

# **Membership and RE Statistics 2013**

Report to the UUA Board

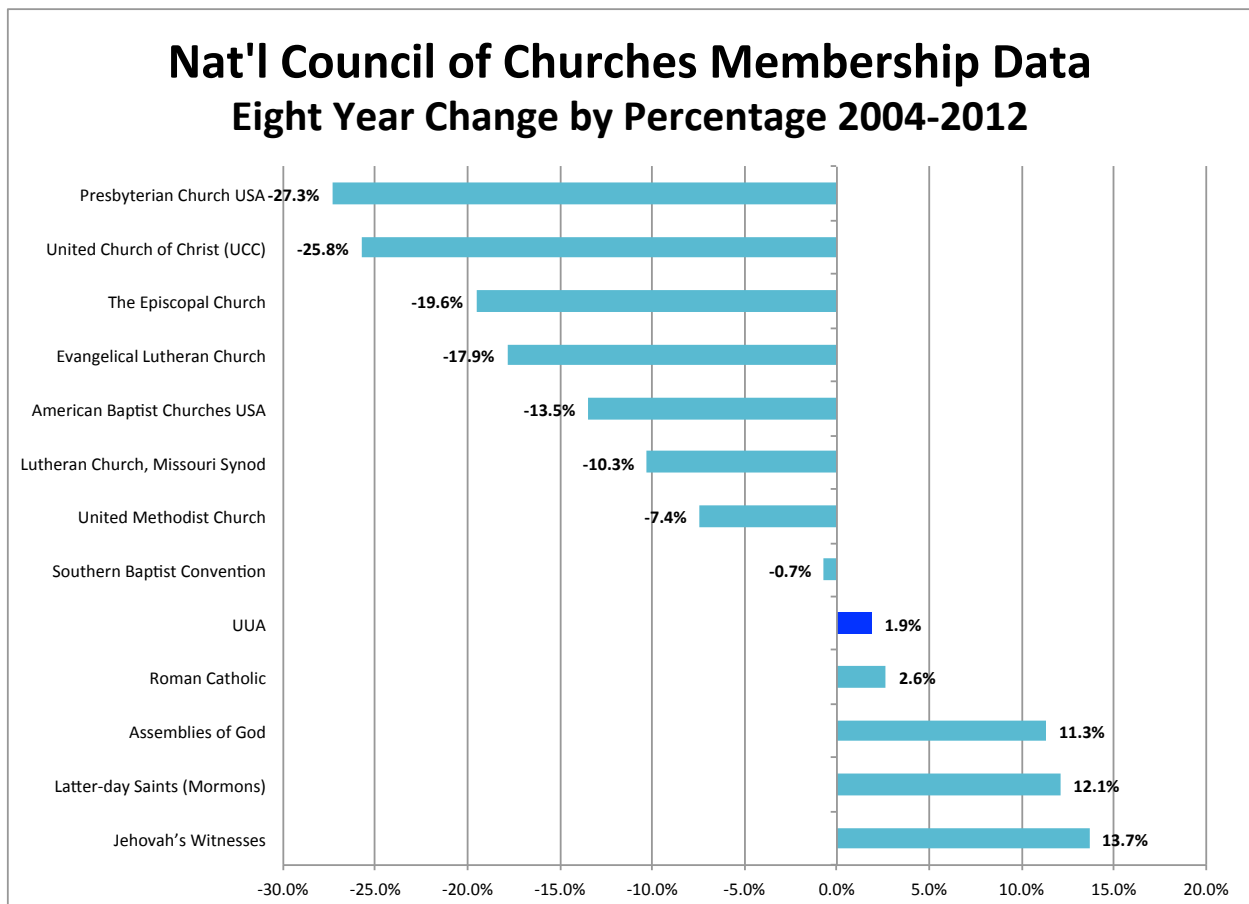
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# Overview

What follows is a selection of charts that summarize the state of the membership, attendance and religious education enrollment of our congregations. We also include information on changes in other religious groups in America for the purpose of context.

