

# Theological Education Fund



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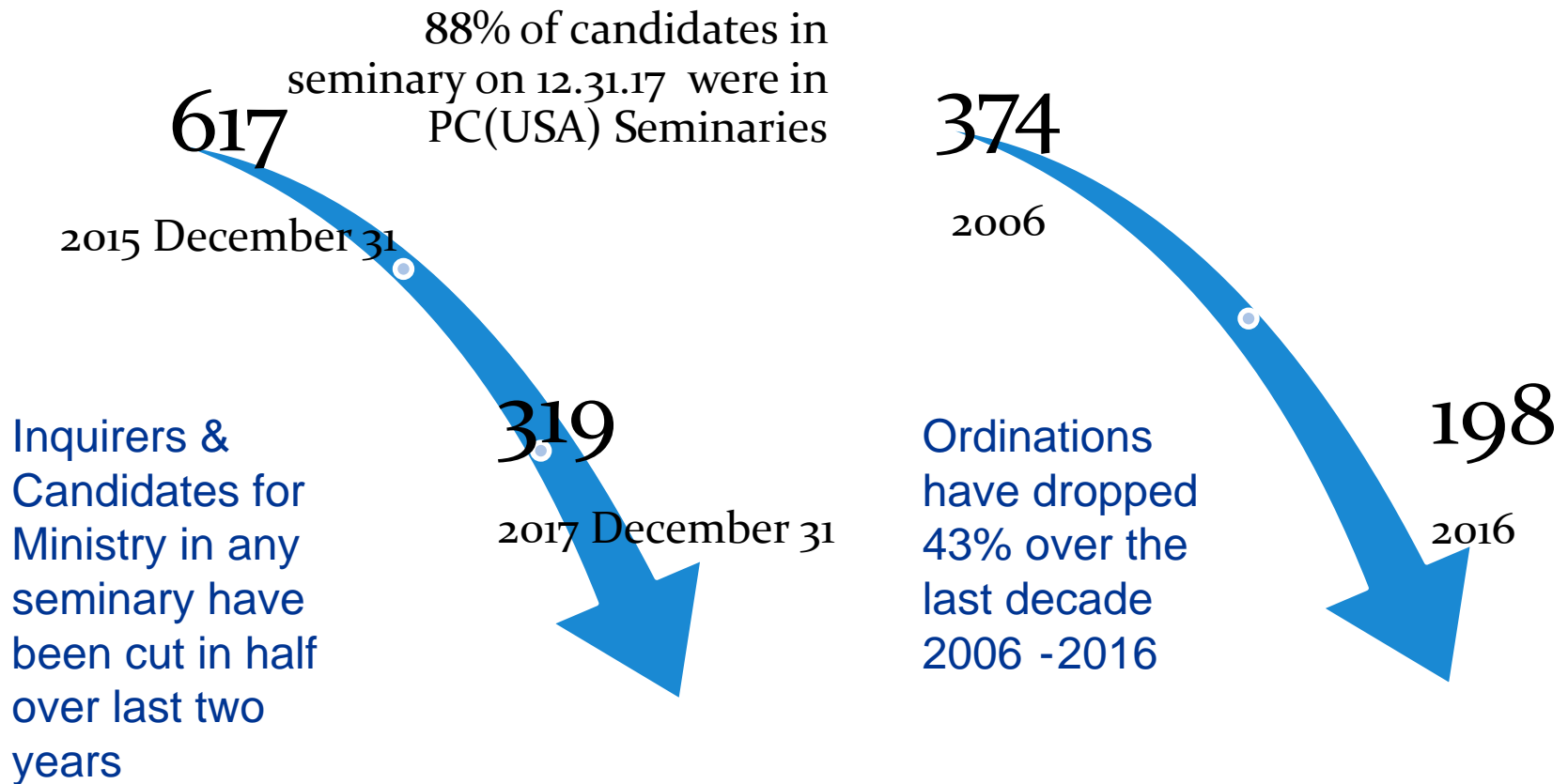
