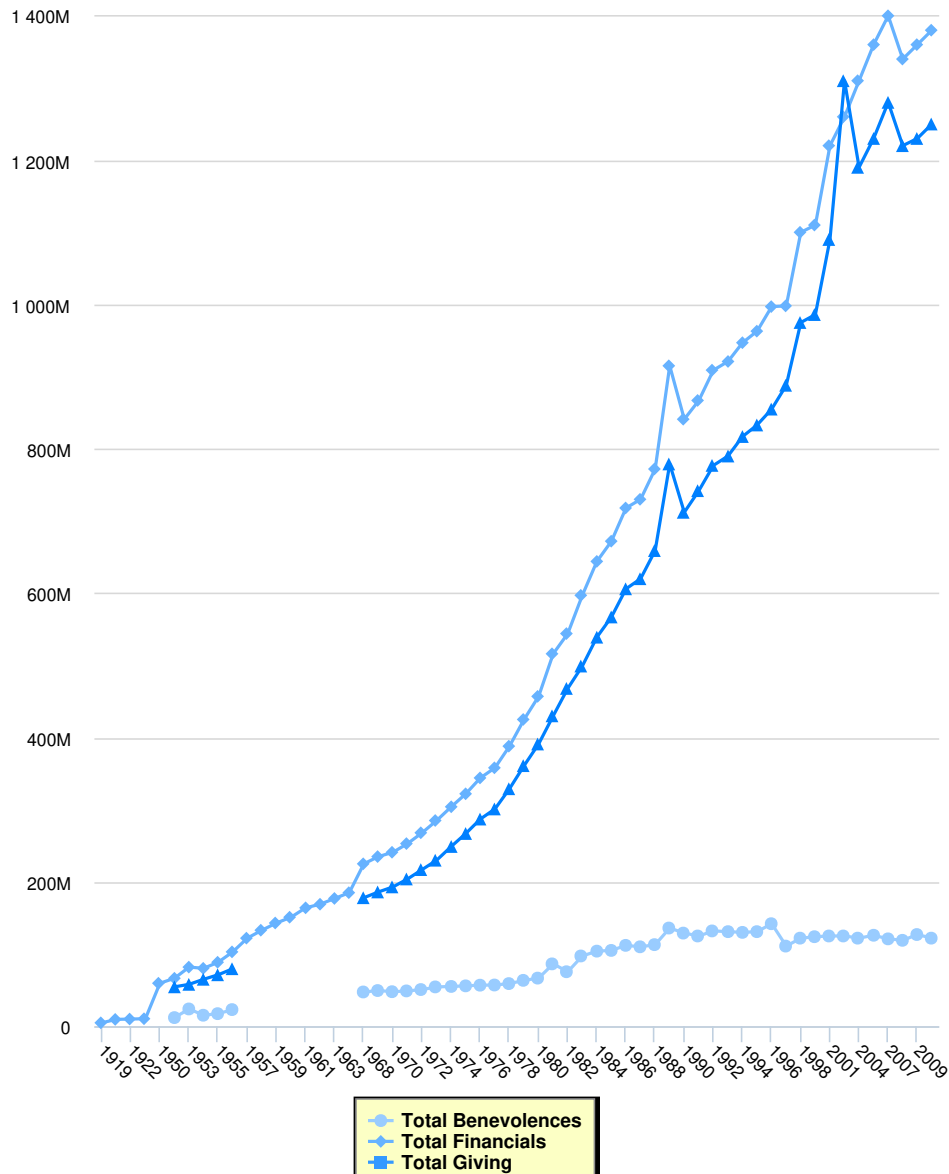
Education



	Education			
	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
2010	4,944	0	363,389	363,389
2009	4,913	0	375,213	375,213
2008	4,839	0	417,303	417,303
2007	5,196	0	415,066	415,066
2006	5,183	0	425,499	425,499
2004	5,330	0	451,414	451,414
2003	5,330	0	0	471,492
2001	5,623	0	492,751	492,751
1999	5,645	69,040	492,005	561,045
1998	5,688	70,061	502,807	572,868
1997	5,739	0	0	606,408
1996	5,742	0	0	615,427
1995	5,735	0	0	697,266

