



# **THE YEARBOOK**

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The Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches has served as the definitive handbook of North American denominations since 1916. Over our 100 year history, The Yearbook has remained an authoritative source for the most accurate and complete compilation of statistical data for North American religious bodies. Now an interactive online application, The Yearbook continues to catalog census information for \*\*\* denominational religious bodies. As of 2020, the Yearbook represents \*\*\*,\*\*\* faithful members, \*\*\*,\*\*\* clergy, \*\*\*,\*\*\* congregations, \*\*,\*\*\* educational bodies, and more than \$\*\*\*,\*\*\*,\*\*\*,\*\*\*.\*\* in total financial commitment.

Each listing contains a brief paragraph about the religious body, contact information for the group, and informative graphs detailing current and historical statistical data. Previously stewarded by the National Council of Churches, The Yearbook is overseen by the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies (ASARB). in partnership with The National Council of Churches and Lake Institute on Faith and Giving. We invite you to join our effort by adding data for your religious group, becoming an ASARB member or making a contribution to our cause.

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The National Baptist Convention, one of the oldest African American organization in the nation, traces its history back to 1895. It was formed as a consolidation of the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention (1880), Consolidated American Baptist Convention (1896), and the National Baptist Educational Convention (1882). Rev. W. H. Alpine of Alabama was the first president of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board which later became the Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, USA.

The constitution of the convention 1895 states:

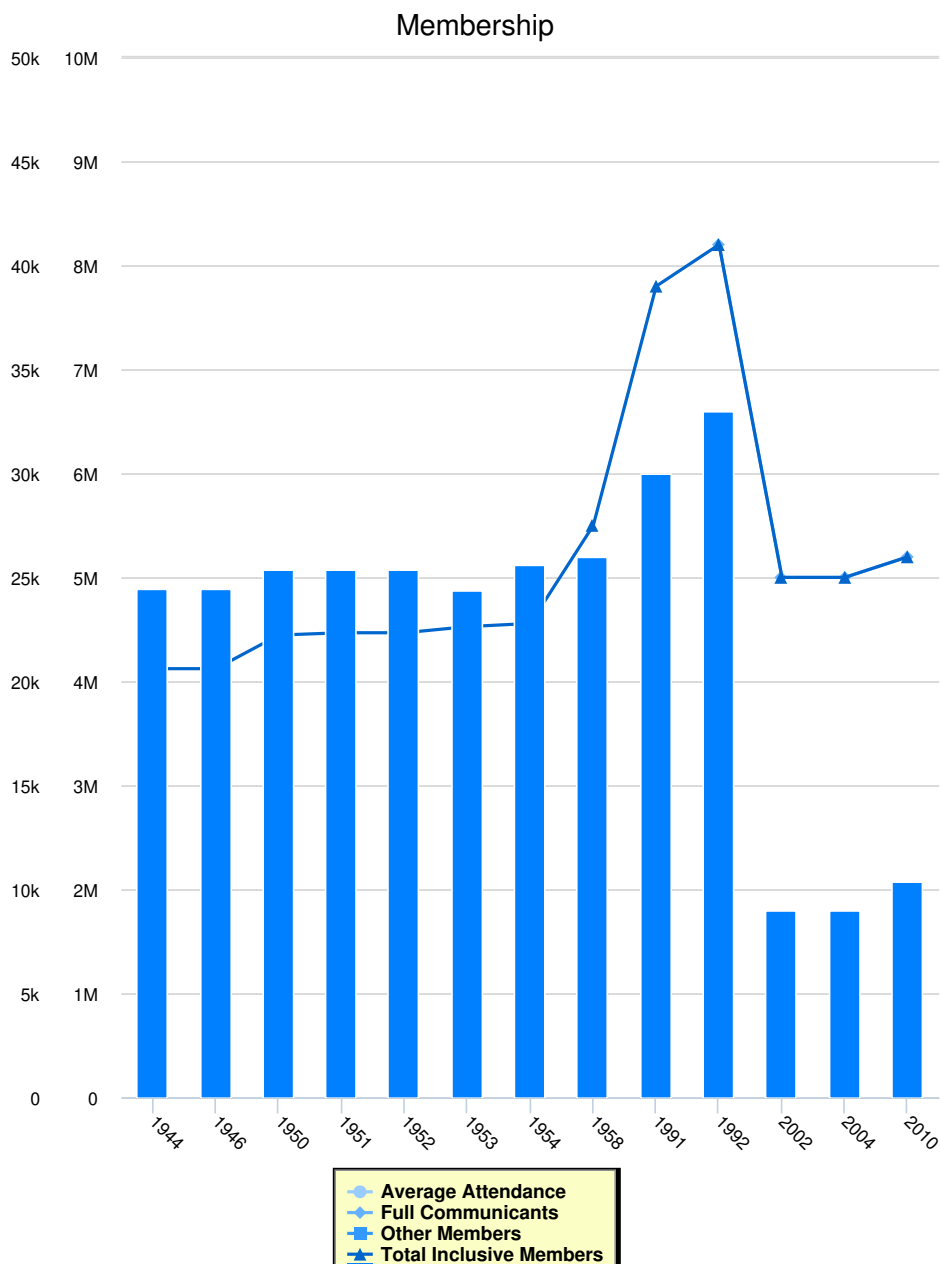
"Whereas, It is the sense of the Colored Baptists of the United States of America, convened in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, September 28, 1895 in the several organizations as "The Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of the United States of America," hitherto engaged in Mission work on the West Coast of Africa: and the `National Baptist Convention,' which has been engaged in mission work in the United States of America; and the `National Baptist Educational Convention,' which has sought to look after the educational interest that the interest of the way of the Kingdom of God requires that the several bodies above named should, and do now, unite in one body. Therefore, we do now agree to and adopt the following constitution:

