

United Church of Canada Congregational Trends

The following charts show the history up to 2008 of selected United Church of Canada data for Congregations on average, and, based on the previous 10 years (1999-2008), projects what the data might be in 2025.

In summary, on average, in 2025 a United Church of Canada Congregation will have:

- 107 Members
- 14 Average Weekly Attendance
- 52 Financially Supporting Households
- 0 New Members Received By Profession of Faith by the year 2020.
- 0 Members in Sunday School by the year 2018.
- 0 Baptisms (All Ages) by the year 2020.
- 0 Weddings by the year 2019
- 4 Funerals

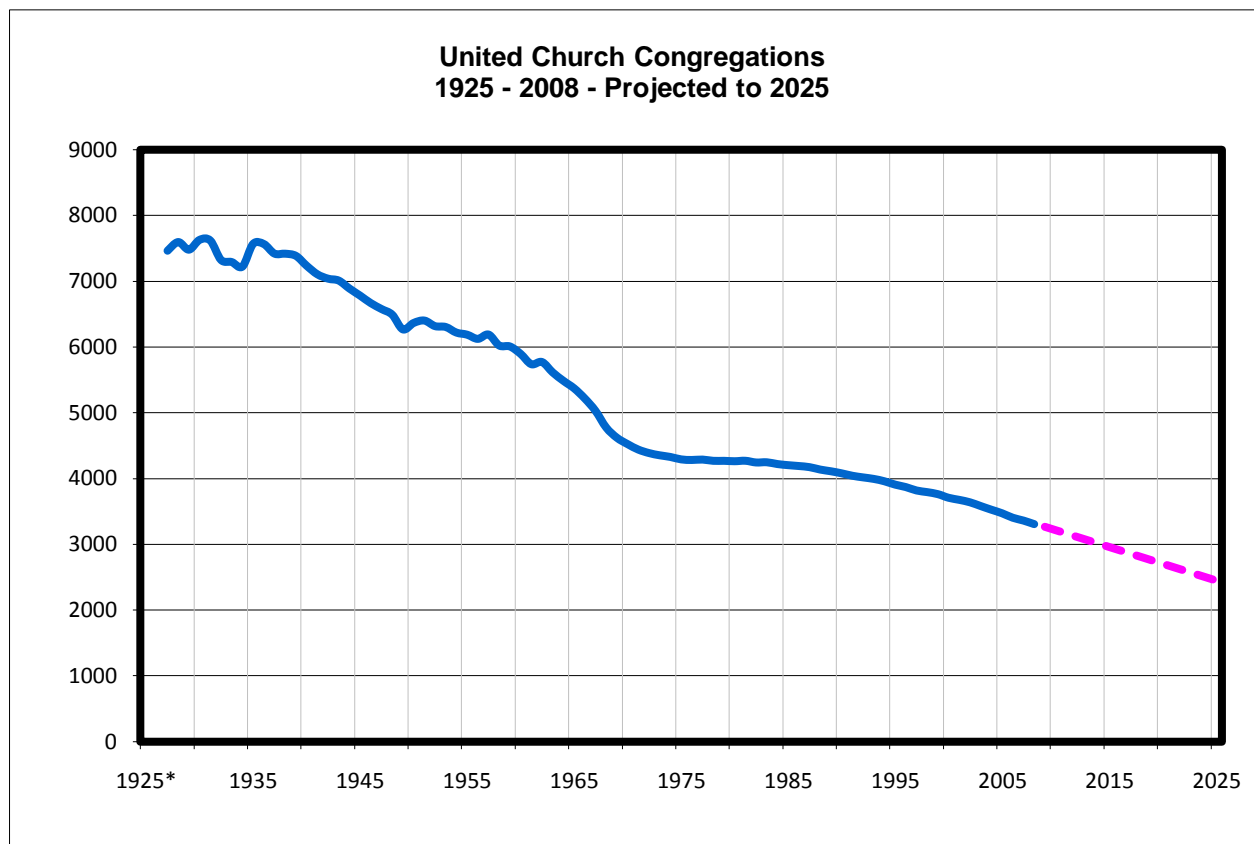
United Church Congregations

As of December 31, 2008 the number of United Church Congregations (or Preaching Places) was 3,308.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, the number of Congregations in 2025 will be 2,444.