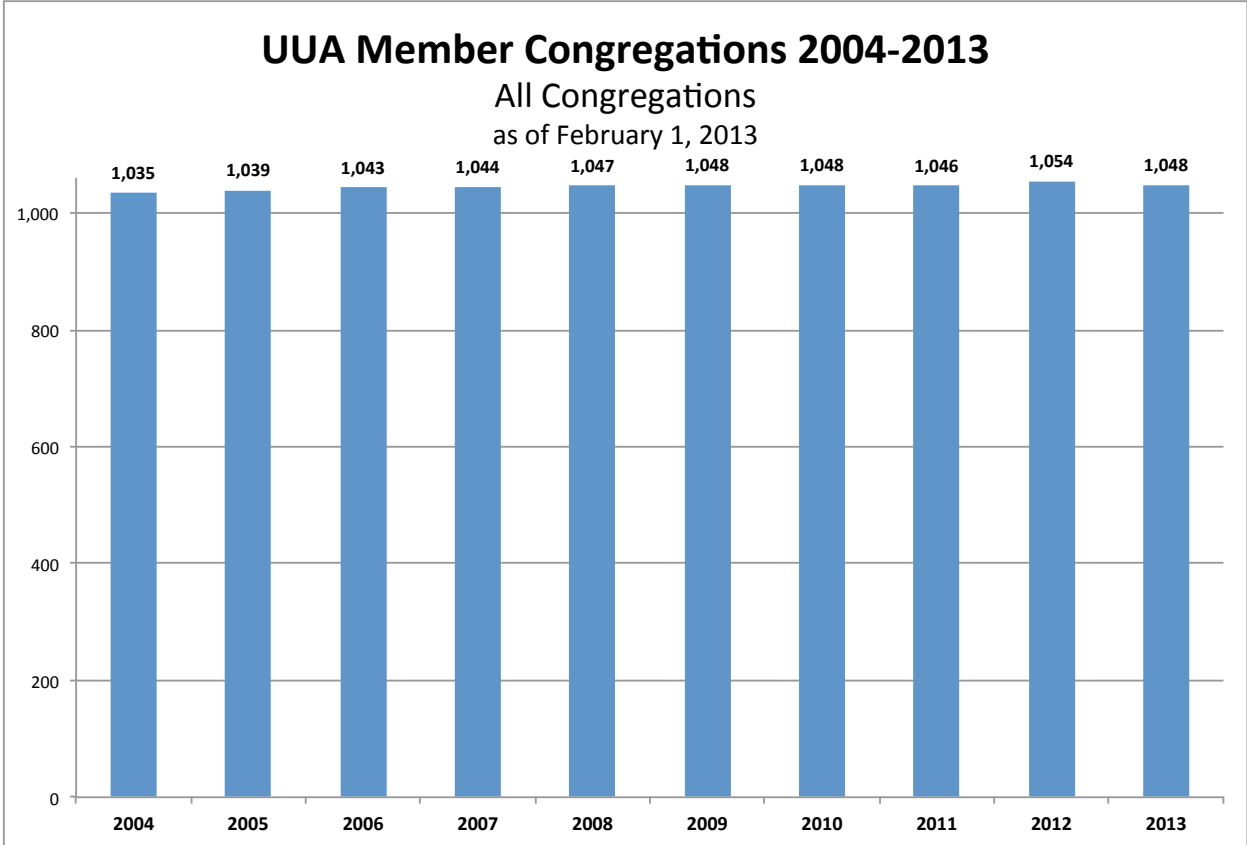
## Decline in US Religious membership

This chart shows changes in the membership of major American denominations. Note that the UUA has done much better than the “mainline” denominations with whom we are historically compared.

