



Annual Consistorial Report

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA • TRANSFORMED AND TRANSFORMING

for the year ending December 31, 2016

The Book of Church Order requires that each consistory shall make an annual report of statistical information and on the spiritual state of their congregation. Information reported by consistories helps RCA assemblies to “equip congregations to follow Christ in mission” and also gives the local church an opportunity to examine and reflect on its mission and ministry.

Parts 1a and 1b ask for quantitative information that is for the benefit of the General Synod, regional synod, and classis.

Parts 2a and 2b are for the benefit of the classis and include open-ended questions to assist the consistory in reflection on the ministry of the church.

LABEL WITH CHURCH NAME AND CITY

The label above reflects the address the Office of the General Synod maintains as your church mailing address. If any of the information above is incorrect, please submit the updated information to your classis stated clerk.

ONLINE FORM

Please fill out this form electronically.
Visit www.rca.org/crf
and follow the instructions found on that screen.

Print a copy of your completed form.

Part 1a

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS: Revision of membership rolls is to be made at the end of each calendar year. The figures are to be the totals in each category. (If your church is a union or federated church, please supply RCA-related figures only.)

1. Church Households: Indicate the number of households living as one family at one address, in which there is at least one confessing member. (Include single military personnel and students with their family at the home address.) _____

2. Confessing Members: Indicate the number of members who have received Christian baptism and have been received by the Board of Elders through profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or presentation of a satisfactory certificate of transfer of membership from another Christian church, and who make faithful use of the means of grace, especially the hearing of the Word and the use of the Lord's Supper. _____

3. Inactive Members: Indicate the total number of members who have been removed by the Board of Elders from the active confessing membership roll. _____

4. Baptized Members: Indicate the number of members who have received Christian baptism, who may or may not participate at the Lord's Table, and who have not been received by the Board of Elders as confessing members. (This figure must be annually adjusted for baptized children who have been transferred with their parents into or out of the congregation.) _____

5. Total Membership will be autocalculated (the sum of 2 through 4). _____

6. Adherents: Indicate the number of individuals who participate in the life, work, and worship of the church but are not members. _____

7. Average Worship Attendance: Indicate the average of the actual count of all persons present for weekly worship service/s. (Give the average for the entire year.) _____

GAINS:

8. Received on Confession: Indicate the number of individuals who have been received by the elders upon confession or reaffirmation of faith. _____

9. Received on Certificate: Indicate the number of individuals who have presented a satisfactory certificate of transfer from another church. _____

LOSSES: Indicate the number of confessing and inactive members whose names have been removed from the membership roll. _____

10. Transferred _____

11. Deceased _____

12. All Other Removals from Roll _____

BAPTISMS: Indicate the number of individuals baptized. _____

13. Infants _____

14. Adults _____

Note: Figures for questions 15, 16, and 17 are no longer required as of 2005.

Membership data collected in this section is for the benefit of the General Synod, regional synod, and classis and is reported in the *Minutes of General Synod*.

Part 1b

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Please record in whole dollars (no cents). Check whether the dollar amounts listed below are in U.S. dollars ___ or Canadian dollars ___.

INCOME:

(18a) income from other than living donors (i.e., bequests, investment income, interest income of any type) \$ _____

(18b) special offerings for building expansion, property investment, land purchases, new building construction, major renovation, capital fund drives \$ _____

(18c) amount received from RCA assemblies or institutions (i.e., salary supplements, program aid, grants) \$ _____

(18d) income from property, programs, or associations that support the church budget (i.e., income from rentals, cemetery, nursery school, bazaars, fellowship clubs, women's groups, etc.) \$ _____

(18e) total offerings received as part of regular or weekly offerings (i.e., checks, currency, stock, etc.) \$ _____

18. Total Income will be autocalculated (the sum of 18a through 18e).

EXPENSES:

(19a) Assessments: total assessment amount paid for General Synod, regional synod, and classis \$ _____

