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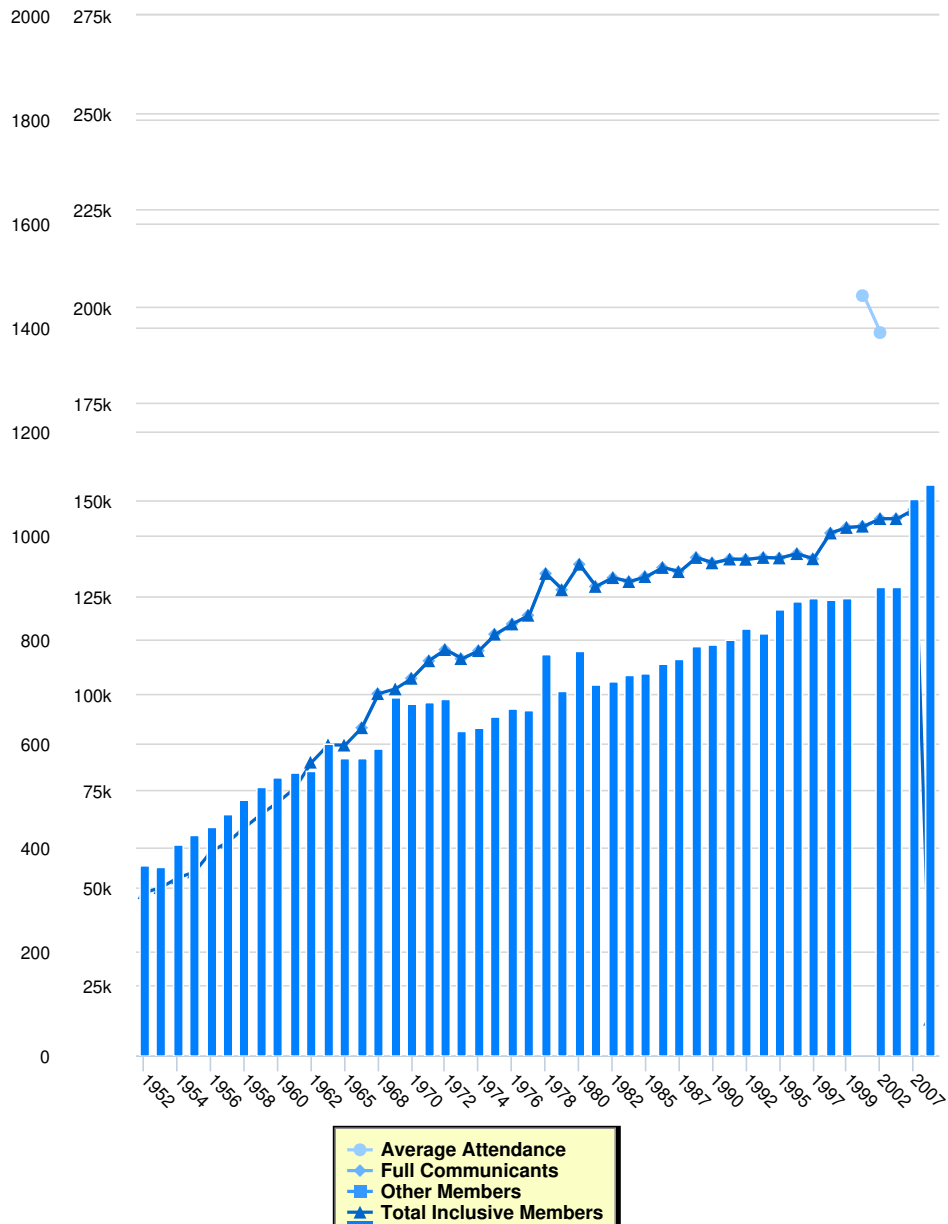
The Baptist General Conference, is now called Converge Worldwide, rooted in the pietistic movement of Sweden during the 19th century, traces its history to Aug. 13, 1852. On that day a small group of believers at Rock Island, Illinois, under the leadership of Gustaf Palmquist, organized the first Swedish Baptist Church in America. Swedish Baptist churches flourished in the upper Midwest and Northeast, and by 1879, when the first annual meeting was held in Village Creek, Iowa, 65 churches had been organized, stretching from Maine to the Dakotas and south to Kansas and Missouri.