This body shall become known and styled, The National Baptist Convention of the United States of America.

The object of this convention shall be "to do mission work in the United States of America, in Africa, and elsewhere and to foster the cause of education." Dr. L.M. Luke was elected the first Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board. In October, 1896 Rev. L.G. Jordan, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Philadelphia was selected successor of Luke" (The Epoch of Negro Baptists and The Foreign Mission Board, NBC, USA, Inc. Dr. Edward A. Freeman, The Central Seminary Press 1953.)

In September 1915 at the annual meeting of the convention the constitution was revised with the following changes:

The particular business and object of this Convention shall be to promote a growth and propagation of religion, morality, and intelligence among the races of mankind, by engaging in missionary work in the United States of America, and elsewhere, by fostering the cause of education and publishing and circulating literature, and in providing the necessary ways and means for carrying on such work.



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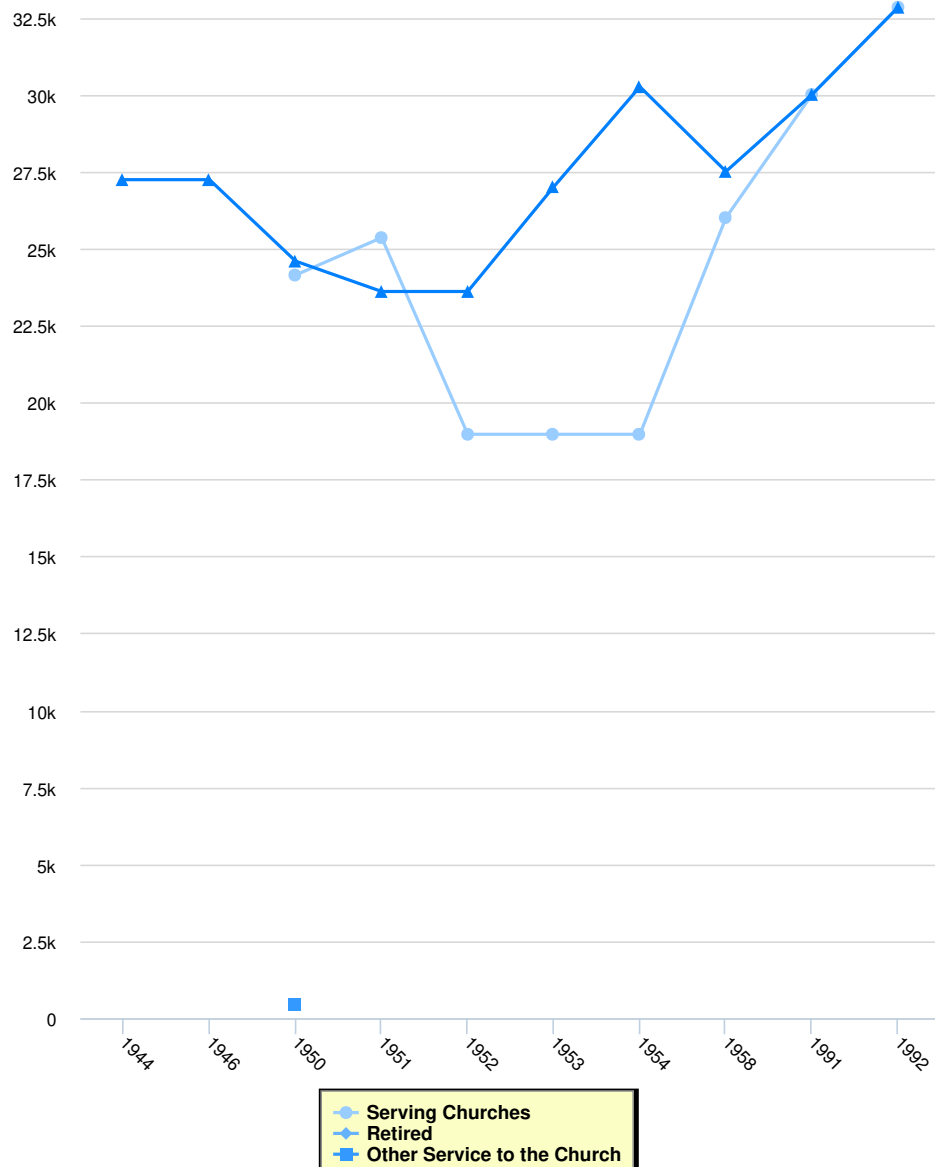
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**Membership**

	<b>Full Communicants</b>	<b>Average Attendance</b>	<b>Other Members</b>	<b>Total Inclusive Members</b>	<b>Total Churches</b>	<b>Membership Calculation Method</b>
2010	5,197,512	0	0	5,197,512	10,358	
2004	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	9,000	
2002	5,000,000	0	0	5,000,000	9,000	
1992	8,200,000	0	0	8,200,000	33,000	
1991	0	0	0	7,800,000	30,000	
1958	0	0	0	5,500,000	26,000	
1954	0	0	0	4,557,416	25,603	
1953	0	0	0	4,526,847	24,415	
1952	0	0	0	4,467,779	25,350	
1951	0	0	0	4,467,779	25,350	

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1950	3,776,764	0	668,841	4,445,605	25,350	
1946	0	0	0	4,122,315	24,460	
1944	3,700,078	0	321,540	4,122,315	24,460	