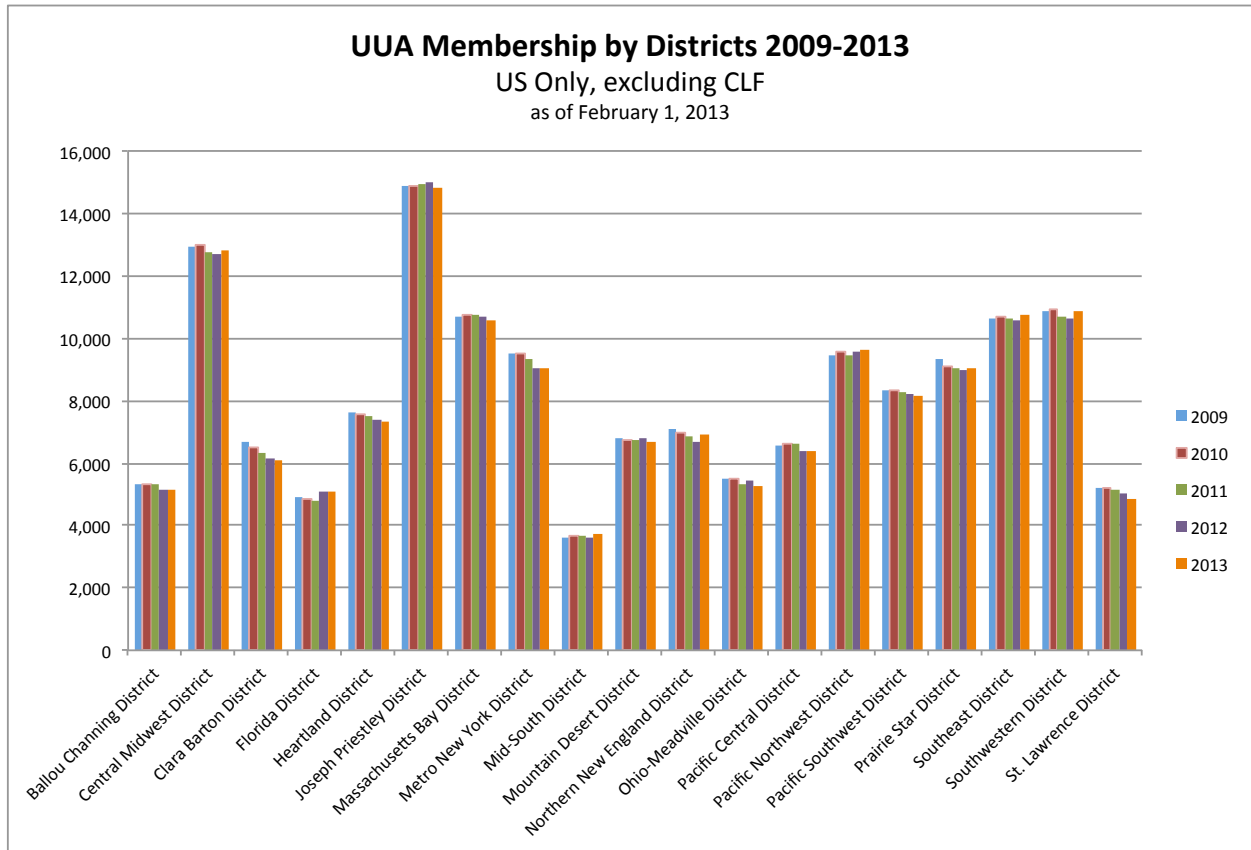


**UUA Charts**

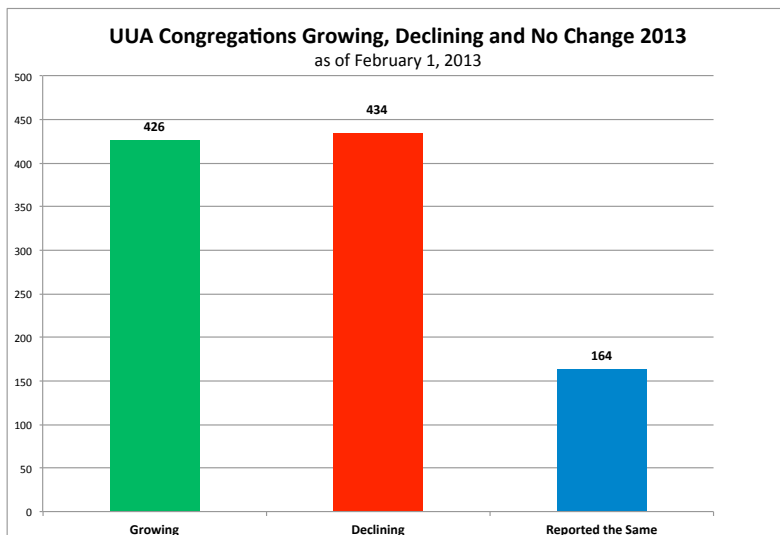
There has been little change in the number of UUA congregations in the past decade.