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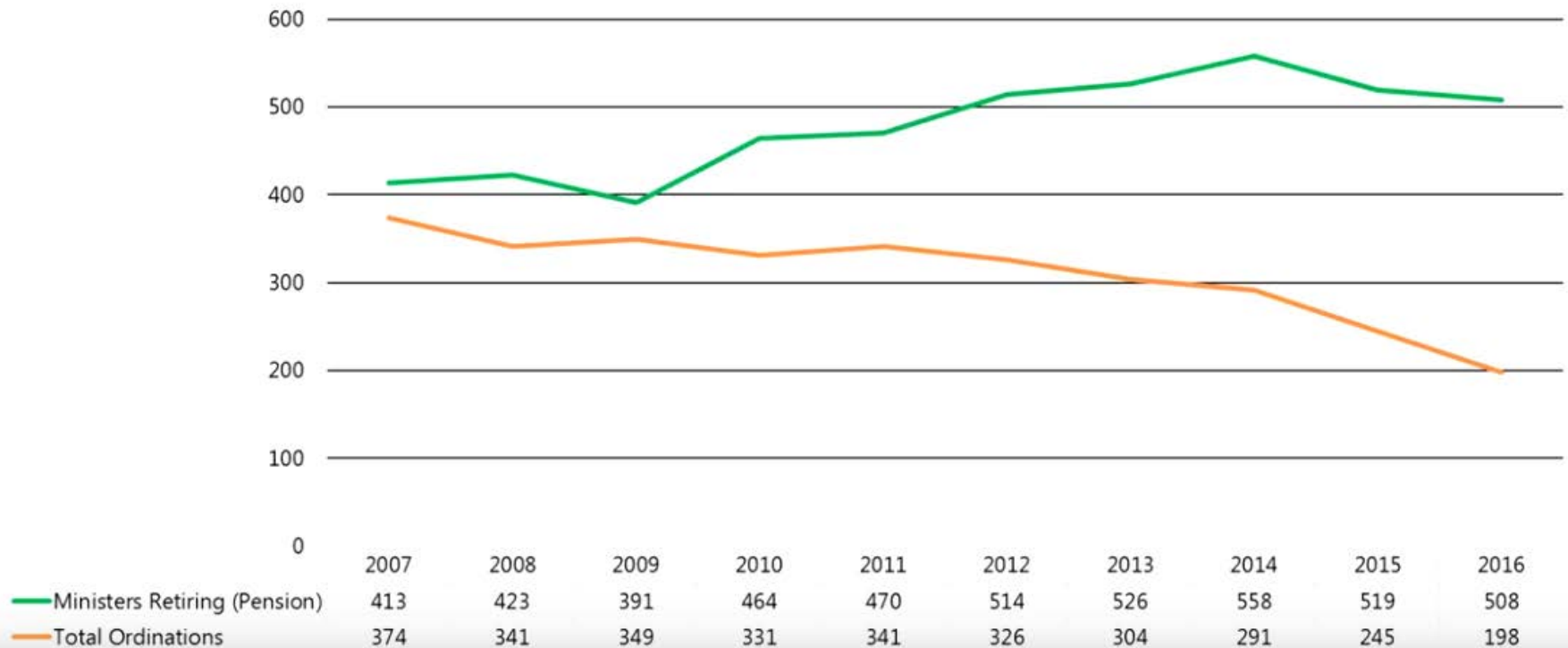
# Ordination Process Indicators Dropping