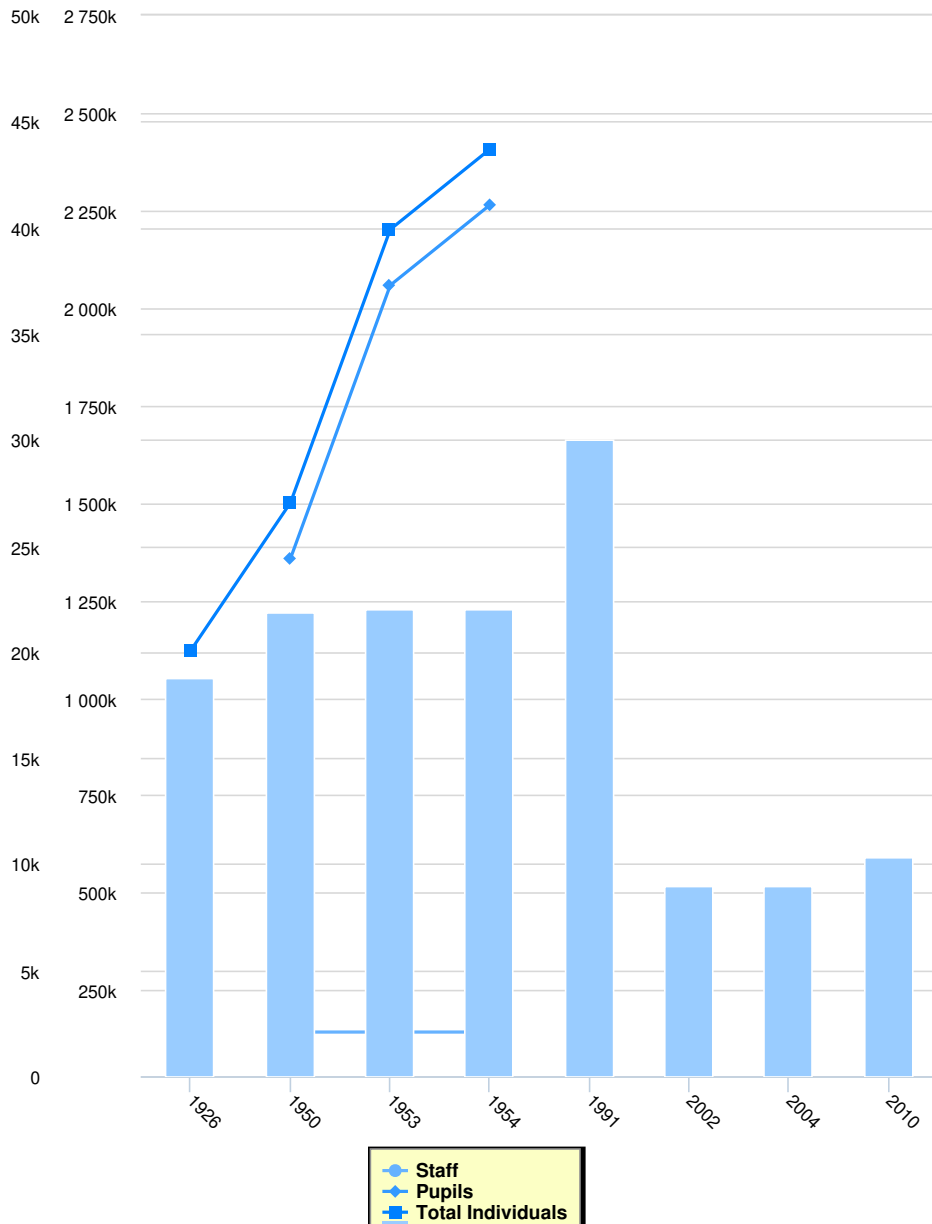
## Clergy



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	Serving Churches	Retired	Other Service to the Church	Total Clergy
1992	32,832	0	0	32,832
1991	30,000	0	0	30,000
1958	26,000	0	0	27,500
1954	18,964	0	0	30,251
1953	18,964	0	0	27,005
1952	18,964	0	0	23,601
1951	25,350	0	0	23,601
1950	24,135	0	452	24,587
1946	0	0	0	27,232
1944	0	0	0	27,232