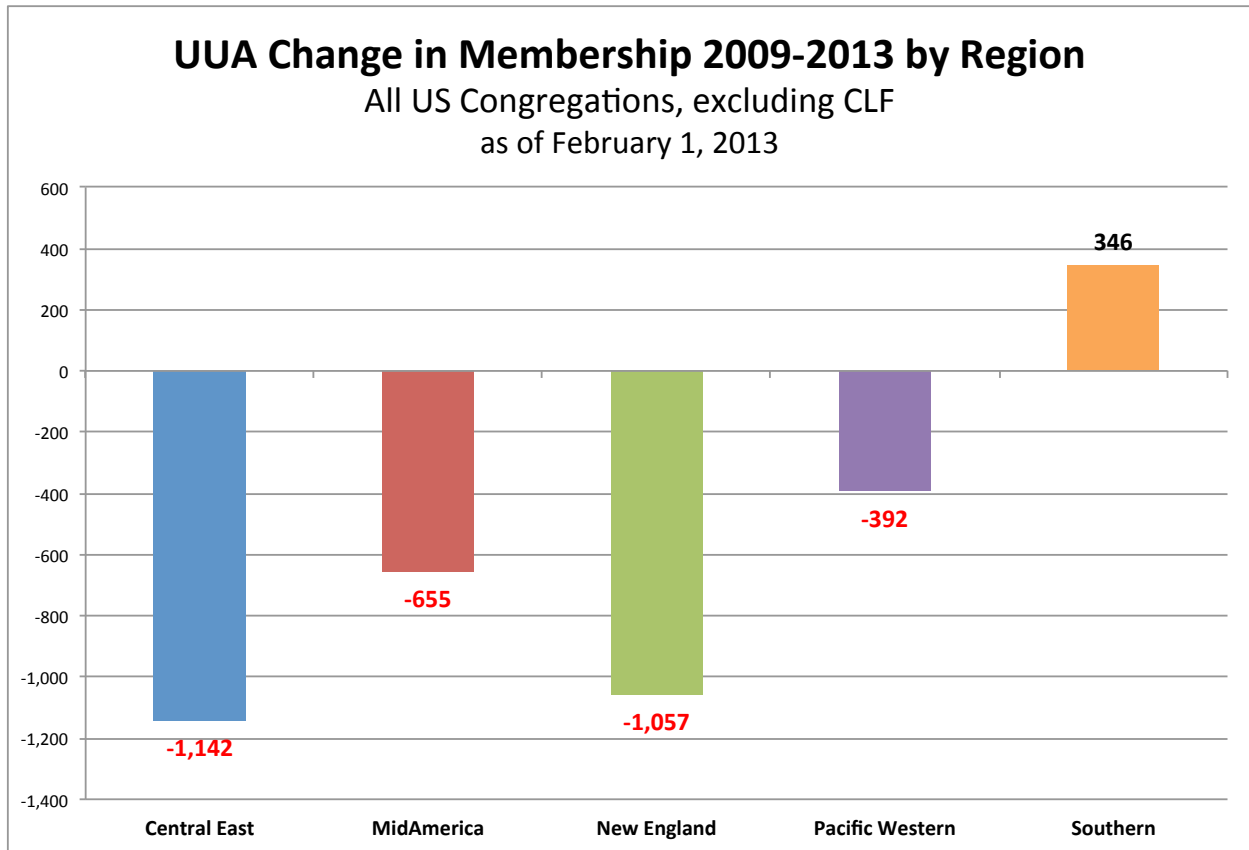
The following chart shows changes in membership by district. Note differences among districts not only in total membership, but in the changes over a five year period.