By 1871, John Alexis Edgren, an immigrant sea captain and pastor in Chicago, had begun the first publication and a theological seminary. The Conference grew to 324 churches and nearly 26,000 members by 1902. There were 40,000 members in 1945 and in 2010 they have over 1100 churches.

Many churches began as Sunday schools. The seminary evolved into Bethel, a four-year liberal arts university with 2,300 students, and theological seminaries in Arden Hills, Minnesota. and San Diego, California. Missions and the planting of churches have been main objectives both in America and overseas. Today churches have been established in the United States, Canada and Mexico, as well as twenty-four countries overseas. In 1985 the churches of Canada founded an autonomous denomination, The Baptist General Conference of Canada.

Converge Worldwide is a member of the Baptist World Alliance, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the National Association of Evangelicals. It is characterized by the balancing of a conservative doctrine with an irenic and cooperative spirit. Its basic objective is to seek the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

Membership



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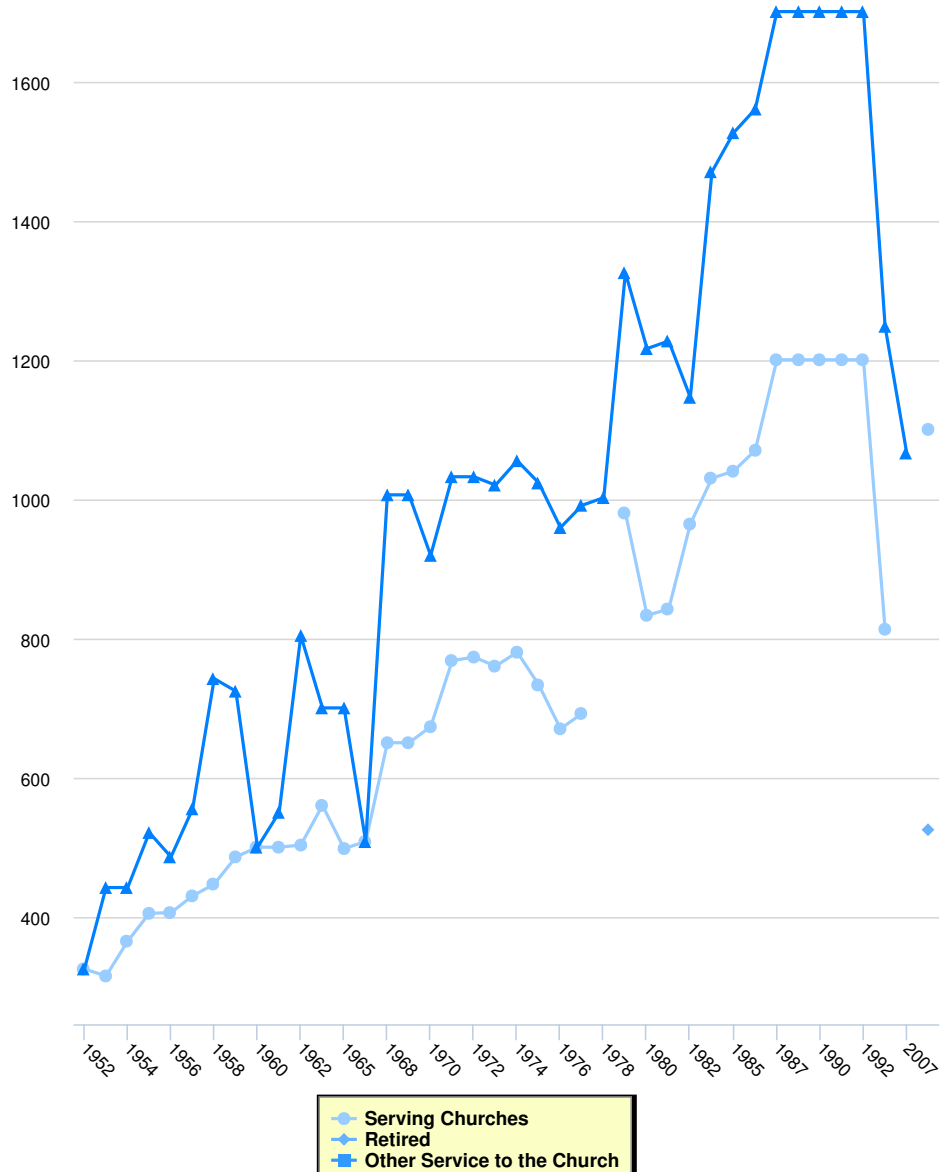
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Membership

