



THAT'S MY
Church

STATE OF THE CHURCH | YEAR IN REVIEW
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

THE **WOODLANDS**
METHODIST CHURCH



Senior Pastor | Leadership Message



THAT'S MY CHURCH!

My goodness, I can't think of a more fitting phrase to frame the exciting times we are experiencing together at The Woodlands Methodist Church.

It's a phrase that communicates ownership and the stewardship of resources that each one of us is entrusted to manage as a stakeholder in God's ministry here. To this end, I am pleased to share with you our first-ever TWMC Annual Report. It contains brief snapshots of key performance indicators for 2022. I hope you will take the time to review them and know they represent the collective best efforts of our clergy team, staff, lay leadership teams and YOU! Know, too, that each number represents a name, a face and a relationship with Jesus — and what a powerful story that is to tell, about His ministry at work in our world.

This month we are beginning our 45th year of *Reaching People for Jesus, Discipling Them in Faith, and Helping Those in Need*. It's a time-tested mission that serves as a reminder of our historic ministry calling and as a trusty compass for navigating the future. But if you think about it, it's a meaningless phrase without our daily attention and action. That's why our collective prayers, presence, gifts, service and Christian witness are vitally important to the advancement of the ministry in the year ahead — especially as we continue to discern the future denominational affiliation and the truly incredible opportunities our church has to advance the future of Methodism.

Through it all, I pray you will find new ways to serve, learn and grow as a faithful member of God's remarkable ministry here. Whether it's in worship, a Bible study, or one of our other ministry offerings, I hope you are experiencing the power and presence of God at work and in ways that prompt you to say, "That's my church!"

In His Grace,


Mark Sorensen
Senior Pastor



REACH PEOPLE FOR JESUS
DISCIPLE THEM IN FAITH
HELP THOSE IN NEED



Prayer

Before we do anything, we pray. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, viewed prayer as a means of grace, saying that “the chief of these means is prayer, whether in secret or in the great congregation.”

Indeed, The Woodlands Methodist Church has been a praying church since its inception in 1978. With each year, organized and informal prayer activities have continued to grow and expand. Today, prayer is a primary and perpetual means of connection with the Holy Spirit in every area of our ministry. The following page is a snapshot of 2022 activities.



PRAYER TEAMS

- Harvest Prayer Team — 26 members
- Loft Prayer Team — 5 members
- Traditional Prayer Team — 6 members
- Ladies of the Map — 10 members
- Moms in Prayer International — 10 members
- Woodforest Prayer Team — 16 members
- Rebelbase Student Prayer Team — 15-18 members

PRAYER MINISTRY

- Prayer Shawl Ministry — 30-40 members
- Congregational Care Ministry — 42 members
- Quarterly Prayer Postcards for Senior Adults — mailed to 1,100 senior adult members, ages 75+
- TWMC Prayer List — weekly email to pastors and 285 prayer volunteers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Memorial Hermann 10 for Texas — prayer booth
- Lighting of the Doves — prayer booth
- Omicron vigils at The Woodlands-area hospitals
- Houston Methodist Hospital — The Woodlands partnerships
- Avanti Senior Living — monthly devotional, Communion, prayer time

WEEKLY PRAYER TEAMS

- Weekly prayer from prayer teams: approximately 12 hours and 40 minutes

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

This year a group of eight people met on Friday, December 30, to spend time in God's presence and to bathe our pastors, staff, church and ministries in prayer before God's throne.

PRAYER EVENTS

- Lectio Divina and Communion Service — Lent 2022
- Call to Prayer for Ukraine — March 11
- Holy Saturday Prayer Walk — April 16
- Prayer Vigil for Uvalde — May 27
- National Day of Prayer — May 5
- Back-to-School Blessing & Prayer Guide — August 9-13
- Service of Remembrance, Reflection and Renewal — September 11
- Moms in Prayer International Regional Conference "Rise Up & Pray" — September 27
- Bristol House Hour of Prayer — Every Wednesday at Noon

SUNDAYS*

- Traditional Prayer in Chrysostom Chapel at 8:00 a.m.
- Harvest Prayer Team at 8:30 a.m.
- Harvest Prayer Team at 10:50 a.m.