This will be a loss of 864 or 26% of 2008 Congregations.

Note: The rate of decline of Congregations is much higher than that for Pastoral Charges. The result is that more Pastoral Charges have fewer Congregations, and more Pastoral Charges have part-time Ministers.

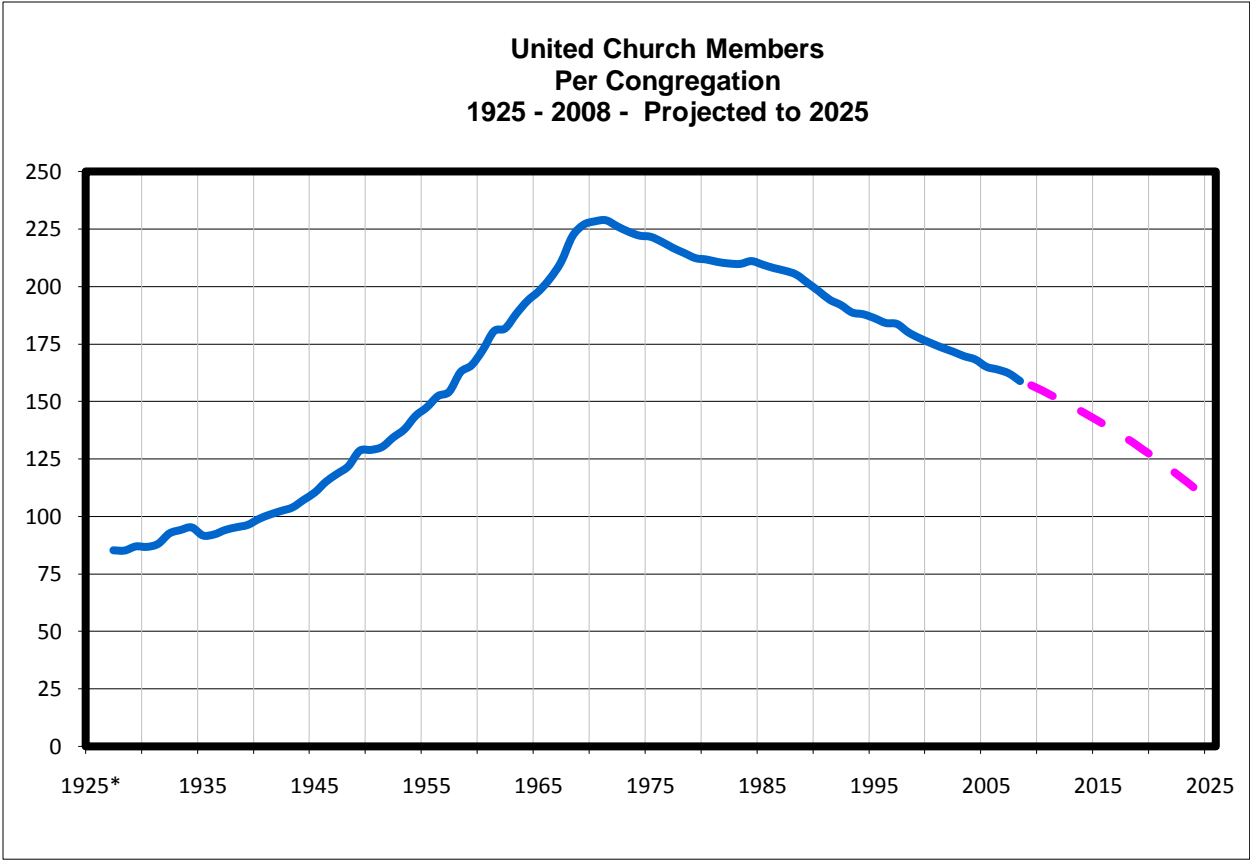


United Church Membership per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008 the average United Church Total Membership (Resident and Non-Resident) per Congregation was 159.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, average Membership in 2025 will be 107.