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
2009	0	0	0	16,000	1,100	
2007	147,500	0	0	147,500	1,071	
2003	145,148	0	0	145,148	902	
2002	145,148	193,160	0	145,148	902	
2001	143,200	202,690	0	143,200	0	
1999	142,871	0	0	142,871	880	
1998	141,445	0	0	141,445	876	
1997	134,795	0	0	134,795	879	
1996	136,120	0	0	136,120	875	
1995	135,008	0	0	135,008	857	

	Full Communicants	Average Attendance	Other Members	Total Inclusive Members	Total Churches	Membership Calculation Method
1994	135,128	0	0	135,128	813	
1992	134,658	0	0	134,658	821	
1991	134,717	0	0	134,717	799	
1990	133,742	0	0	133,742	792	
1989	135,125	0	0	135,125	789	
1987	131,480	0	0	131,480	762	
1986	132,546	0	0	132,546	753	
1985	130,193	0	0	130,193	735	
1984	128,913	0	0	128,913	732	
1982	129,928	0	0	129,928	721	
1981	127,662	0	0	127,662	715	
1980	133,385	0	0	133,385	779	
1979	126,800	0	0	126,800	701	
1978	131,000	0	0	131,000	772	
1977	120,222	0	0	120,222	665	
1976	117,973	0	0	117,973	669	
1975	115,340	0	0	115,340	653	
1974	111,093	0	0	111,093	632	
1973	109,033	0	0	109,033	625	
1972	111,364	0	0	111,364	686	
1971	108,474	0	0	108,474	681	
1970	103,955	0	0	103,955	677	
1969	0	0	0	101,226	690	
1968	100,000	0	0	100,000	591	
1966	91,206	0	0	91,206	573	
1965	0	0	0	86,719	571	
1964	0	0	0	86,793	601	
1962	0	0	0	82,309	549	
1961	0	0	0	75,613	545	
1960	0	0	0	72,056	536	
1959	0	0	0	68,930	516	
1958	0	0	0	65,507	491	
1957	0	0	0	61,724	465	
1956	0	0	0	59,304	441	
1955	0	0	0	54,000	425	
1954	0	0	0	52,485	406	
1953	0	0	0	49,981	362	
1952	0	0	0	48,647	366	

