Analysis of the Iowa West District Charts

* Chart A - Despite seeing a gradual increase in the number of congregations, the Iowa West District has seen a slow decline of membership over the past 40 years. This decline has accelerated over the past ten years.

* Chart C - Giving in the Iowa West District has roughly followed the trend in membership.

* Chart C - Several districts, like Iowa West, show a pronounced drop in giving in 2008. While this may be due in part to the national recession, it is worth noting that significantly fewer congregations reported their financials that year.