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Warmest greetings in our Savior Jesus! I pray you and your family had a blessed Christmas.

The web form for submitting your congregation's data for the 2020 WELS Statistical Report can be found online at welscongregationalservices.net/stats. **Please complete the form by Friday, February 4 at noon (Central)**. Make sure to double-check your data because it will be published as submitted and cannot be changed after publication.

Last year, the statistical report was overhauled. Thank you so much for wading through the new fields and terms! Please note that *there are no updates to the statistical report this year*. In fact, this year's statistical report is shorter. We are no longer asking for information about the impact of COVID. We are not asking for complete demographic information, as we only ask for that data in years evenly divisible by five. Thus, it should be a simpler process to supply your congregation's statistics.

Supplying statistical data helps our synod's educational, mission, and discipleship efforts. Every single WELS ministry group—Congregational Services, Ministerial Education, Home and World Missions, and the Ministry of Christian Giving—uses the data that you provide. (You will find a brief video explaining how this data is used at welscongregationalservices.net/stats.) So, thank you again for providing this information!

If you need assistance with the process of filling out your statistical report, contact your Ministry of Christian Giving (MCG) district chairman or the WELS Congregational Services office. A directory of MCG district chairmen is posted at welscongregationalservices.net/stats. You may contact the Congregational Services office by calling 414-256-3224 or e-mailing congstats@wels.net.

Thank you so much for enabling us to review, to the best of our finite abilities, the Spirit's work in and through our church body. This information is so valuable in helping us plan and steward the resources God has provided us. Watch for the release of the report this spring.

Yours in Christ,



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P.S. Congregations that remit Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) to WELS are reminded to submit their 2021 CMO subscription by Friday, February 4 at noon (Central). That web form and instructions are located at mcg.welsrc.net/cmo.