** Sunday prayers include prayer teams covering the preaching pastors, members, churchwide campus Sunday ministries, prayer over the spaces and availability for altar prayer at the end of services.*

MONDAYS

- Caring Ministry Prayer Time at 8:30 a.m.
- Moms in Prayer International in Chrysostom Chapel at 9:00 a.m.

TUESDAYS

- Young Adult Ministry prayer team at 6:00 p.m.
- College Ministry prayer team at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

- Bristol House Hour of Prayer at Noon in Bob Swan Studio
- Harvest Prayer Team ZOOM prayer meeting at 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

- Ladies of the Map in B205 at 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAYS

- Loft Prayer Team covering Loft area at 8:30 a.m.

JOIN A PRAYER TEAM

Contact: Rev. Margarita McCarthy,
Pastor of Caring and Prayer Ministry

Call: 281.297.5900

Presence

Membership at TWMC signifies joining the greater body of Christ according to our God-given purpose and giftings. Just as Paul writes in first Corinthians — “there is one body, but many parts” (1 Corinthians 12) — the church body is strengthened when each one of us contributes in unique and different ways. For this reason, we welcome everyone and celebrate when members of the community indicate they officially join our church.

2022 was a year of cleaning up our membership records to reflect the most accurate and up-to-date information for each self-professing member of TWMC. During this process we removed from our database inactive members (those who have moved out of state, for instance), and we added to our database the newcomers who completed new member orientation and vows of church membership to support TWMC with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



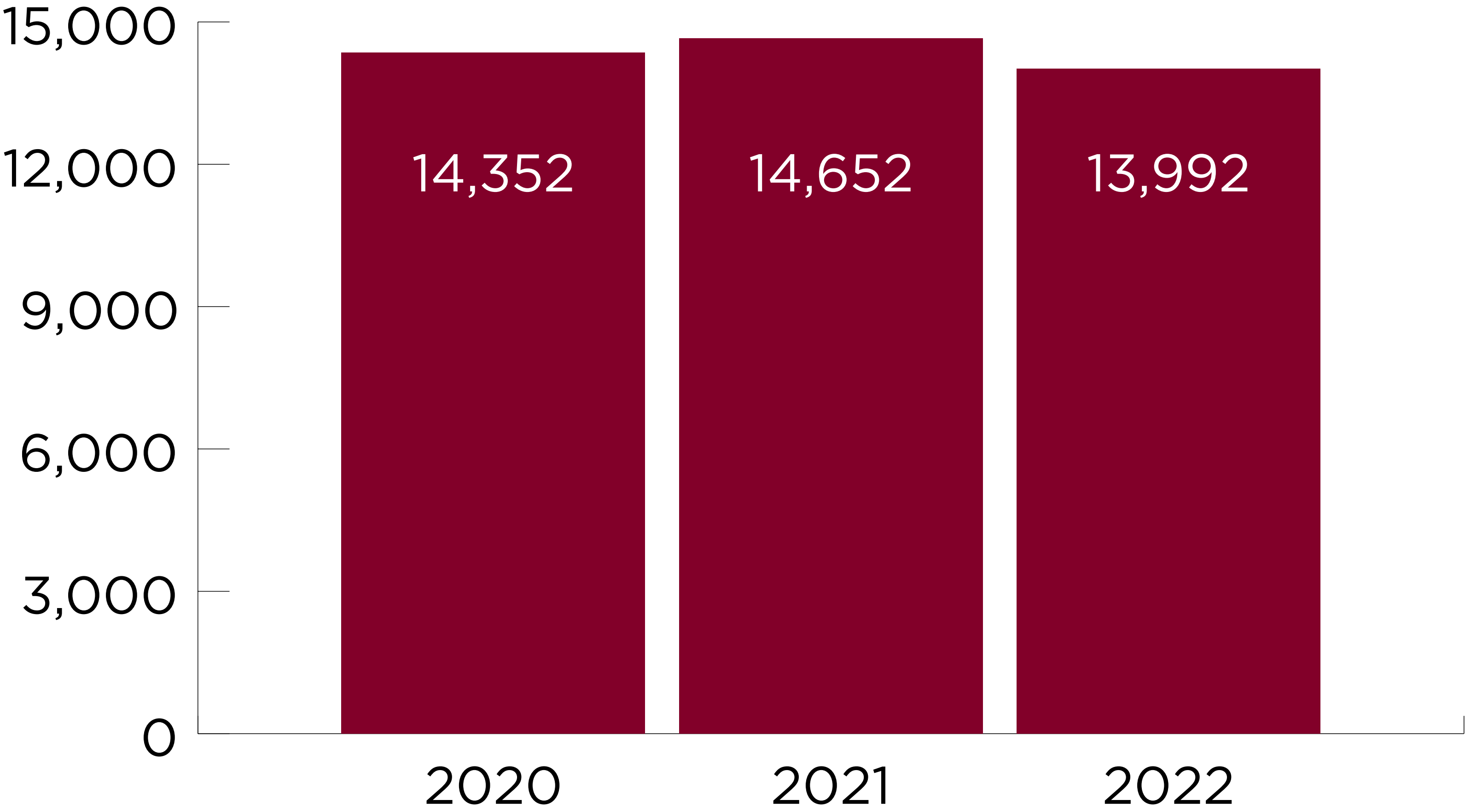
MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

