

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
STATISTICAL SUMMARY -- 2009**

(Awards will be based on the 2008 yearly reports received from churches by the deadline
of February, 14, 2008.)

STEWARDSHIP AWARDS WILL GO TO:

The churches in the Southern Conference with the Largest Percentage Increase in Giving to Our Church's Wider Mission in 2008:

- 1) ENCA: Word of Life UCC, Moncure, NC
Umstead UCC, Raleigh, NC
- 2) EVA: St. Luke UCC, Sedley, NC
Lynnhaven Colony Congregational UCC, Virginia Beach, VA
- 3) WNCA: Monticello UCC, Browns Summit, NC
Salem Reformed UCC, Lincolnton, NC

In 2004, a New Award was created for the Churches in the Southern Conference with the Most Promising Future- "The Rising Star Award" for the most progress in growth, giving, and supporting missions and programs of the Southern Conference and the United Church of Christ.

The following churches are being recognized this year as "Rising Stars:"

Eastern North Carolina Association: Grace UCC, Burlington, NC

Eastern Virginia Association: Bayside UCC, Virginia Beach, VA

Western North Carolina Association: Congregational UCC, Greensboro, NC

In 2009, the Southern Conference is giving recognition to a pastor and to a lay person in each Association who has given outstanding service and dedication to their church, Association and Conference. Pastor Recognition is being given to the following:

**Eastern Virginia Association:
Rev. Lisa Gaul, Hampton, VA**

**Eastern North Carolina Association:
Rev. J. C. Cheek, Durham, NC**

**Western North Carolina Association:
Rev. Jim Simonds, Thomasville, NC**

Laity Recognition:

Eastern Virginia Association: Mr. David Sanford, Chesapeake, VA
Eastern North Carolina Association: Mrs. Katherine Floyd, Burlington, NC
Western North Carolina Association: Mr. Doug Sink, Lexington, NC

OTHER STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Total Membership of Churches in Southern Conference

2008 Membership	33,684
2006 Membership	34,044
Net Loss	360

Total Churches

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Schedule I Churches	2
Schedule II Churches	2

Ministers Retired Since 2008 Annual Gathering

Rev. Lary Diehl, EVA
Rev. Eddie Weathers, ENCA
Rev. Augustus Miles, ENCA

Ministers Who Transferred Into the Southern Conference

Rev. Lon McSherley to Western North Carolina Association
Rev. Arnold Lewinger to Western North Carolina Association
Rev. Janet Weidler to Western North Carolina Association
Rev. Richard Weidler to Western North Carolina Association
Rev. Paula Martin to Eastern North Carolina Association
Rev. Mary Dockery to Eastern Virginia Association
Rev. Stephen Broache to Eastern Virginia Association

Ministers Deceased Since 2008 Annual Meeting

Rev. Mach Welch
Rev. Ronald G. Coleman
Rev. John Henry Jones
Rev. Walter Gibson
Rev. William Andes
Rev. Samuel Nelson
Rev. William Griffiths

Church Anniversaries

Bethany UCC, Claremont , NC (100 years)
Monticello UCC, Browns Summitt, NC (100 years)