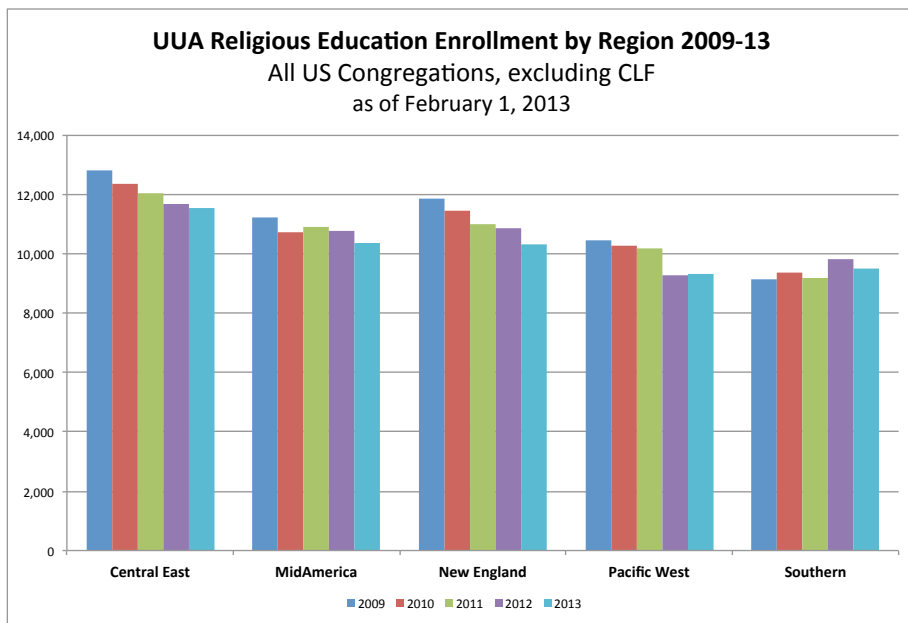
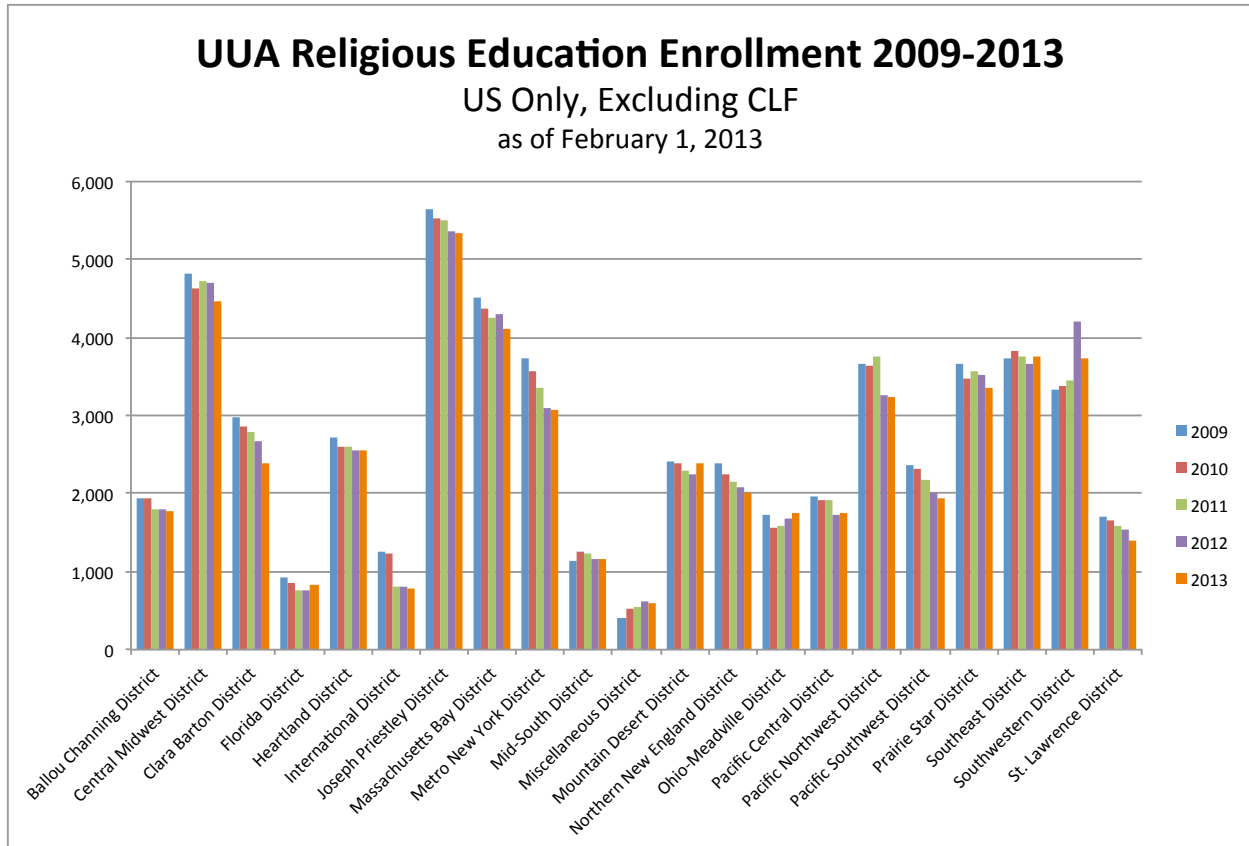
Our national membership numbers tend to hide the fact that many of our congregations are either growing or declining in membership.