2020	14,352
2021	14,652
2022	13,992

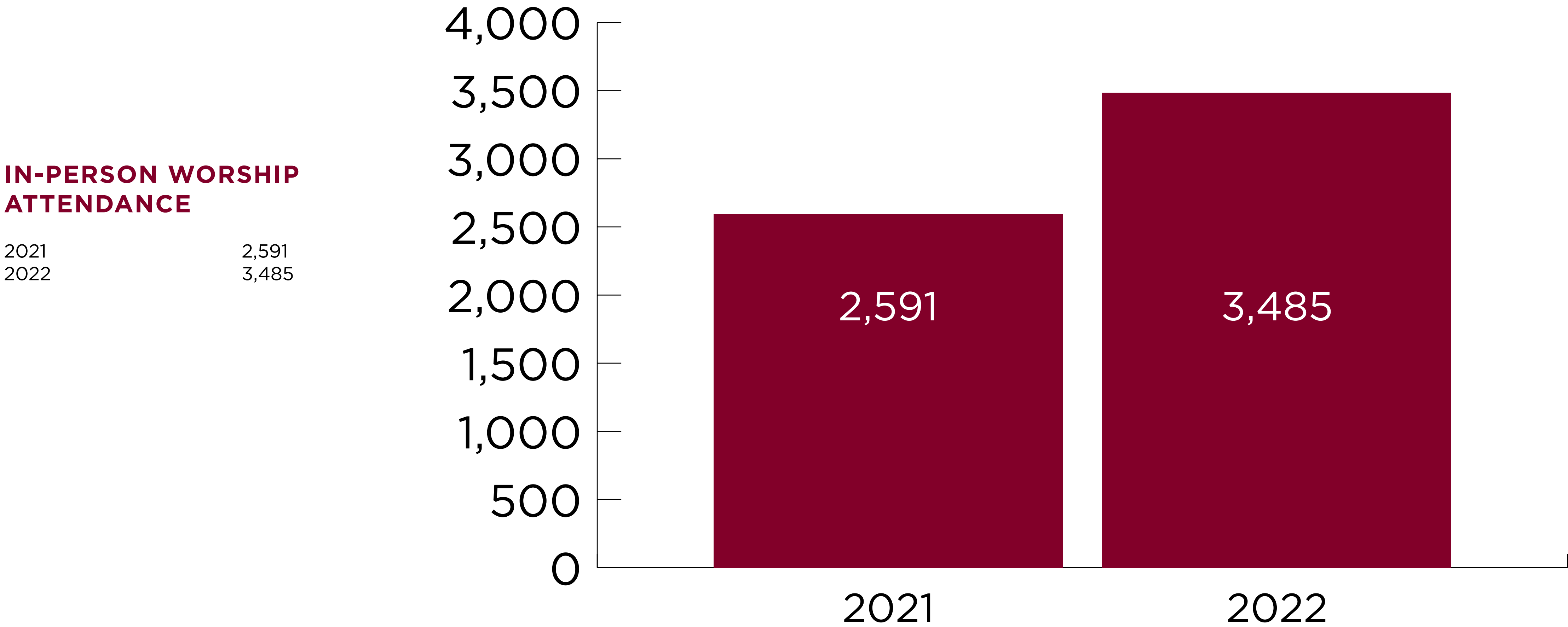
NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED | 881