Clergy

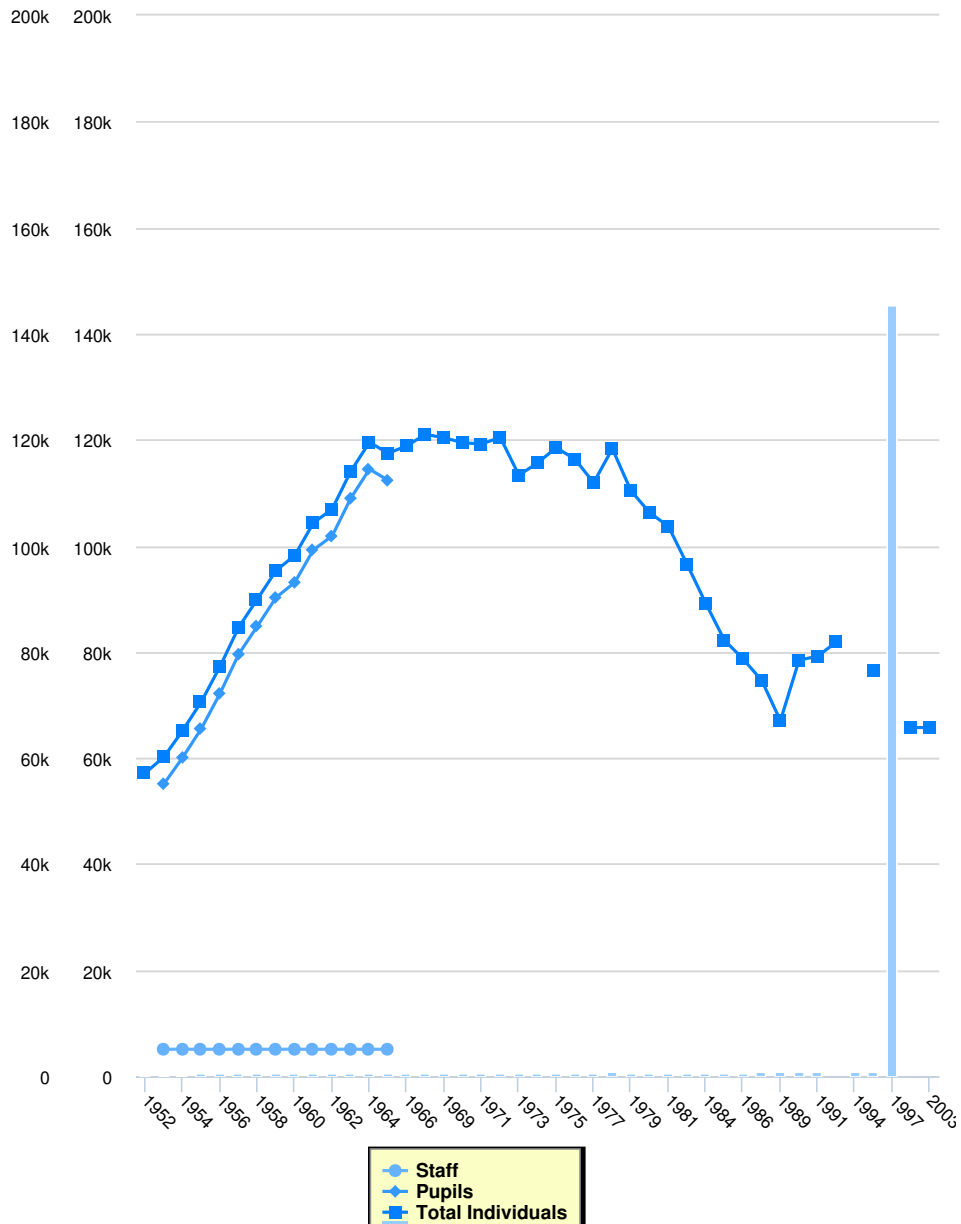


Clergy

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
2009	1,100	525	0	0
2007	0	0	0	1,066
1994	813	0	0	1,248
1992	1,200	0	0	1,700
1991	1,200	0	0	1,700
1990	1,200	0	0	1,700
1989	1,200	0	0	1,700
1987	1,200	0	0	1,700
1986	1,070	0	0	1,560
1985	1,040	0	0	1,526
1984	1,030	0	0	1,470
1982	964	0	0	1,146
1981	842	0	0	1,227
1980	833	0	0	1,216