This will be a loss on average of 52 or 33% of 2008 Members.



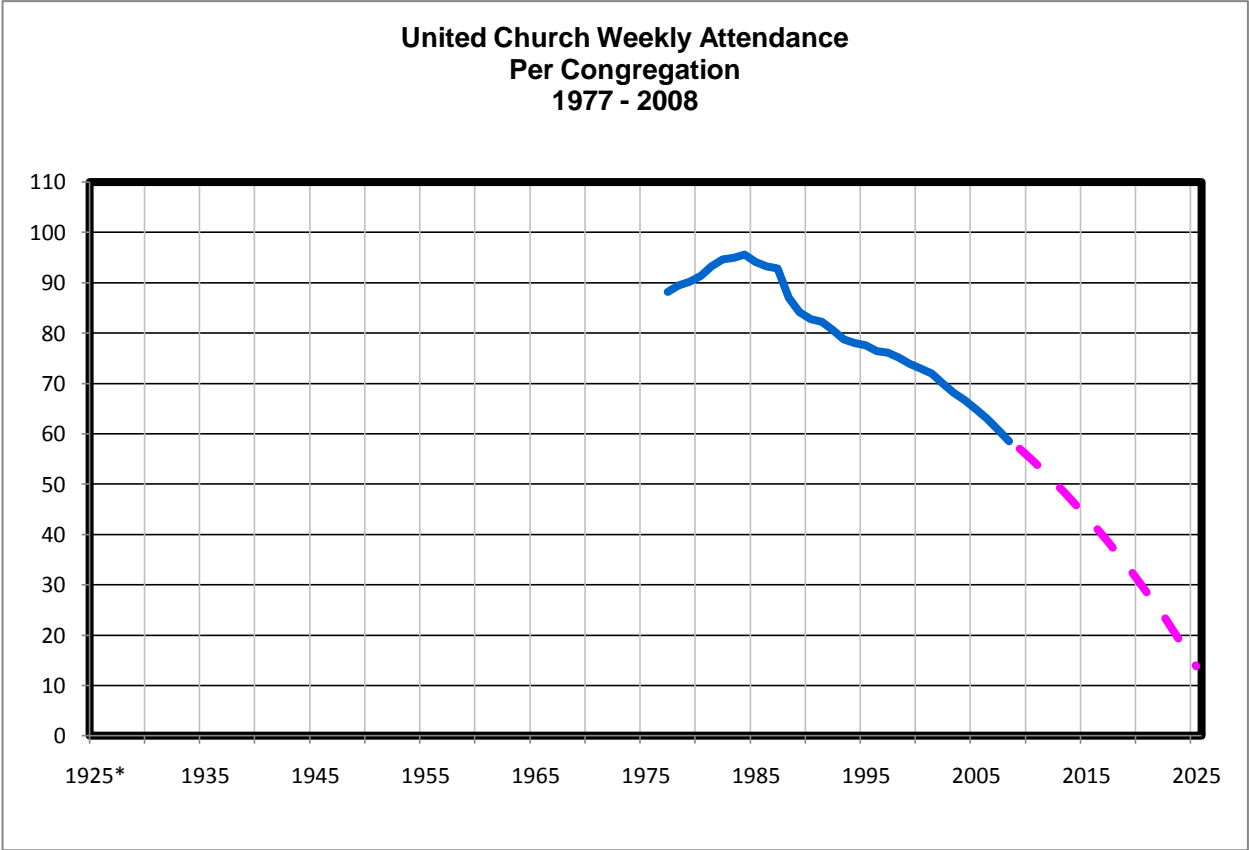
United Church Average Weekly Attendance Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the Average Weekly Attendance per Congregation was 58.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, Attendance in 2025 will be 14.