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
1994	5,754	0	0	641,921
1993	5,763	0	0	645,075
1992	5,778	0	0	658,478
1991	5,783	0	0	668,298
1990	5,746	0	0	673,432
1989	5,715	0	0	660,229
1988	5,737	0	0	652,332
1987	5,735	0	0	658,023
1986	0	0	0	657,992
1985	5,687	0	0	653,557
1984	5,673	0	0	653,336
1983	5,634	0	0	646,336
1982	5,568	0	0	642,885
1981	5,557	0	0	643,600
1980	5,510	0	0	639,769
1979	5,489	0	0	637,390
1978	5,428	0	0	638,074
1977	5,447	0	0	655,362
1976	5,561	0	0	683,350
1975	5,570	0	0	705,113
1974	5,598	0	0	723,787
1973	5,590	0	0	757,543
1972	5,563	0	0	783,952
1971	5,552	0	0	815,522
1970	5,589	0	0	857,375
1969	5,600	0	0	885,567
1968	5,600	0	0	919,161
1967	8,741	0	0	1,043,800
1966	5,567	0	0	961,958
1965	5,541	101,160	867,694	968,854
1964	5,548	101,366	869,569	970,935
1963	5,438	99,710	852,930	952,640
1962	5,343	95,859	824,986	920,845
1961	5,204	92,612	803,476	896,088
1960	5,115	89,390	780,391	869,781
1959	4,995	85,545	747,540	833,085
1958	4,937	82,212	718,738	800,950
1957	4,820	77,785	682,110	759,895
1956	4,724	73,014	651,274	724,288
1955	4,639	61,180	616,976	678,156
1954	4,523	63,206	576,503	639,709
1953	4,624	58,425	529,720	588,145
1951	4,239	49,806	444,893	494,699
1950	4,156	47,271	413,871	461,142
1923	1,811	0	134,880	134,880
1922	1,819	0	132,334	132,334
1921	1,587	0	108,133	108,133
1919	0	0	92,316	92,316

Finance



Finance

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
2010	\$122,000,000	\$1,380,000,000		\$1,250,000,000	
2009	\$127,000,000	\$1,360,000,000		\$1,230,000,000	
2008	\$119,000,000	\$1,340,000,000		\$1,220,000,000	
2007	\$121,000,000	\$1,400,000,000		\$1,280,000,000	
2006	\$126,000,000	\$1,360,000,000		\$1,230,000,000	
2004	\$122,000,000	\$1,310,000,000		\$1,190,000,000	
2003	\$125,000,000	\$1,260,000,000		\$1,310,000,000	
2001	\$125,000,000	\$1,220,000,000		\$1,090,000,000	
1999	\$124,000,000	\$1,110,000,000		\$986,000,000	
1998	\$122,000,000	\$1,100,000,000		\$975,000,000	
1997	\$111,000,000	\$998,000,000		\$888,000,000	
1996	\$142,000,000	\$997,000,000		\$855,000,000	
1995	\$131,000,000	\$963,000,000		\$833,000,000	

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1994	\$130,000,000	\$947,000,000		\$817,000,000	
1993	\$131,000,000	\$921,000,000		\$790,000,000	
1992	\$132,000,000	\$909,000,000		\$777,000,000	
1991	\$125,000,000	\$867,000,000		\$742,000,000	
1990	\$129,000,000	\$841,000,000		\$712,000,000	
1989	\$136,000,000	\$915,000,000		\$779,000,000	
1988	\$113,000,000	\$772,000,000		\$659,000,000	
1987	\$110,000,000	\$730,000,000		\$620,000,000	
1986	\$112,000,000	\$718,000,000		\$606,000,000	
1985	\$105,000,000	\$672,000,000		\$567,000,000	
1984	\$104,000,000	\$644,000,000		\$539,000,000	
1983	\$97,293,050	\$597,000,000		\$499,000,000	
1982	\$75,457,846	\$544,000,000		\$468,000,000	
1981	\$86,341,102	\$516,000,000		\$430,000,000	
1980	\$66,626,364	\$457,000,000		\$391,000,000	
1979	\$63,530,596	\$425,000,000		\$361,000,000	
1978	\$59,030,753	\$388,000,000		\$329,000,000	
1977	\$57,077,162	\$358,000,000		\$301,000,000	
1976	\$56,831,860	\$344,000,000		\$287,000,000	
1975	\$55,896,061	\$322,000,000		\$267,000,000	
1974	\$55,076,955	\$304,000,000		\$249,000,000	
1973	\$54,438,074	\$285,000,000		\$230,000,000	
1972	\$50,777,670	\$268,000,000		\$217,000,000	
1971	\$48,891,368	\$253,000,000		\$204,000,000	
1970	\$47,810,664	\$241,000,000		\$193,000,000	
1969	\$49,402,590	\$235,000,000		\$186,000,000	
1968	\$47,415,800	\$225,000,000		\$178,000,000	
1964	\$0	\$185,000,000		\$0	
1963	\$0	\$177,000,000		\$0	
1962	\$0	\$169,000,000		\$0	
1961	\$0	\$164,000,000		\$0	
1960	\$0	\$151,000,000		\$0	
1959	\$0	\$143,000,000		\$0	
1958	\$0	\$133,000,000		\$0	
1957	\$0	\$122,000,000		\$0	
1956	\$23,003,197	\$103,000,000		\$79,627,771	
1955	\$17,379,086	\$88,622,601		\$71,243,515	
1954	\$15,197,356	\$80,211,031		\$65,013,675	
1953	\$23,883,173	\$81,873,137		\$57,989,964	
1951	\$11,910,393	\$66,431,204		\$54,520,811	
1950	\$0	\$59,546,998		\$0	
1923	\$0	\$10,346,002		\$0	
1922	\$0	\$9,919,459		\$0	
1921	\$0	\$9,429,818		\$0	
1919	\$0	\$4,704,757		\$0	