

## CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

According to the history of the Evangelical Congregational Church, it begins with a disillusioned gentleman named Jacob Albright. Although successful as a manufacturer of roof tile and brick he had an underlying desire to improve himself. Thru unfortunate incidents involving his children, a determined Albright had a deep conviction of the Lord pressed upon him. From this point in his life he involved himself with fervor and devotion to lead others to Christ. This eventually led to the establishment of the group named The Albright's People. This group, after a number of years, eventually led to the Evangelical Congregational Church to which we all belong. It was through the efforts of Jacob Albright to **PUSH ON** that we are who we are today.

Over the years of our denominational existence we have seen growth in the number of churches and members, but we have also seen a decline in both categories. When we examine the yearly results growth happens when there was a **PUSH ON** to increase the denomination and our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The opposite occurs when our society, as a whole, deteriorates in its acceptance and belief of Christ.

The leadership of the E.C. denomination has an obligation to provide services to the member churches, however this requires financial assistance through developing a budget. For the past several years fewer churches are sending the required annual report. This report is utilized heavily in determining the future budgetary availability. It is a report which allows our denomination to **PUSH ON** to greater heights in doing the Lord's work.

Because the attached statistics are incomplete due to missing annual reports, various opinions can be open to conjecture causing confusion and unstable conclusions. In order for our denomination to **PUSH ON** it is imperative that these reports and others be made a major requirement for all of our churches to present in a timely manner. **PUSH ON** means to **PUSH FORWARD!** Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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