This will be a loss, on average, of 44 or 76% of the number attending church in 2008.

Note: The Average Weekly Attendance was nationally recorded beginning in 1977.



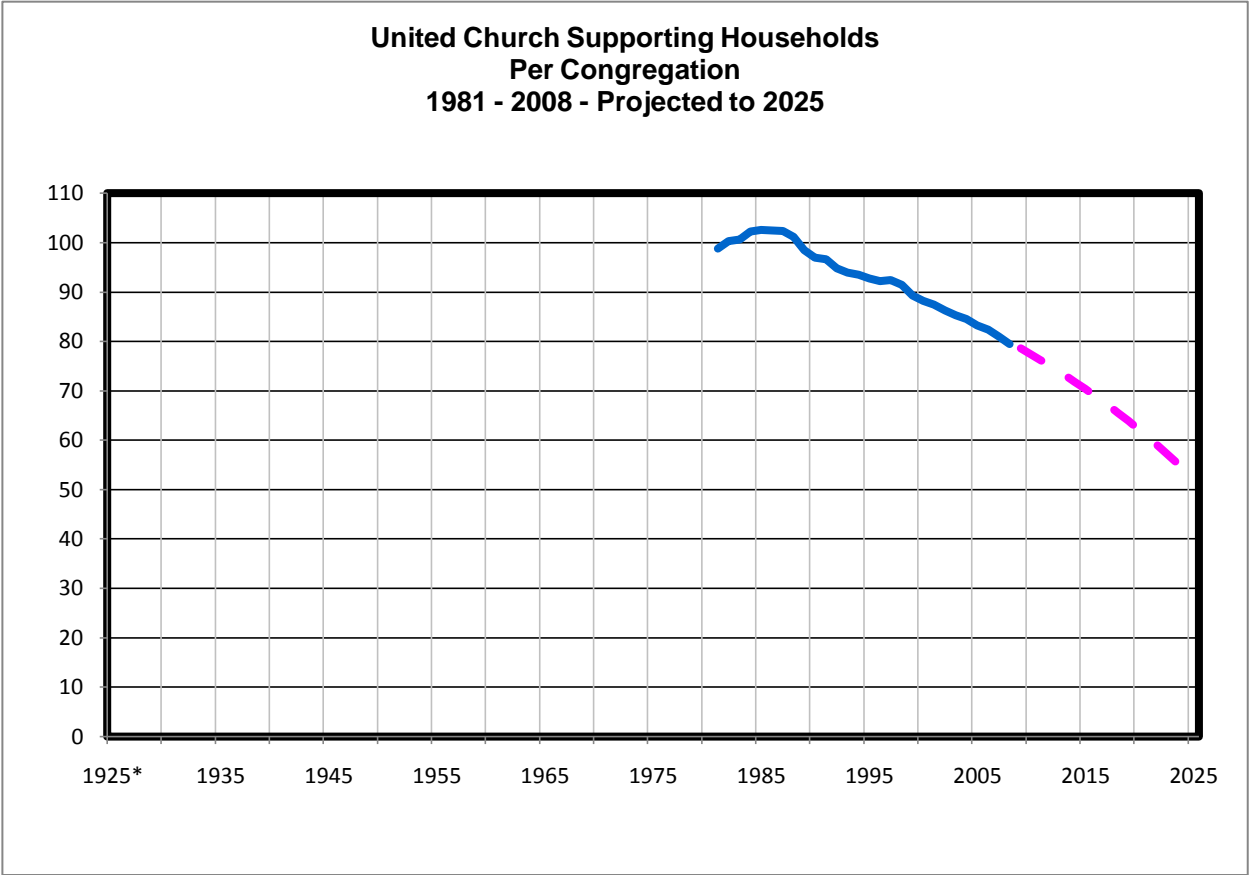
United Church Financially Supporting Households Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the number of Financially Supporting Households per Congregation was 79.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, the number of Supporting Households in 2025 will be 52.

