

## 2005 to 2010 Change in Number of ELCA Congregations and Average Worship Attendance by Community Context

|                            | <u>2005</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>Change</u> | <u>% Change</u> | <u>Community Context</u>                     |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Number of Congregations    | 246         | 234         | -12           | -4.9%           | <b>Unknown - Generally New Congregations</b> |
| Average Worship Attendance | 21,345      | 17,718      | -3,627        | -17.0%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 2,402       | 2,250       | -152          | -6.3%           | <b>Rural Farming</b>                         |
| Average Worship Attendance | 160,662     | 133,820     | -26,842       | -16.7%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 616         | 593         | -23           | -3.7%           | <b>Rural Non-Farming</b>                     |
| Average Worship Attendance | 51,793      | 44,267      | -7,526        | -14.5%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 2,036       | 1,928       | -108          | -5.3%           | <b>Small Town &lt; 10,000</b>                |
| Average Worship Attendance | 247,904     | 202,662     | -45,242       | -18.2%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 1,353       | 1,283       | -70           | -5.2%           | <b>Small City 10,000 to 49,999</b>           |
| Average Worship Attendance | 239,381     | 195,148     | -44,233       | -18.5%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 1,132       | 1,080       | -52           | -4.6%           | <b>Medium City 50,000 to 249,999</b>         |
| Average Worship Attendance | 216,536     | 176,636     | -39,900       | -18.4%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 376         | 371         | -5            | -1.3%           | <b>Suburb of Medium City</b>                 |
| Average Worship Attendance | 65,362      | 60,353      | -5,009        | -7.7%           |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 922         | 922         | 0             | 0.0%            | <b>Large City 250,000 or More</b>            |
| Average Worship Attendance | 135,116     | 116,597     | -18,519       | -13.7%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 820         | 782         | -38           | -4.6%           | <b>Large City Suburb Within 10 Miles</b>     |
| Average Worship Attendance | 175,209     | 139,717     | -35,492       | -20.3%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 498         | 481         | -17           | -3.4%           | <b>Large City Suburb Beyond 10 Miles</b>     |
| Average Worship Attendance | 121,615     | 98,989      | -22,626       | -18.6%          |  |
| Number of Congregations    | 10,401      | 9,924       | -477          | -4.6%           | <b>All ELCA Congregations</b>                |
| Average Worship Attendance | 1,434,923   | 1,185,907   | -249,016      | -17.4%          |  |

Only congregations reporting average worship attendance were counted in this analysis.