



Section 8

Reports to 2013 Synod

Statistics Committee Report

LCAQD STATISTICS FOR 2012

While we can't measure the work of the Holy Spirit through the church, we can count or measure how many people came into contact with the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and with the Holy Sacraments, after all, the Lutheran Confessions say:

To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel.

The Augsburg Confession, Article V: Concerning the Office of Preaching, 1-3 (German Text)

Therefore we don't keep statistics to measure growth (or loss) of faith or growth (or loss) of the church, but we keep statistics to measure such things as:

1. how many times people had the opportunity to hear the gospel and respond in faith,
2. how many people were admitted into the family of God through baptism,
3. how many times people were joined as one in the sight of God and asked for God's blessing on their marriage,
4. how many times we offered the Sacrament of the Altar where people could be assured of the forgiveness of sins, and
5. how many opportunities we had to proclaim the gospel at the time of death.

We can't measure the effectiveness of the gospel, but we can measure how many times it was proclaimed with the hope it was received in faith.

In the past we weren't very good at completing statistics, but thankfully congregations have improved considerably over the last 3 years so that statistical reports are more accurate. This said, there's still room for improvement.

The following few pages are made up of data completed for 2011 and 2012. The reason 2011's figures are included is because more statistics have been completed since last year's report to District Synod (and also serves as a point of reference for 2012). There's been no attempt to make up for congregations who haven't filled in their returns, but since the completion rate is reasonably high, it gives a fair indication how many times the Holy Spirit had an opportunity to work in people's hearts through the Word and Sacraments.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Stuart Kleinig

2011 – LCAQD

Note: 117 congregations completed their statistics reports out of 124

Pastoral Act	Total	Ave/ cong	Notes
Baptism – child	628	5.37	28 children were baptised at Prince of Peace, Everton Hills
Baptism – adult	31	.26	5 adults were baptised at St Andrew's, Brisbane
1 st HC	164	1.40	25 young people receive HC for the first time at Living Faith, Murrumba Downs
Confirmation – child	211	1.80	29 young people were confirmed at St Peter's, Indooroopilly
Confirmation – adult	17	.15	3 adults were confirmed at St John's, Bundaberg
Funeral – child	9	.08	3 funerals for children were conducted at Bethesda, Beenleigh
Funeral – adult	341	2.91	17 funerals were conducted at St John's, Ipswich
Marriage	129	1.10	11 weddings were conducted at Nazareth, Woolloongabba
Worship attendance	423446	70/wk	This means on average over 8100 people attend worship each week in Lutheran congregations in Qld. Grace, Redcliffe averages 477 per weekend at worship
HC Attendance	240306	39/wk	This means on average over 4600 people receive the body and blood of Jesus every week in Lutheran churches in Queensland. Our Saviour, Rochedale averages 275 per weekend at Holy Communion
Home Communion	4554	39/yr	On average, about 87 people unable to attend worship receive Holy Communion on any given week in Queensland
Baptised membership	15778	135	6 Congregations didn't complete records
Confirmed membership	11829	101	6 Congregations didn't complete records
Membership who attend HC at least twice a year	9348	80	23 Congregations didn't complete records
Membership who attend HC over the age of 18 at least twice a year	10032	86	6 Congregations didn't complete records

2011 – LCAQD continued...

Ministry	Total	Ave/ cong ¹	Notes
Sunday School	378t+a ² 1080c ³	5.1t+a 14.6c	74 congregations had active Sunday School programs Good Shepherd, Toowoomba had 65 children enrolled
Kid's Club (or equivalent)	66t+a 319c	7.3t+a 35.4c	9 congregations had active Kid's club or equivalent programs St Martin's, Gladstone had 99 children enrolled
Vacation Bible School (or equiv.)	187t+a 500c	37t+a 100c	5 congregation offered bible programs during school holidays St John's, Eight Mile Plains had 198 children enrolled
Youth	730yp ⁴	19.2	38 congregations had active youth programs Good News, Middle Park had 135 active youth
Junior Youth	306yp	27.8	11 congregations had active junior youth programs Buderim had 70 active junior youth
Women's groups	1182	13.0	91 congregations had active women's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murrumba Downs had 80 women in their group(s)
Men's groups	765	23.2	33 congregations had active men's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murrumba Downs recorded 200 men in their group(s)
Total offerings	6633.9k	56699	The average offering per person per week (by those over 18) was \$24.40
Synod contribution ⁵	738434	6311	The average amount passed on to the Qld Synod from weekly offerings (by those over 18) amounted to \$1.42 per person per week