This will be a loss of 27 or 34% of the number of Supporting Households in 2008.

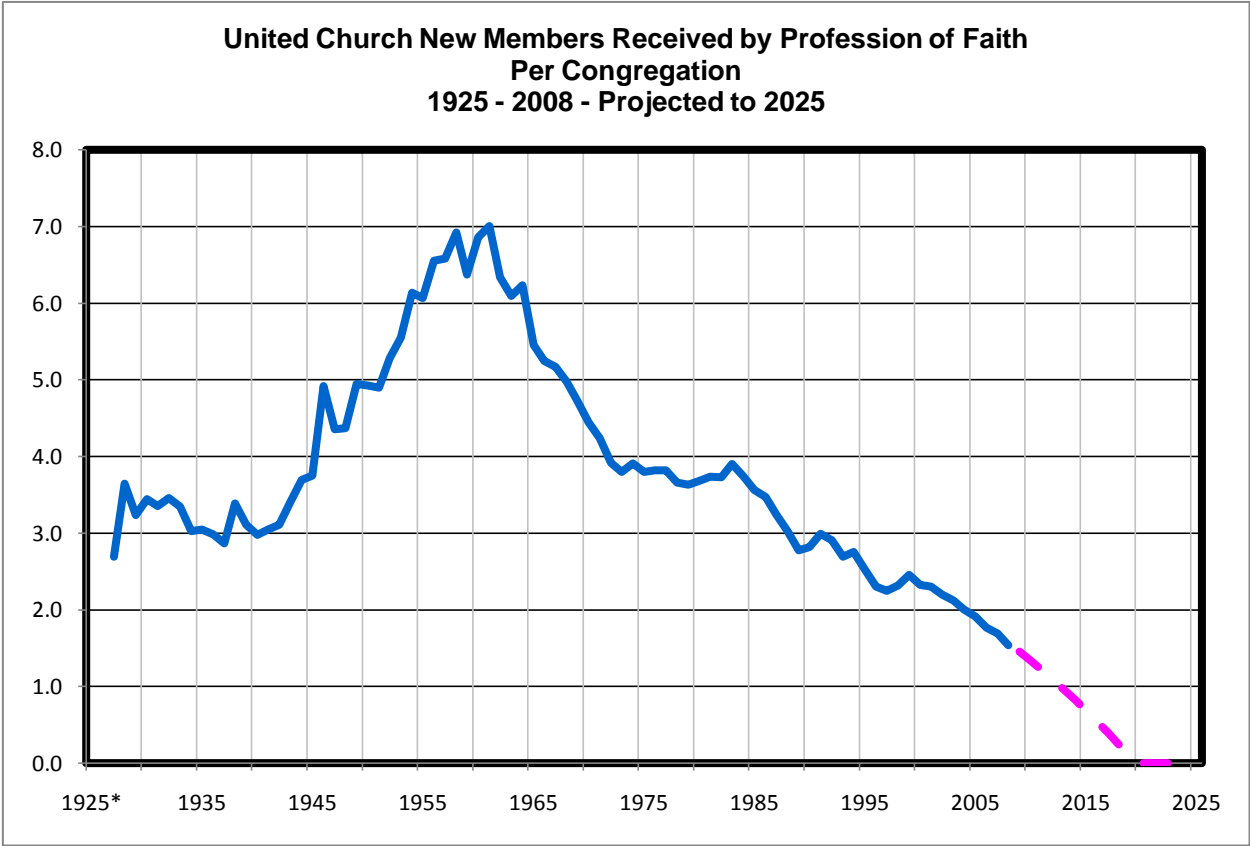
Note: The number of Financially Supporting Households was nationally recorded beginning in 1981.



