Southern Illinois District
Chart A - Congregations and Total Membership

Chart B - Congregations and Number of Parish Pastors
Analysis of the Southern Illinois District Charts

* Chart A - From 1970 - 2010, the Southern Illinois District maintained its membership numbers quite well. The declines since 2010 have not been as noticeable as in other districts.

* Chart B - Southern Illinois has also kept a fairly consistent ratio of pastors to congregations, though in the most recent years, the number of pastors has dropped.

* Chart C - Whereas many districts have seen giving increase even if their membership is in decline, the Southern Illinois District has seen an overall decline in total giving over the last few decades (with only a brief up-turn in the mid-90s).

* Chart C - While giving in the early 2000s temporarily exceeded the giving in the early 1970s (adjusted for inflation), this was offset by a major drop in giving starting in 2005 and subsequent years.

* Chart C - The major drop in giving in 2005 came despite increases in both baptized and confirmed membership.