

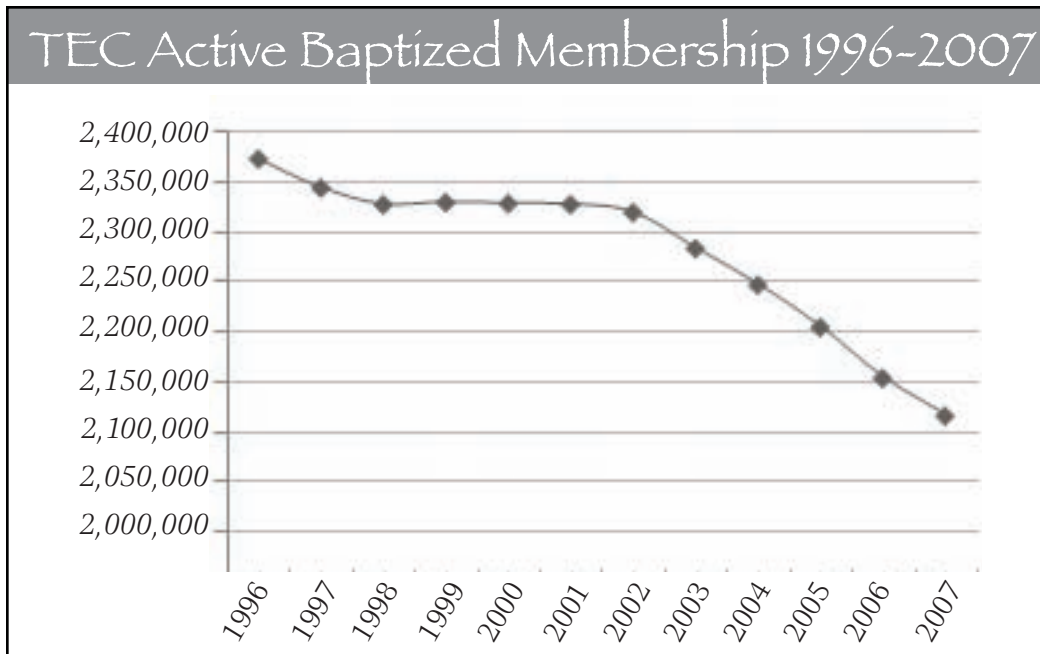
The Episcopal Church in Decline

♦ Between 2002 and 2007, TEC's average Sunday attendance dropped 118,818 – the equivalent of 381 people leaving every week. This would be the same as 5 average sized congregations (73 people) leaving every week for 6 years.

♦ Between 1997 and 2007, the average Sunday attendance of TEC declined by 13.5 percent.

♦ The Episcopal Church lost more than 250 parishes between 2002-2007.

♦ The Episcopal Church comprises less than three percent of the membership of the 78 million-member worldwide Anglican Communion.



The AAC believes the actual active baptized membership of TEC could be much lower than what is projected.

Episcopal Fast Facts (Domestic Dioceses)						
Category	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Parishes and Missions	7,305	7,220	7,200	7,155	7,095	7,055
Active Baptized Members	2,320,221	2,284,233	2,247,819	2,205,376	2,154,572	2,116,749
Net Change in Active Membership from Prev. Yr.	-8,201	-35,988	-36,414	-42,443	-50,804	-37,823
Total Average Sunday Attendance (ASA)	846,640	823,017	795,765	787,271	765,326	727,822
Net Change in ASA from Prev. Yr.	-11,926	-23,623	-27,252	-8,494	-21,945	-37,504
Median Average Sunday Worship Attendance	79	77	75	74	72	69

Source: Episcopal Church website (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/research.htm>)