(19b) RCA-Related Contributions: church's giving in support of the programs of the RCA (i.e., RCA Care Network/RCWS, Partner-in-Mission shares, Mission of the Month, denominational fund drives, undesignated gifts, etc.); New Brunswick and Western Theological Seminaries; the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency; RCA colleges Hope, Central, and Northwestern; the Board of Benefits Services; RCA camps and conference centers; Words of Hope; etc. \$ _____

(19c) Other Contributions: church's giving in support of non-RCA programs (i.e., councils of churches, food pantries, prison ministries, non-RCA missionaries, other organizations, etc.) \$ _____

19. Total Contributions will be autocalculated (the sum of 19a through 19c).

20. Resources used for congregational ministry and mission will be autocalculated (the difference of 19 subtracted from 18.)

Financial data collected in this section is for the benefit of the General Synod, regional synod, and classis and is reported in the *Minutes of General Synod*.

Part 2a

THE LIFE AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF THE CONGREGATION:

These questions encourage reflection as a consistory and are intended for the use of the classis. If necessary, please attach your responses on separate pages.

1. What signs of transformation have been visible in the life and ministry of your church this year?
2. How are you actively ...
 - a. developing passionate and reproducible disciples who live and love like Jesus?
 - b. mobilizing emerging leaders for service in the church and in the world?
 - c. embracing your mission to the world and sharing the good news of the gospel with everyone?(Please share specific stories, experiences, and examples.)
3. In what ways can you more intentionally live out the call to cultivate transformation in Christ, equip emerging leaders of today and tomorrow, and engage in Christ's kingdom mission in the coming year?
4. What challenges, concerns, or celebrations does your congregation have right now?
5. How can the classis pray for your church?

Part 2b

INDEBTEDNESS:

The following information is collected for the use of your classis in order to fulfill the directive from the Book of Church Order regarding indebtedness, which states, "the consistory shall not incur a total indebtedness which exceeds two-thirds of the prior year's expenditures for congregational purposes, as reported to the General Synod, without the approval of classis" (BCO, Chapter 1, Part 1, Article 2, Section 13).

1. Does your church have any indebtedness? _____yes _____no
2. If yes, what is the total indebtedness? \$ _____
3. Is your church delinquent in any of its debt payments? _____yes _____no
4. If yes, what is the amount of the delinquency? \$ _____

Information regarding the spiritual health of the congregation and congregational indebtedness is collected to assist the classis in its supervision of the churches within its bounds.

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church name _____

city, state/province _____

The information below will not be shared with any entity outside the RCA. It will be used by the Office of Ministry Services to send information to elders and deacons. Because the General Synod requires that gender statistics of ordained officeholders be reported (MGS 2002, R-32, p. 54), please use the check box to convey that information.

List only those elders and deacons elected in 2016.

Elders

Deacons

Name _____ Male Female
Address _____

(city) (state/province) (zip/postal code)
Phone (_____) _____
Email _____

Name _____ Male Female
Address _____

(city) (state/province) (zip/postal code)
Phone (_____) _____
Email _____

Name _____ Male Female
Address _____

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The information below will not be shared with any entity outside the RCA. It will be used to provide support for youth ministry in RCA congregations, in keeping with the call articulated in Transformed & Transforming: “increasing the awareness that God is calling youth and young adults to become leaders” and “developing youth intentionally for missional, congregational, and pastoral leadership.”

Primary Youth Ministry Contact

Please provide information for the person who is the primary contact for youth ministry in your congregation. This person could be a paid staff member such as a youth minister or director of youth ministry, or he or she could be a volunteer if your congregation does not have youth ministry staff. If your congregation has more than one person in this role, please designate one as the primary contact.

Name _____

Address _____

(city) _____ (state/province) _____ (ZIP/postal code) _____

Youth pastor Senior pastor Associate pastor Volunteer Other

Phone (_____) _____ home work cell

Email _____

We have no youth ministry contact.