	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1979	980	0	0	1,325
1978	0	0	0	1,002
1977	692	0	0	991
1976	670	0	0	959
1975	733	0	0	1,023
1974	780	0	0	1,055
1973	760	0	0	1,020
1972	773	0	0	1,032
1971	768	0	0	1,032
1970	673	0	0	919
1969	650	0	0	1,006
1968	650	0	0	1,006
1966	508	0	0	508
1965	498	0	0	700
1964	560	0	0	700
1962	503	0	0	804
1961	500	0	0	550
1960	500	0	0	500
1959	486	0	0	724
1958	447	0	0	742
1957	430	0	0	555
1956	406	0	0	486
1955	405	0	0	521
1954	365	0	0	442
1953	315	0	0	442
1952	325	0	0	325

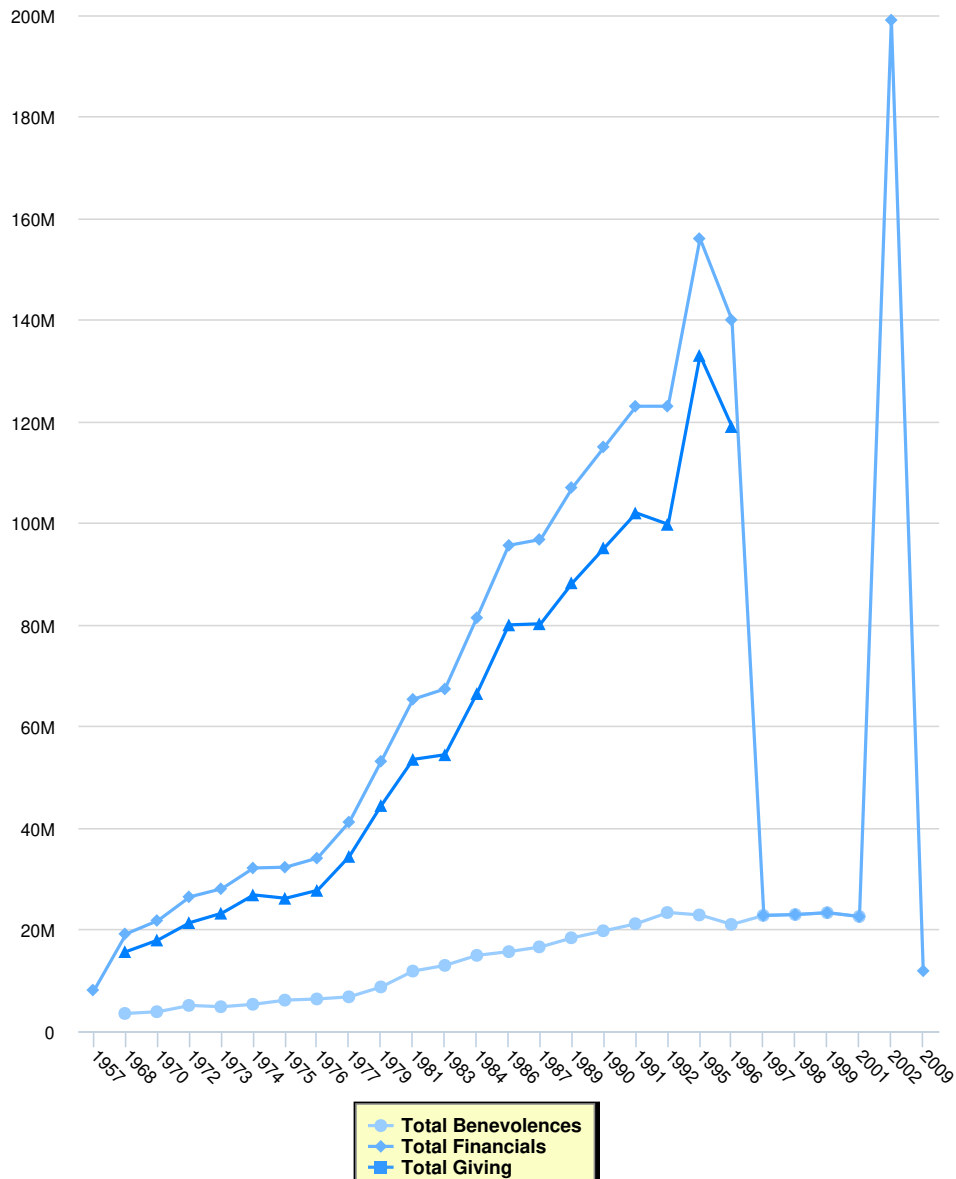
Education



	Education			
	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
2003	0	0	0	65,735
2002	0	0	0	65,735
1997	145,347	0	0	0
1995	857	0	0	76,511
1994	813	0	0	0
1992	0	0	0	81,896
1991	799	0	0	79,181
1990	792	0	0	78,453
1989	789	0	0	67,030
1987	762	0	0	74,611
1986	753	0	0	78,668
1985	735	0	0	82,208
1984	732	0	0	89,174

	Total Schools	Staff	Pupils	Total Individuals
1982	721	0	0	96,543
1981	715	0	0	103,684
1980	710	0	0	106,241
1979	701	0	0	110,379
1978	772	0	0	118,310
1977	665	0	0	111,896
1976	669	0	0	116,328
1975	653	0	0	118,499
1974	632	0	0	115,646
1973	625	0	0	113,301
1972	686	0	0	120,453
1971	681	0	0	119,192
1970	680	0	0	119,432
1969	702	0	0	120,364
1968	650	0	0	121,000
1966	573	0	0	118,868
1965	587	5,082	112,348	117,430
1964	601	5,082	114,447	119,529
1963	549	5,082	108,977	114,059
1962	530	5,082	101,839	106,921
1961	549	5,082	99,245	104,327
1960	540	5,082	93,108	98,190
1959	501	5,082	90,255	95,337