United Church New Members Received by Profession of Faith Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the total New Members received by Profession of Faith per Congregation (that is, those who have never been members of any church before) was 1.5.

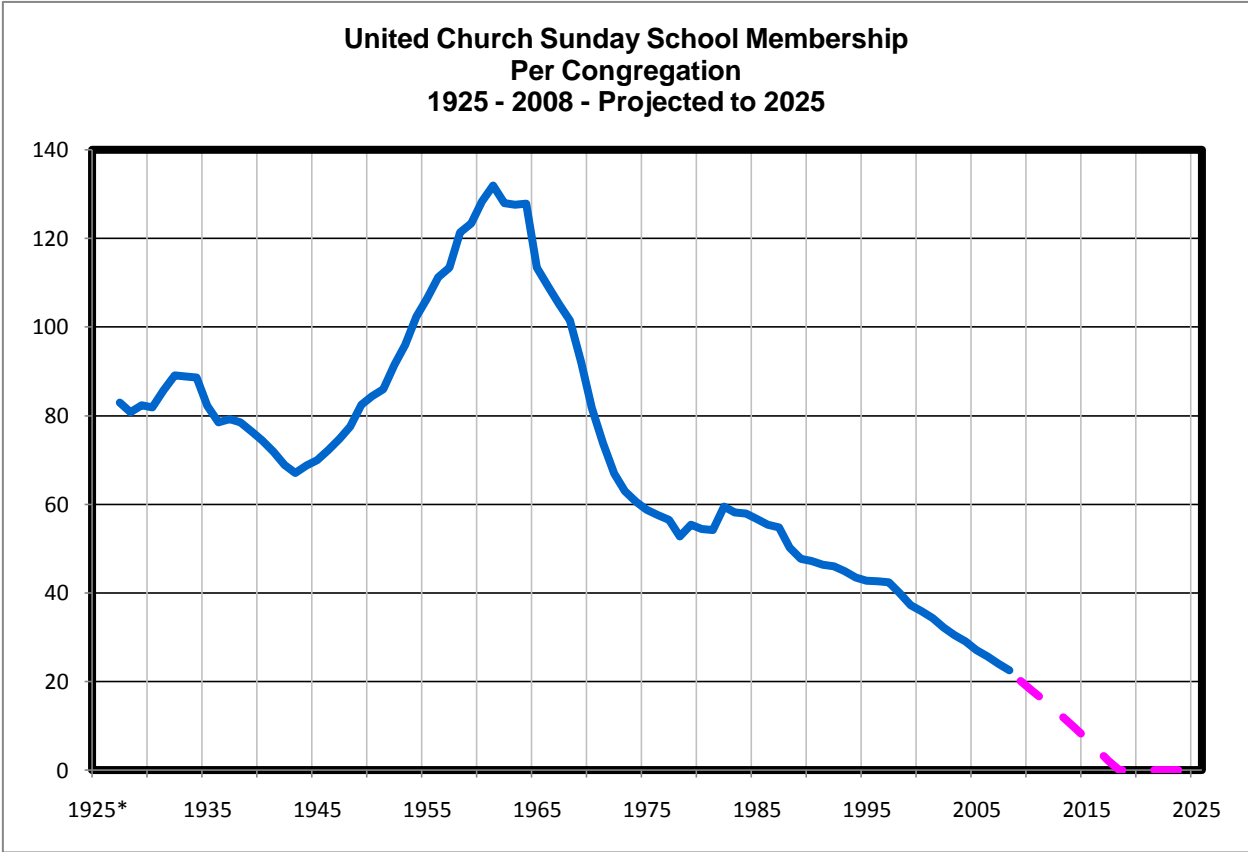
If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, on average, the number of New Members in 2020 will be zero.



