

Overview of Redistricting Legislation and Next Steps

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Name: Reduction from Six Districts to Five

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ACTION:

The Northern Illinois Annual Conference recommends that we reduce the number of Districts and the number of District Superintendents by one, going from six to five, effective July 1, 2021.

RATIONALE

This recommendation is made given the changes in population/demographics, decline in church membership, the number of churches within the Annual Conference and downward financial trends. Also, with onset of technological advances, district work is done more efficiently. Redistricting allows the Annual Conference to more effectively do the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Current Circumstances:

Number of Churches: 352
Avg. Number of Churches per District: 57

Ten (10) Years Ago:

Number of Churches: 374
Avg. Number of Churches per District: 62

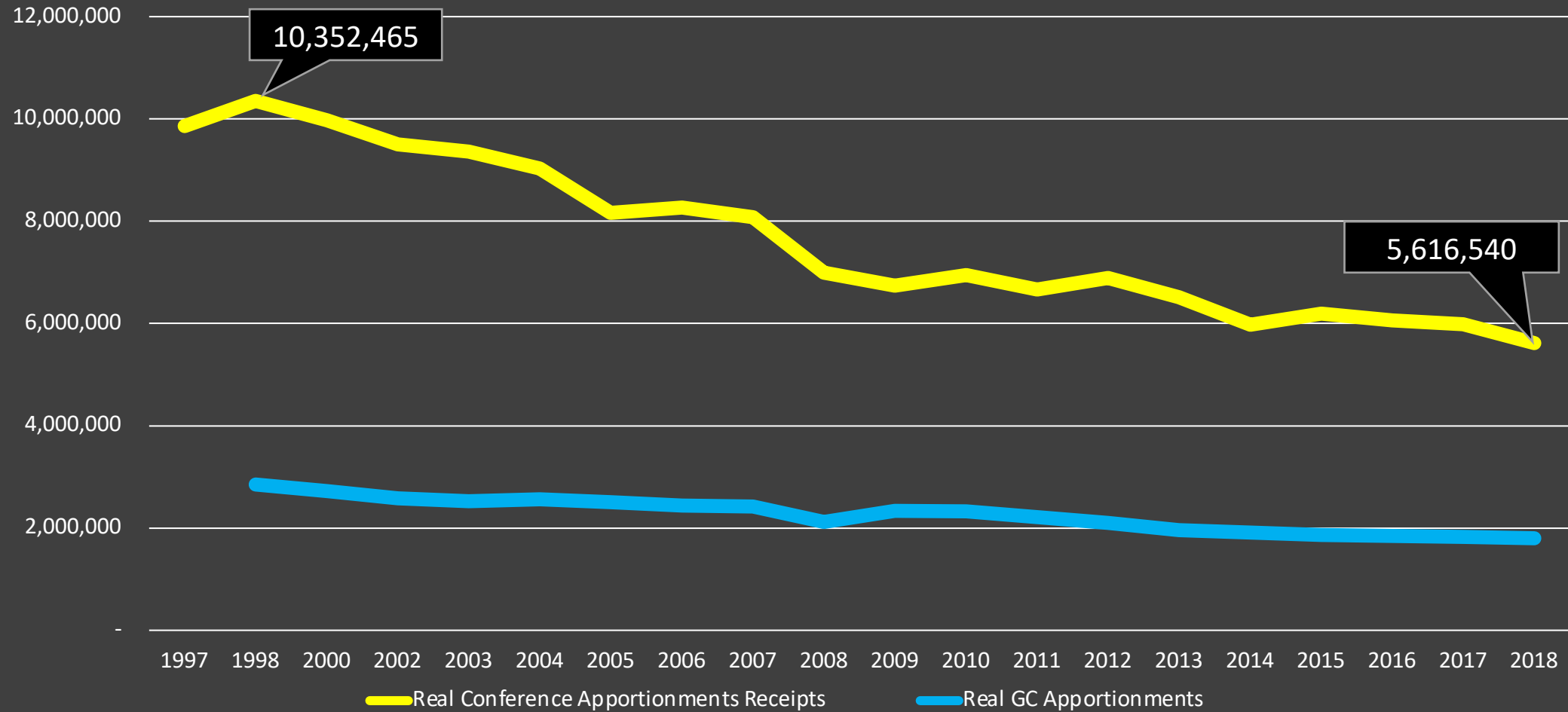
Twenty (20) Years Ago:

Number of Churches: 406
Avg. Number of Churches per District: 68

Thirty (30) Years Ago (First year with 6 Districts):

Number of Churches: 426
Avg. Average Number of Churches per District: 71

Real Apportionment Receipts



Disciplinary Process for Changing Number of Districts (BOD 415.4)

- 1) Annual Conference Session sets the number of districts in the conference via legislative vote.
- 2) Bishop of the conference in consultation with the Cabinet sets the district lines.

Redistricting Process

- 1) The bishop and cabinet are working on alignment of churches for the new number of districts.
- 2) Once the number of districts is set by conference action through vote. . .
- 3) The new districting will be shared throughout the conference for feedback and perfection.
- 4) The new districts will be set by January 1, 2021 and the new configuration will take affect on July 1, 2021.
- 5) During the month of January reconsiderations will be received for any church that feels it should be placed in a different district.

Time line

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| November 14 | Annual Conference vote on redistricting legislation. |
| November/December | New district boundaries introduced throughout the conference. Bishop announces redistricting by end of December. |
| January 1 | New boundaries are set for implementation on July 1, 2021. |
| January 1 - 15 | Request for any reconsideration made to DS. |
| January 15-31 | Adjustments made by Bishop and Cabinet for any reconsiderations. |

Q & A

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