1958	501	5,082	84,873	89,955
1957	501	5,082	79,572	84,654
1956	480	5,082	72,171	77,253
1955	481	5,082	65,539	70,621
1954	432	5,082	60,099	65,181
1953	373	5,082	55,139	60,221
1952	394	0	0	57,169

Finance



Finance

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
2009	\$0	\$11,879,400		\$0	
2002	\$0	\$199,000,000		\$0	
2001	\$22,572,695	\$22,572,695		\$0	
1999	\$23,322,007	\$23,322,007		\$0	
1998	\$22,959,049	\$22,959,049		\$0	
1997	\$22,784,518	\$22,784,518		\$0	
1996	\$21,018,011	\$140,000,000		\$119,000,000	
1995	\$22,875,038	\$156,000,000		\$133,000,000	
1992	\$23,359,695	\$123,000,000		\$99,753,153	
1991	\$21,158,446	\$123,000,000		\$102,000,000	
1990	\$19,768,222	\$115,000,000		\$95,131,802	
1989	\$18,386,218	\$107,000,000		\$88,247,512	
1987	\$16,596,525	\$96,785,070		\$80,188,545	

	Total Benevolences	Total Financials	Total Giving	Local Expenses	Method
1986	\$15,658,371	\$95,623,850		\$79,965,479	
1984	\$14,926,465	\$81,376,902		\$66,450,437	
1983	\$12,951,470	\$67,360,787		\$54,409,317	
1981	\$11,832,680	\$65,331,939		\$53,499,259	
1979	\$8,712,255	\$53,129,573		\$44,417,318	
1977	\$6,764,787	\$41,167,178		\$34,402,391	
1976	\$6,346,561	\$34,067,008		\$27,720,447	
1975	\$6,118,075	\$32,280,754		\$26,162,679	
1974	\$5,297,488	\$32,123,014		\$26,825,526	
1973	\$4,817,444	\$28,041,891		\$23,224,447	
1972	\$5,076,433	\$26,448,368		\$21,371,935	
1970	\$3,836,884	\$21,786,796		\$17,949,912	
1968	\$3,495,981	\$19,160,235		\$15,664,254	
1957	\$0	\$8,104,097		\$0	