United Church Sunday School Membership Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, United Church Sunday School Membership per Congregation was 22.5.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, on average, Sunday School Membership per Congregation will be zero in 2018.

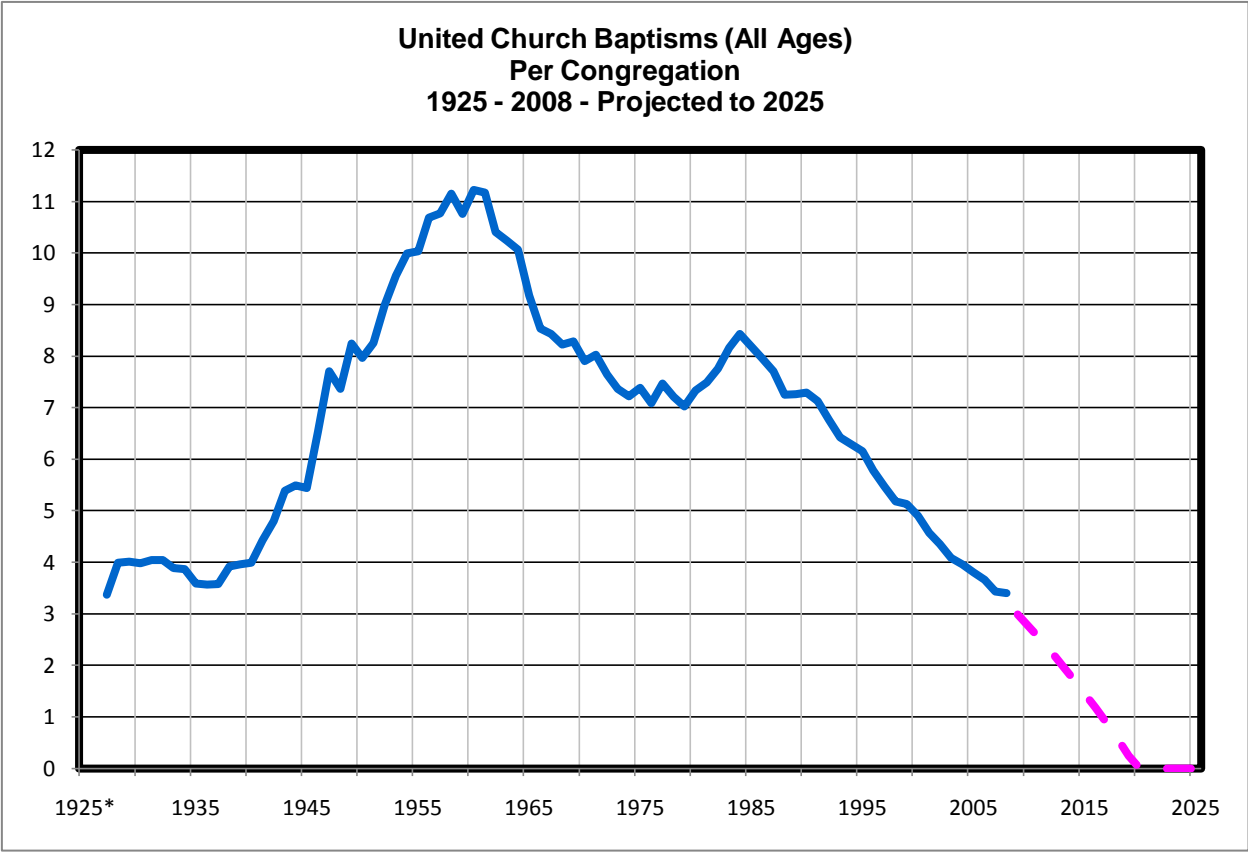


United Church Baptisms (All Ages) Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the total of all Baptisms per Congregation was 3.4.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, on average, the total of all Baptisms per Congregation will be zero in 2020.

