

# Mid-South District

Chart A - Congregations and Total Membership

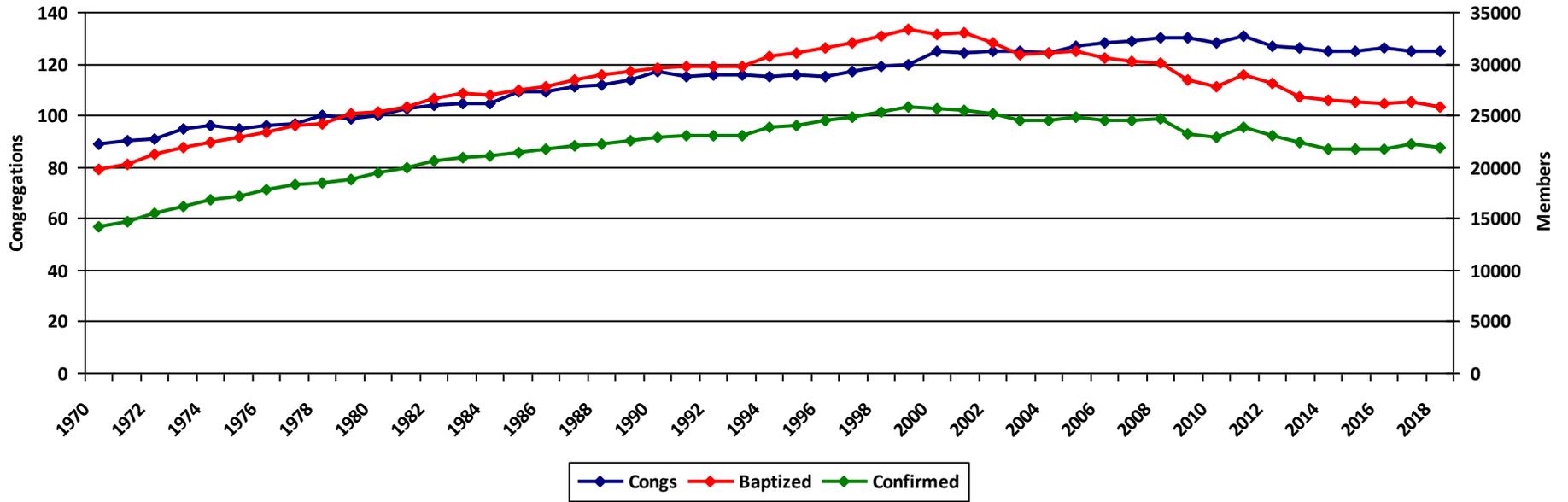
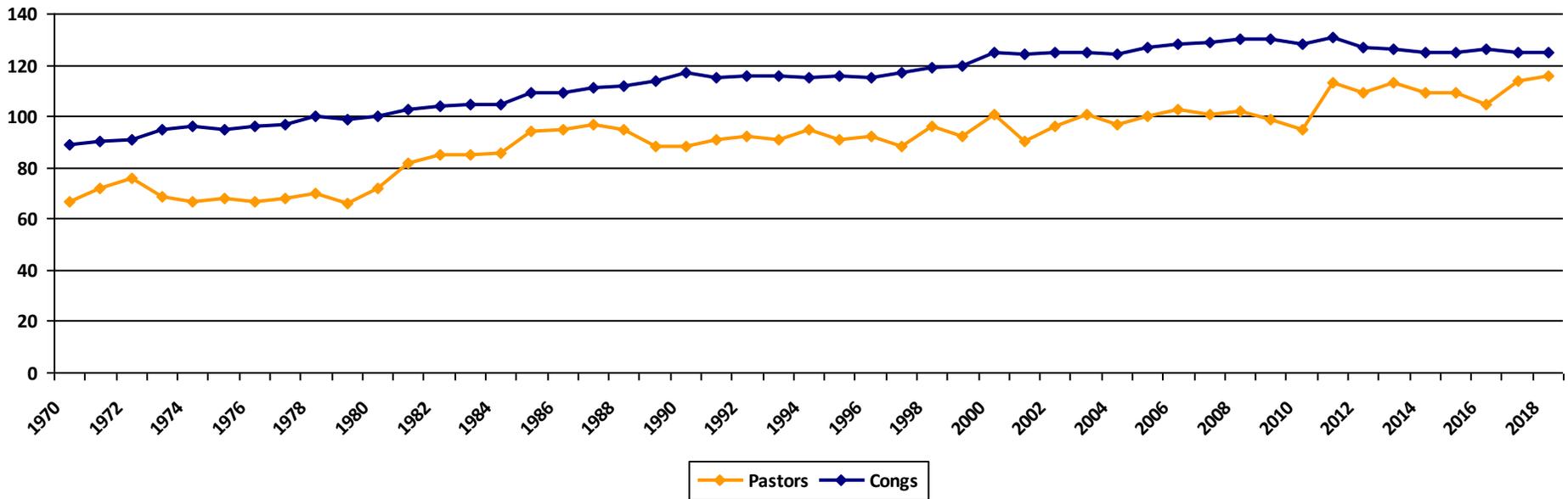
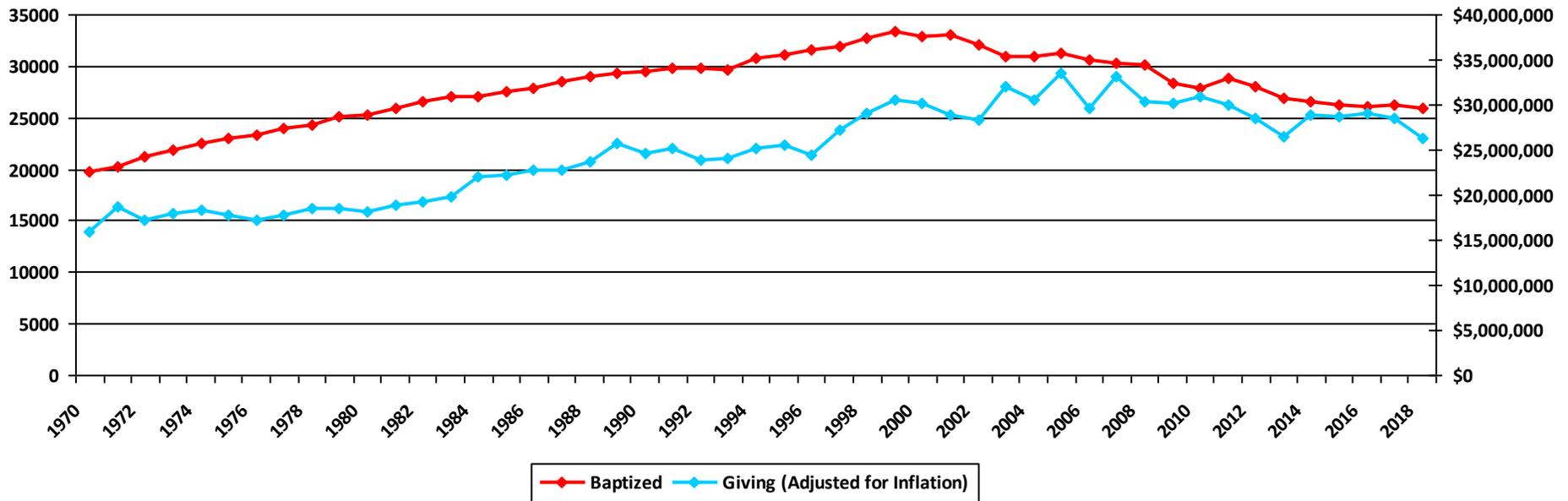


Chart B - Congregations and Number of Parish Pastors



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Chart C - Membership and Giving (adjusted for inflation)



### Analysis of the Mid-South District Charts

\* Chart A - The Mid-South District is one of a few LCMS Districts that has seen substantial growth in overall membership numbers since 1970.

\* Chart A - This growth in membership numbers actually exceeded the rate of increase of congregations, until the early 2000s. Congregations have since continued growing, while membership numbers have declined.

\* Chart B - While increasing its number of congregations, Mid-South has also recently closed the gap between the number of congregations and parish pastors.

\* Chart C - Despite the downturn in membership numbers in the 2000s, giving levels remain high in the Mid-South District.