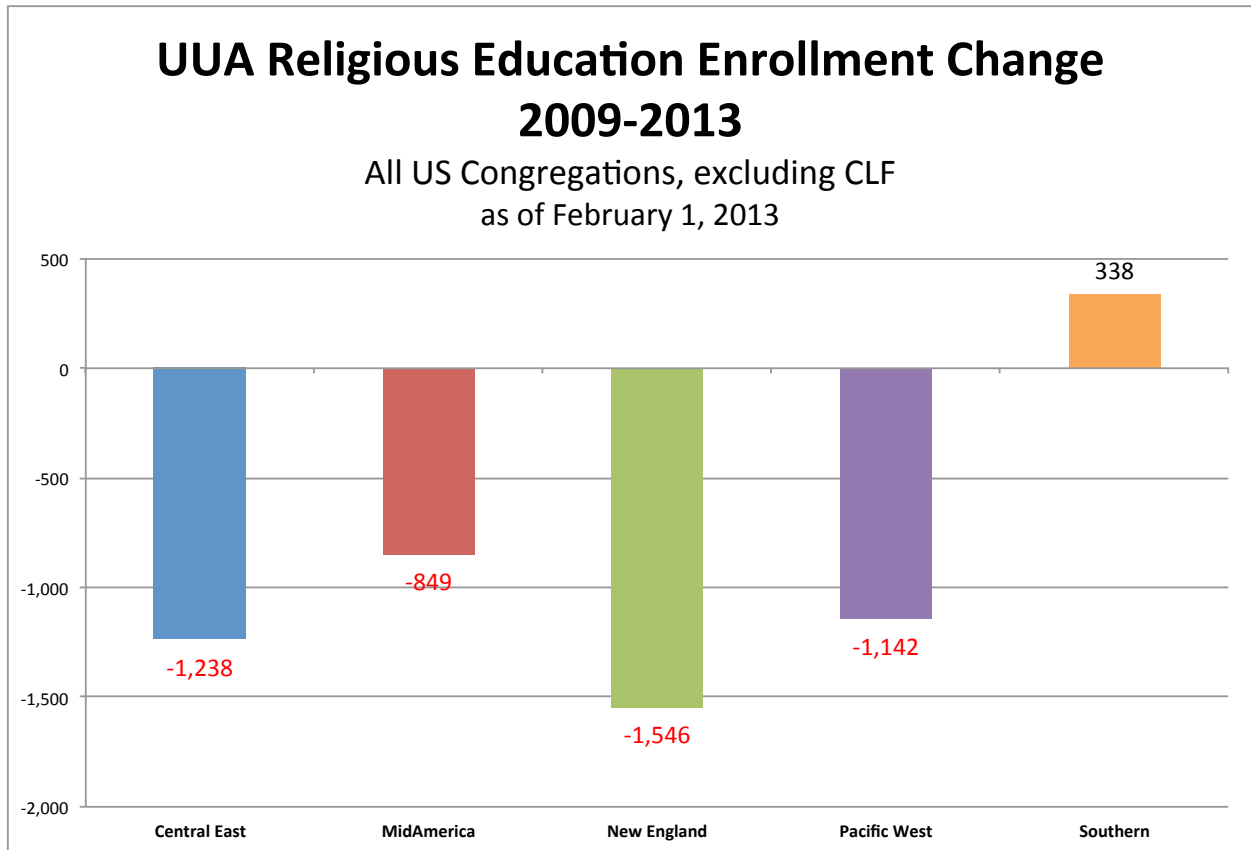
The chart below highlights the regional variation in membership.