Confirmation	24%
Profession of Faith	25%
Transfer from UMC	21%
Transfer from another denomination	30%



IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

(WEEKLY AVERAGE)



LIVESTREAM AND WEEKLY ON-DEMAND WORSHIP

(WEEKLY AVERAGE)

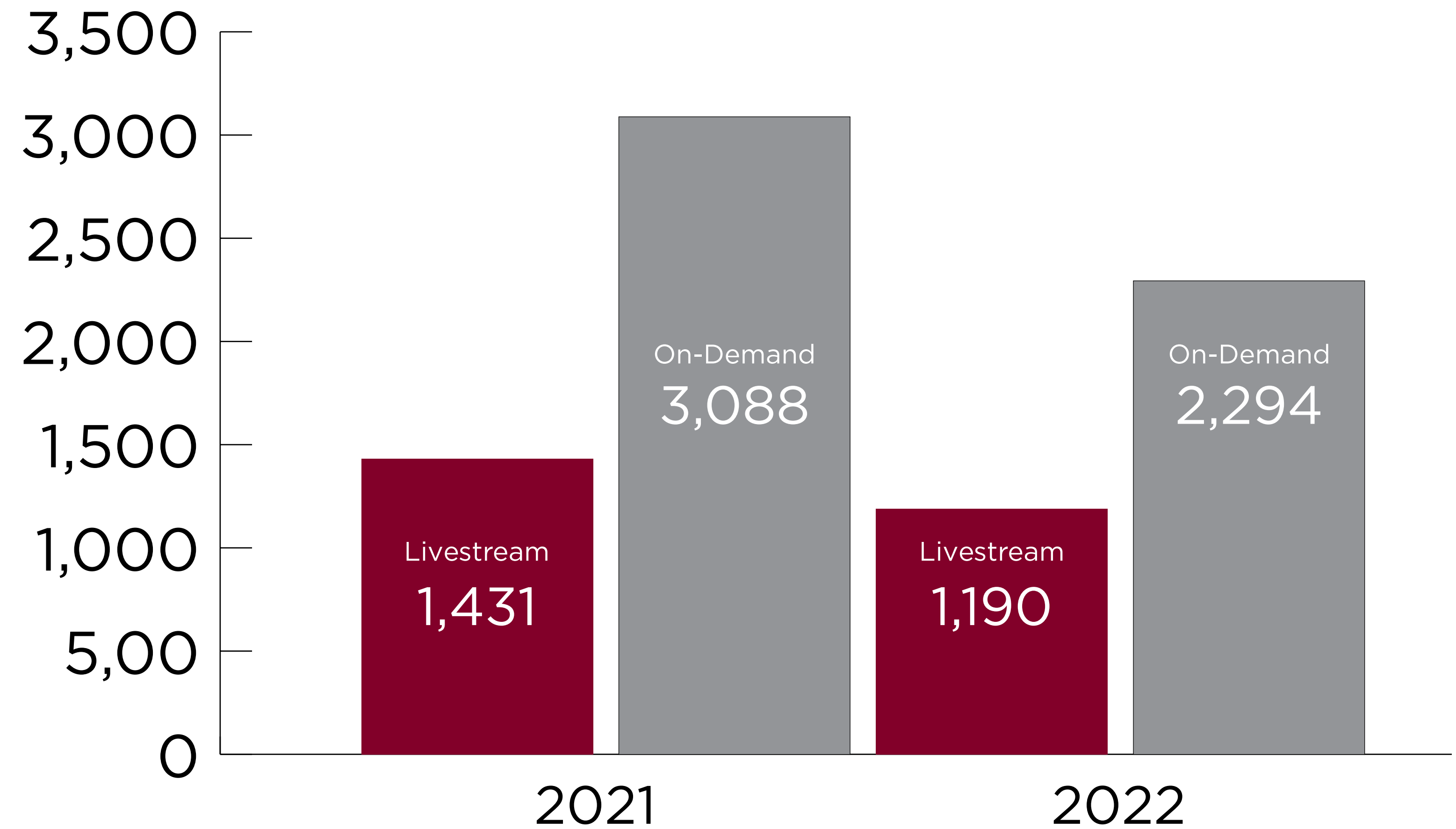
LIVESTREAM*

2021	1,431
2022	1,190

ON-DEMAND WORSHIP

2021	3,088
2022	2,294

** Livestream was only available through October due to reporting changes made at Facebook. The seven days of viewing average for the year was 3,464.*



PLAN TO ATTEND
twmc.org/services

Gifts

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, The Woodlands Methodist Church and its operations are funded primarily from financial donations. Church finances are managed by a full-time staff of business professionals, with regular review and oversight from volunteer members of the church Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.



2022 CHURCH OPERATING FUND

(IN MILLIONS)

2022 RESULTS*

Revenue	19.8
Expense	(15.5)
EXCESS**	4.2

* Based on preliminary data available on 1/10/2023.
** Excess is used to fund capital and special initiatives as well as to pay down debt.

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Service

Missions is the heartbeat of The Woodlands Methodist Church. Built over four-plus decades of faithful service to people in need, today our Missions Ministry is as strong and vibrant as it has ever been.

When Jesus was asked the most important commandment for us to follow, He made it simple: Love God and love your neighbor. He modeled the kind of servant love that compels us to serve sacrificially in our church, homes, communities and world. From greeting on a Sunday morning to serving in Children's Ministry to local and global missions, we understand that our lives have great purpose and can make a difference in the lives of others.



SERVE TEAM INVOLVEMENT

- 1,605 adult members actively serve in a weekly ministry area at TWMC

LOCAL MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH

- 560 adult members registered for a local mission outreach activity
- More than 1,600 children were served through Christmas Miracles and Angel Tree
- 23 wheelchair ramps were built by the Geezer Squad
- TWMC's 20th Habitat for Humanity house is almost dried-in and will be completed in 2023

GLOBAL MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH

- 35 adult members registered to attend a mission trip in 2022
