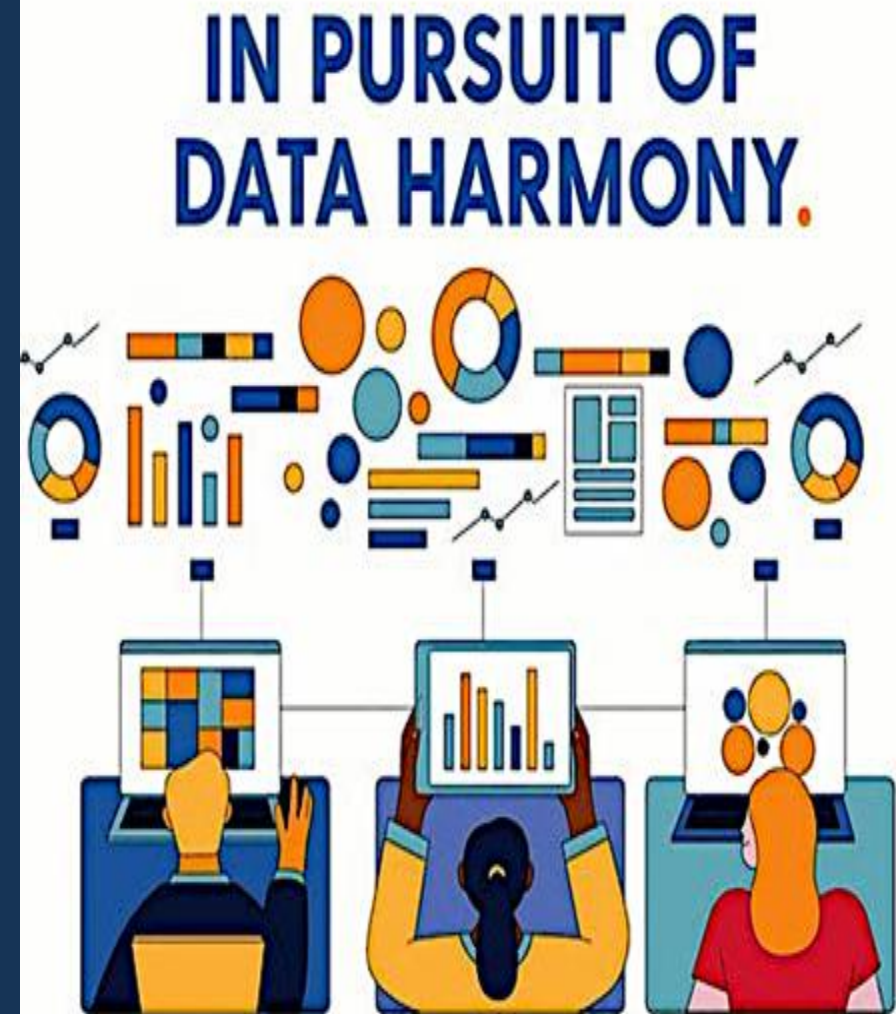




Data in the UMC

Data In The UMC:

How is my data
being used
and why does it
matter?



Local Church Reports

Tables 1, 2 and 3

What happens to the statistical reports?

Does anybody use them?

Does it make a difference?

Data gathered on these forms provides important information we all need to enable ministry on a local church, annual conference and general Church level.

