

Assessments For Waterloo Presbytery Churches

Assessment Process

The current way that we are assessing congregations is to use the figures provided from the Statistical forms given each February to the national office.

Assessment Process Time Line

- This is an example of the process.
- Data is submitted in Feb 2009 for the year 2008.
- Conference does not get this information until Nov 2009 and uses it for assessment purposes in 2010.
- Therefore there is a 2 year lag between changes and response.

Present Assessment model

- The current numbers used are the Resident Membership in a congregation.
- Each congregation has their own way of determining this figure.
- Membership in churches are no longer considered important
- Examples are
- A) If a person does not attend for 2 years they are automatically removed.

Present Assessment model Problems

- B) Families are contacted to see if they want to keep their membership at a church and if they say yes they are kept on as resident members.
- C) A crisis in church finance dictates that presbytery assessment must change so we cull the resident membership list.
- D) ETC.

Proposed assessment model

- Currently most churches count members that attend their services
- All churches give out Income Tax receipts to all households

Proposed assessment model

- A) 50% of contributing households. Those households that give more than \$50 annually and that are not one time donations (e.g. bequests).
- B) 50% of people attending church in the months of October and November – Children under 12.

Proposed assessment model

- This will give us an amount that will more closely represent what is happening in our churches and is based on numbers that can be checked.
- Presbytery assessment amount can be calculated on this basis for this year .
- There will be changes in the amount your Church will be assessed.

Proposed assessment model

- Questions

Assessment model Motion

- I move Second by Pat Mc Dermot that we used the following method for assessment for Waterloo Presbytery effective for the 2011 and following years.
- A) 50% of contributing house holds. +
- B) 50% of people attending church in the months of October and November – Children under 12.