- \$570,000 was raised for disaster relief in Ukraine, Afghanistan, tornado-ravaged areas and Florida following a hurricane

MISSIONS FUNDING

- \$235,000 was raised from combined Craft Circle Missions Giving (from all sale Boutiques and Gala)
- \$154,000 of that was raised at the Masterpiece Gala & Auction
- \$1.8 million dollars was raised in the Legacy of Hope Campaign

**SIGN UP TO
SERVE**

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Witness

Jesus' call to "follow me" is an invitation to begin a lifelong journey to explore and apply God's Word, grow in maturity, love our neighbors, share our faith and, ultimately, become more like Him.

Likewise, we are called to share the good news of the Gospel with others through our daily witness — by simply telling and showing others all the good things that God is doing in our lives, in our church and in our communities. In other words, we are to live out our faith and share what we know to be true about the love of God, renewal through Christ, and inspirational movement of the Holy Spirit.



CALLED INTO MINISTRY

- 73 NextGen High School students have indicated a desire to pursue full-time Christian ministry as a career in response to their involvement in worship and Christian community.

SAYING “YES” TO JESUS

- 221 people became members of TWMC by professing their faith in Jesus Christ
- 209 students received membership by Confirmation
- 181 people were baptized (57 of these baptisms were confirmands)

G.R.O.W.

G.R.O.W. — the discipleship pathway for all TWMC members to become fully involved in the following four areas:

G — Gather in Community to learn, encourage and serve each other. True life change comes about when we are sharing life with others.

R — Raise Up others through sharing our faith, mentoring others, teaching and leading as a way of developing our faith.

O — Placing an Outward Focus on the sacrificial love modeled by Jesus by serving others in our church, our community and our world.

W — Walking with God through worship, prayer and spiritual practices brings about a true transformation in our lives and in the world.

59% of TWMC members were involved in at least one of the areas above in 2022. Our goal for 2023 is to grow in overall participation so that a greater number of members are active in 2-4 areas of G.R.O.W.

LEARN MORE

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