Data Helps

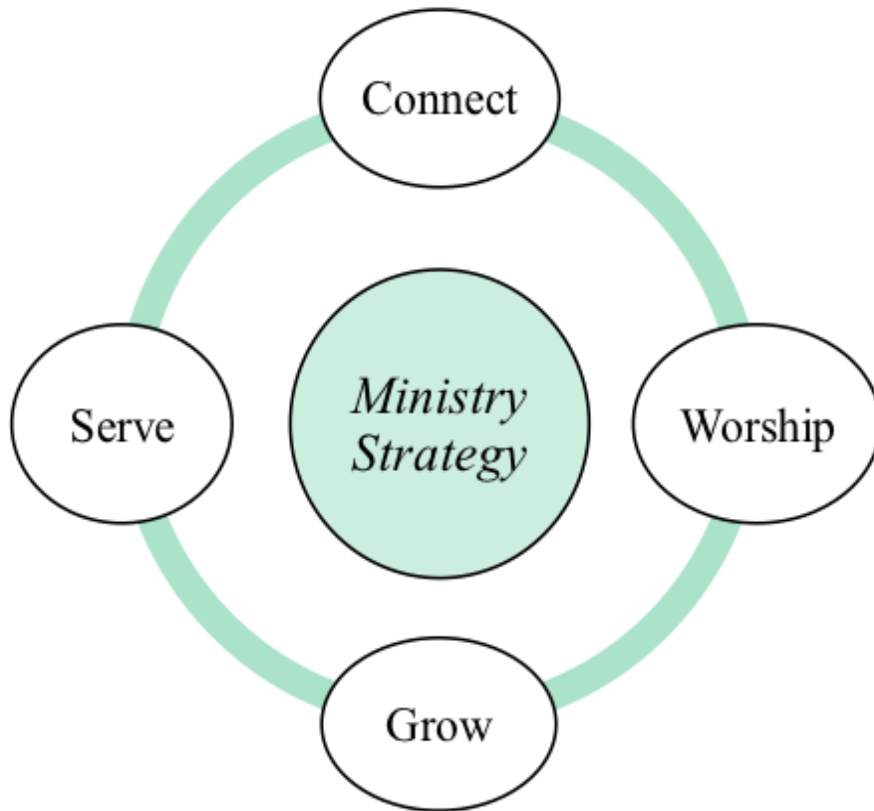
Local Church

Annual Conference

General Church Level

Beyond the Local Church and Annual Conference

Local Church



Strengthen the Church Body =

- Helps fulfill the mission of the church
- What areas are doing well
- What areas need more time and work
- Who makes up the congregation, leadership and partners of the church
- Where to focus on community outreach
- How/Where to offer small groups and bible studies

Local Church Strive

Growing Your Church Community



Providing data sets
for denominational
leadership to
understand trends



How is the church
engaging or not
engaging



Reminds us while numerical
growth is important, focus
on the quality of new
members and their
engagement with the
church

Annual Conference



Together We Can Conference



The Bishop and cabinet use the statistics to assist in the clergy appointment process.

Another important use for the annual conference is to help identify local churches which are having extraordinary success in a certain area of ministry

The reporting of the statistics tell an important story, which could enable other churches to strengthen ministries.

Annual Conference Growth

Supporting The Vision Of Local Churches.



Episcopal formula
for determining the
number of bishops



Apportionment
calculations



General Conference
delegate counts



Identifies local
churches that are
having great impact
in certain area of
ministry

Sharing Data Trends for Growing the UMC

Who's Getting And Using These Trends



Once the Statistical forms are finalized

This is when all conference have submitted their stats



All agencies receive a data file to analyze data trends

Increases collaboration and improving data quality

General Church Level - Agencies

Beyond The Local Church And Annual Conference

GBGM

Help annual conferences, districts, and local churches plan how to more effectively minister within their own communities. Church statistics are combined with demographic data by the office of research to help local churches analyze where there are new opportunities for outreach.

UMPH

Uses them to assist in planning resources and marketing. The statistics help to determine where resources are already being used and where there may be opportunities to provide new resources to local churches.

General Church Level - Agencies

Beyond The Local Church And Annual Conference

GCORR & COSROW

use them to assist in monitoring and raising consciousness of gender and racial/ethnic inclusiveness in The United Methodist Church. Gender and Racial/Ethnic membership information provides a measure of progress toward the United Methodist Church's commitment toward becoming a fully inclusive denomination.

CT

uses the statistics as baseline and supplemental information in surveys of local churches. One recent and interesting study is Faith Communities Today, an interdenominational study.

What About Other Ways My Data Is Shared?



**To Reduce
duplication of
Reporting**



**UMC Sites:
UMData,
GCFA.org, Vital
Signs and Find-
A-Church**



**Denomination
Research**



QUESTION & ANSWER

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Thank You!



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