¹ The average was calculated from participating congregations only

² t+a = teachers and assistants

³ c = children

⁴ yp = young people

⁵ Note the Synod contribution figures were provided by LAMP, but have not been correlated with Synod financials and may not be a true reflection of the actual figure

2012 – LCAQD

Note: 108 congregations completed their statistics reports out of 124

Pastoral Act	Total	Ave/ cong	Notes
Baptism – child	546	5.06	25 children were baptised at Our Saviour's, Rochedale
Baptism – adult	37	.34	5 adults were baptised at Trinity, Southport
1 st HC	190	1.76	32 young people receive HC for the first time at Living Faith, Murrumba Downs
Confirmation – child	246	2.28	17 young people were confirmed at St John's, Bundaberg
Confirmation – adult	32	.30	6 adults were confirmed at Grace, Redcliffe
Funeral – child	8	.07	3 funerals for children were conducted at Living Faith, Murrumba Downs
Funeral – adult	294	2.72	18 funerals were conducted at Nazareth, Woolloongabba
Marriage	134	1.24	7 weddings were conducted at Buderim
Worship attendance	392175	70/wk	This means on average over 7500 people attend worship each week in Lutheran congregations in Qld. Grace, Redcliffe averages 484 per weekend at worship
HC Attendance	232957	41/wk	This means on average almost 4500 people receive the body and blood of Jesus every week in Lutheran churches in Queensland. Our Saviour, Rochedale averages 342 per weekend at Holy Communion
Home Communion	3834	35/yr	On average, about 74 people unable to attend worship receive Holy Communion on any given week in Queensland
Baptised membership	14432	134	7 Congregations didn't complete records
Confirmed membership	10983	102	7 Congregations didn't complete records
Membership who attend HC at least twice a year	7358	68	24 Congregations didn't complete records
Membership who attend HC over the age of 18 at least twice a year	8986	83	7 Congregations didn't complete records

2011 – LCAQD continued...

Ministry	Total	Ave/ cong ⁶	Notes
Sunday School	398t+a ⁷ 1174c ⁸	6.0t+a 17.8c	66 congregations had active Sunday School programs St John's, Ipswich had 95 children enrolled
Kid's Club (or equivalent)	66t+a 477c	6.0t+a 43.4c	11 congregations had active Kid's club or equivalent programs St Peter's, Indooroopilly had 198 children enrolled
Vacation Bible School (or equiv.)	171t+a 365c	34t+a 73c	5 congregations offered bible programs during school holidays St John's, Eight Mile Plains had 210 children enrolled
Youth	942yp ⁹	29.4	32 congregations had active youth programs St John's, Eight Mile Plains had 308 active youth
Junior Youth	307yp	30.7	10 congregations had active junior youth programs Prince of Peace, Everton Hills had 75 active junior youth
Women's groups	1004	13.4	75 congregations had active women's fellowship groups St Paul's, Caboolture had 55 women in their group(s)
Men's groups	660	24.4	27 congregations had active men's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murrumba Downs recorded 265 men in their group(s)
Total offerings	6438.2k	59613	The average offering per person per week (by those over 18) was \$26.81
Synod contribution ¹⁰	648211	6002	The average amount passed on to the Qld Synod from weekly offerings (by those over 18) amounted to \$2.32 per person per week

