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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 Atlantic District Charts

* All Charts - In 1973, the New Jersey and New England Districts were formed out of Atlantic District congregations. This accounts for the dramatic drop in all statistics for the Atlantic District.

* All Charts - The subsequent decline in 1977-1978 can be seen in several districts, but is most noticeable in districts near the northern Atlantic coast. This dip is likely due to the controversy in those years.

* Chart A - Since 1980, the total number of congregations has held steady, while the number of members has been gradually declining.

Chart B - During the 1990s and early 2000s the number of parish pastors dipped quite low relative to the number of congregations, but in recent years that gap has closed considerably.

C - Giving has very closely followed the membership trend line.