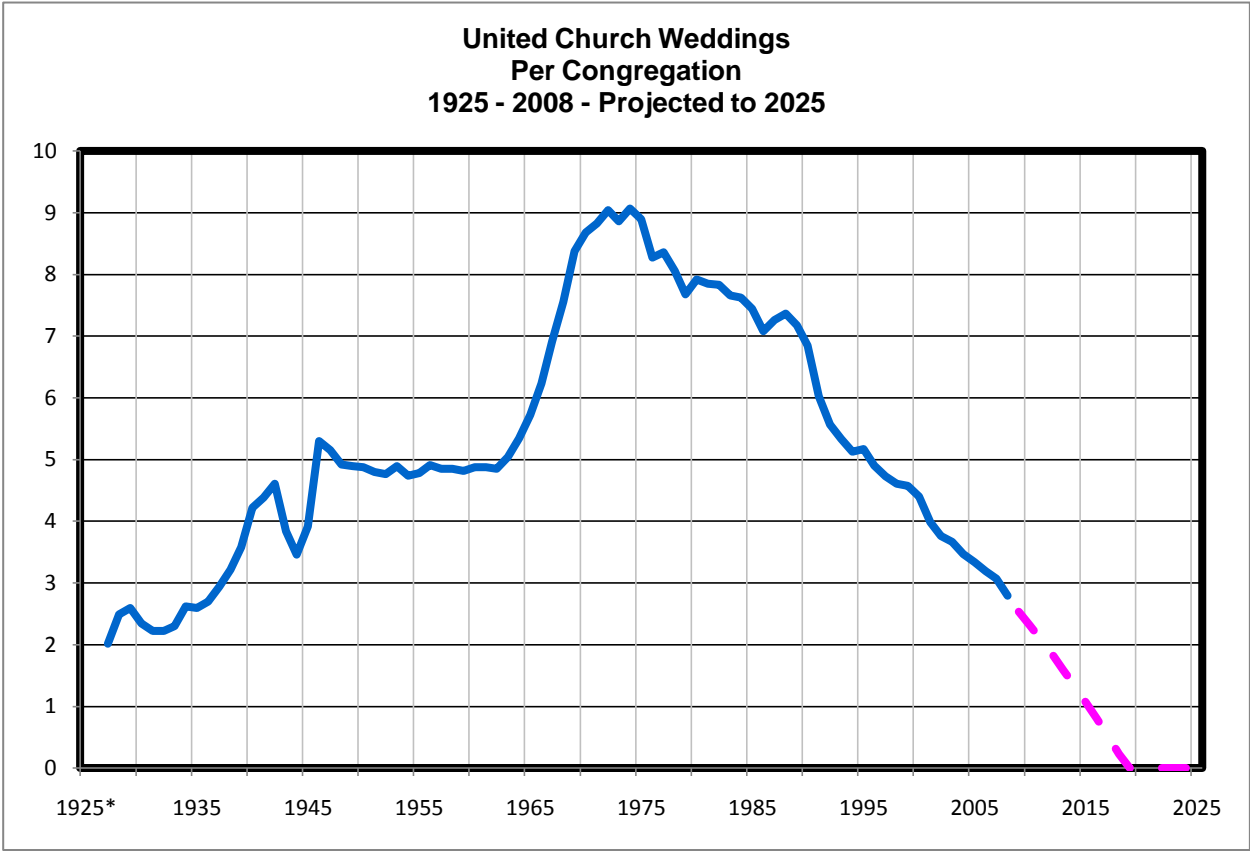
Note: The number of adults baptized each year is about 10% of the total.



United Church Weddings Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the total number of United Church Weddings performed per Congregation was 2.8

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, on average, the total number of Weddings per Congregation will be zero in 2019.



United Church Funerals Per Congregation

As of December 31, 2008, on average, the total number of United Church Funerals performed per Congregation was 6.4.

If the trend for the past 10 years continues unchanged, on average, the number of Funerals performed per Congregation will be 4.0 in 2025.