⁶ The average was calculated from participating congregations only

⁷ t+a = teachers and assistants

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2012 DATA BY ZONE

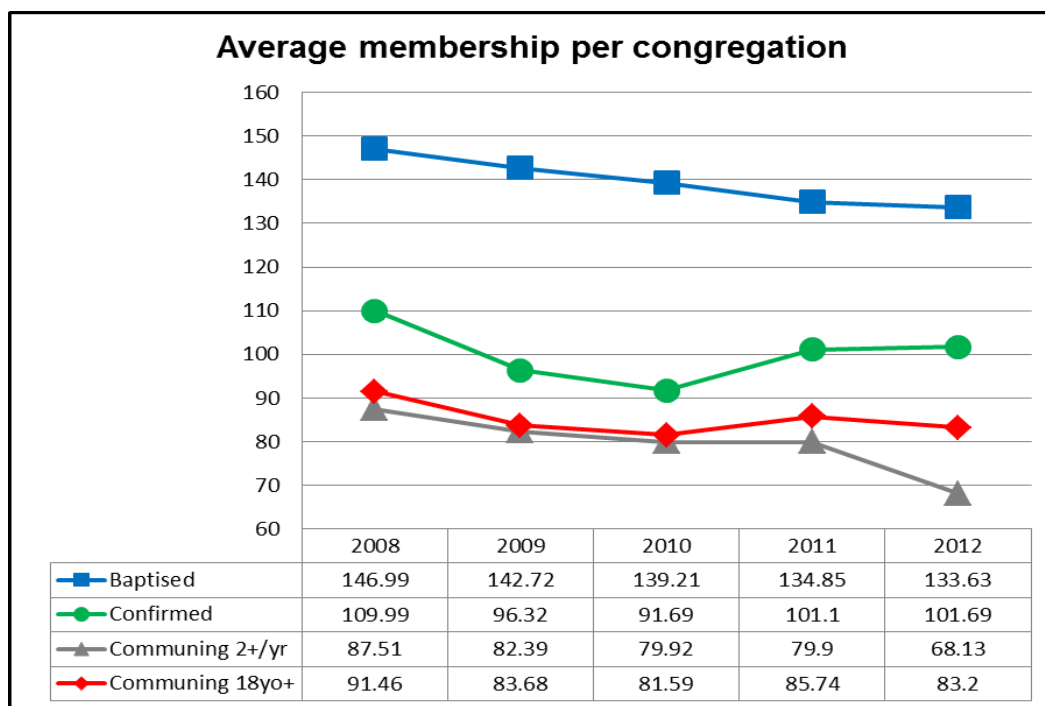
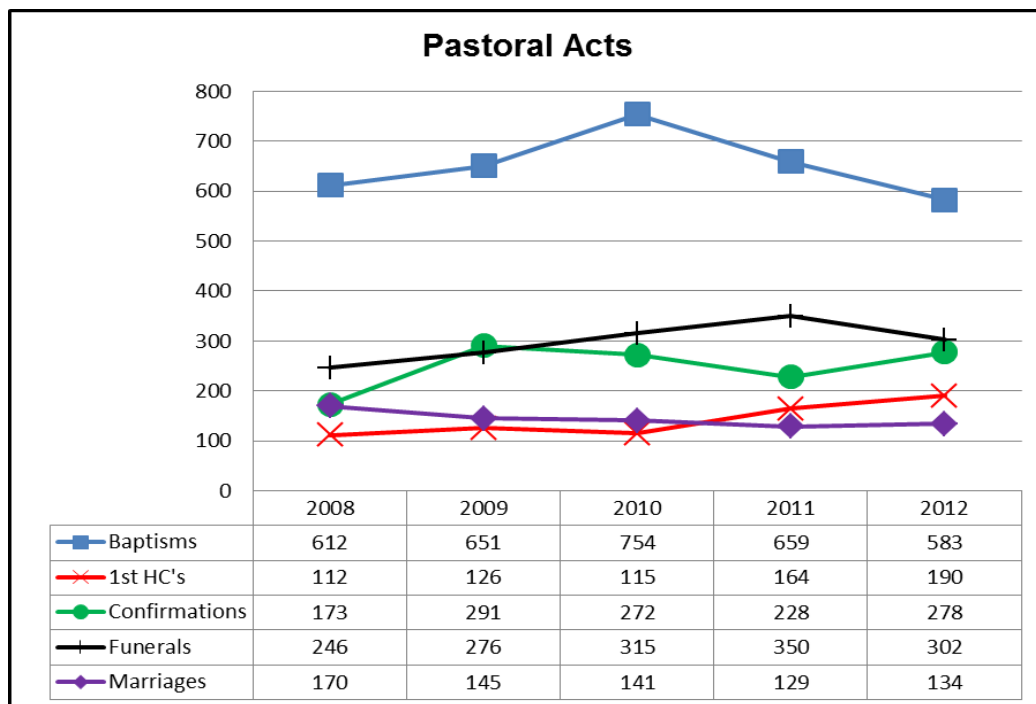
MEMBERSHIP

Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptised	Confirmed	Communing 2+/yr	Communing 18yo+
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	20	3402	2646	1773	2245
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	16	3023	2143	2081	2062
3 West Moreton	13	1257	1000	739	815
4 Darling Downs	29	3287	2577	1577	1981
5 Wide Bay Burnett	13	1684	1359	628	883
6 Central	6	575	403	170	308
7 Northern	9	1192	844	379	681

PASTORAL ACTS

Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptisms	1st HC	Conf.	Funerals	Marriages
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	20	162	33	54	75	40
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	16	145	75	63	59	34
3 West Moreton	13	64	25	17	48	15
4 Darling Downs	29	96	26	42	43	22
5 Wide Bay Burnett	13	45	19	47	46	7
6 Central	6	15	10	10	4	5
7 Northern	9	56	2	45	27	11

¹¹ Note number of congregations only indicate number of congregations who completed statistics within that zone



Note: 2008 figures were from 84 congregations, 2009 by 95 congregations, 2010 by 119 congregations, 2011 by 117 congregations and 2012 by 108 congregations. Because some data was incomplete, this is an indication only.