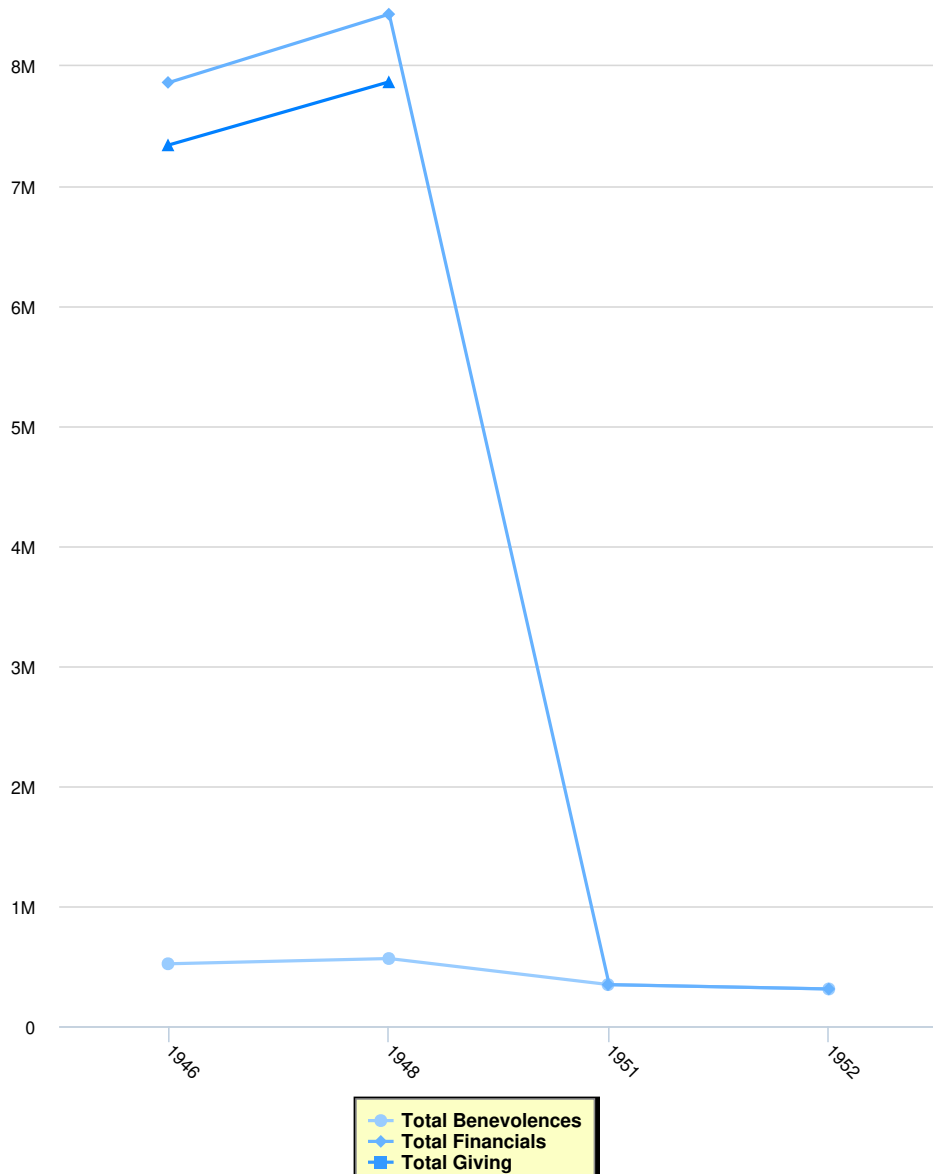
## Education



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	<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Total Individuals</b>
2010	10,358	0	0	0
2004	9,000	0	0	0
2002	9,000	0	0	0
1991	30,000	0	0	0
1954	22,004	143,079	2,264,269	2,407,348
1953	21,995	143,079	2,058,121	2,201,200
1950	21,854	143,079	1,357,493	1,500,572
1926	18,755	0	0	1,121,362

### Finance



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	<b>Total Benevolences</b>	<b>Total Financials</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>Local Expenses</b>	<b>Method</b>
1952	\$310,000	\$310,000		\$0	
1951	\$346,000	\$346,000		\$0	
1948	\$563,372	\$8,426,222		\$7,862,850	
1946	\$519,764	\$7,857,764		\$7,338,000	