Analysis of the New Jersey District Charts

* All Charts - The New Jersey District was created in 1973, out of the Atlantic District.

* Chart A - Unlike neighboring districts that also experienced losses in the late 70s, the New Jersey district did not do as well at maintaining its membership afterward. Steady decline has continued.

* Chart B - From 2004 - 2006 there was a sudden and rapid loss of parish pastors (nearly 20%) in the New Jersey district. After a brief period of stabilization, another sharp decline in pastors began in 2012.

* Chart C - The New Jersey district is also one of the only LCMS districts that has experienced a steady decline in giving (when adjusted for inflation) over the past few decades. This decline is in line with the declining membership numbers.