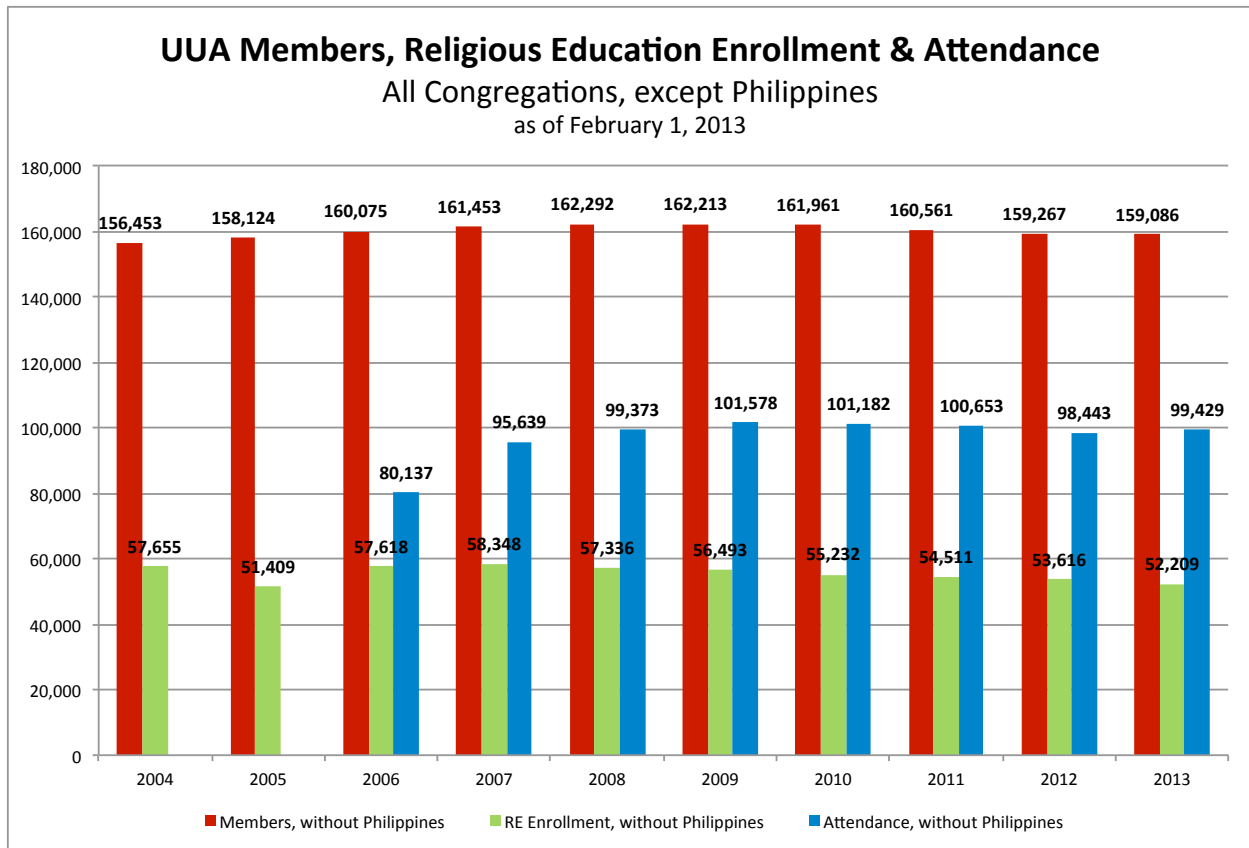
These charts show RE enrollment over the last five years. Note especially the drop in RE enrollment in the New England and Central East regions. The west also saw a significant drop in RE enrollment.



The RE enrollment in the regions shows great variation.



This chart combines membership, RE enrollment and attendance for the past decade. Note the slight decline in membership in the past three years and the decline in RE. Interestingly, the reported attendance has changed little in the past few years.





This chart highlights the change in membership year to year for the last decade. Note that the membership numbers parallel the economic crisis. Note also how, although our reported membership dropped slightly last year (by 181 people, or .1%), the decline slowed. This is particularly interesting in light of the membership numbers reported by most denominations.