Sources: Office of the General Assembly and Board of Pensions of PC(USA)

# Gap of 300+ and Widening

## Retirements vs. Ordinations

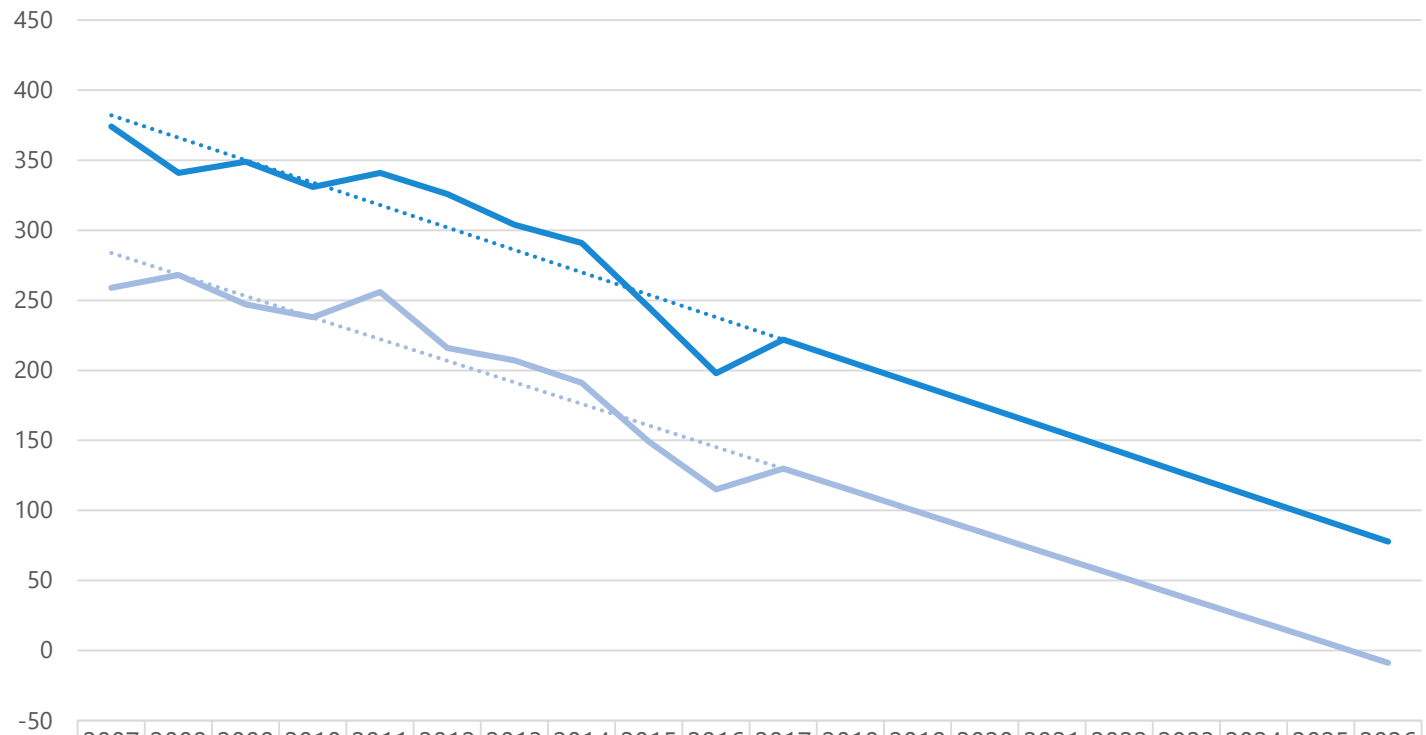


Source: Frank Spencer  
President, Board of Pensions  
June 2018

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWy9\\_bpuMwE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWy9_bpuMwE)

# Declining Number of Ordinations

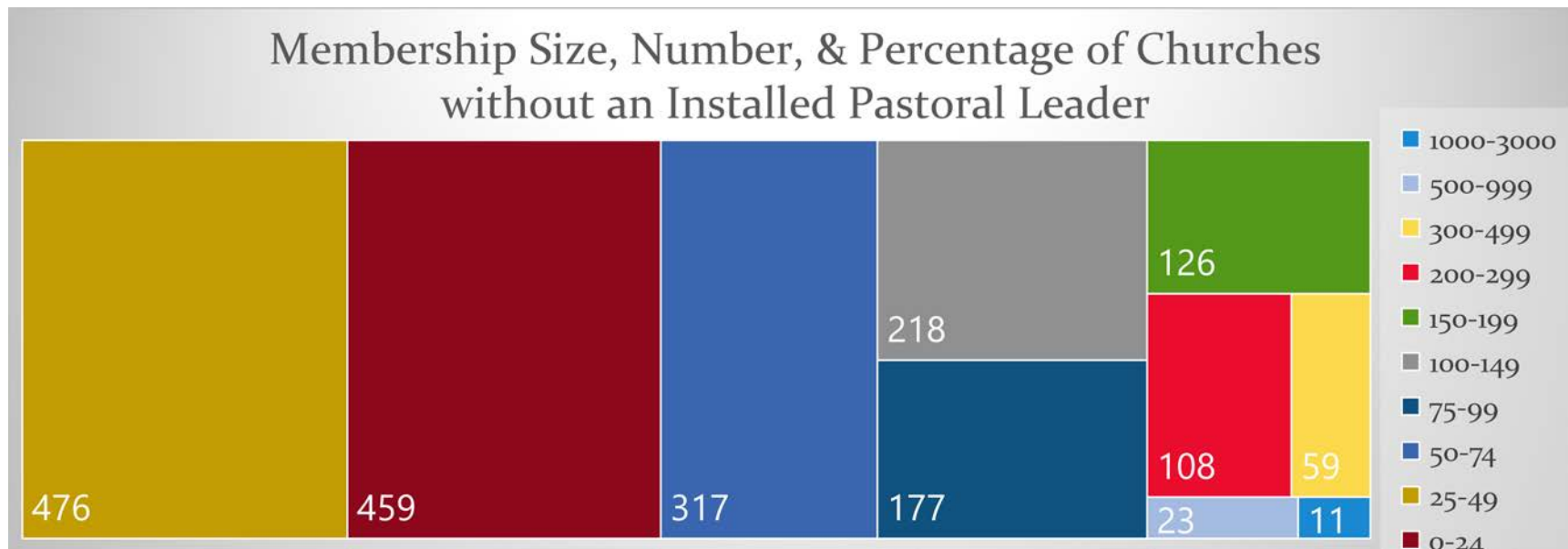
## Trend of Newly Ordained Members vs. All Ordinations



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Ordinations	374	341	349	331	341	326	304	291	245	198	222	206	190	174	158	142	126	110	94	78
Newly Ordained Members	259	268	247	238	256	216	207	191	149	115	130	114	99	84	68	53	37	22	7	-9

Source: Frank Spencer  
 President, Board of Pensions  
 February, 2018

# Congregations with Transitional or no Regular Pastoral Leader



Nearly Two -Thousand (1,988) Congregations  
16% (327) with 150 -3000 Members

Source: Office of General Assembly January 2018

# United Methodist Signature Initiative

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## THE YOUNG CLERGY INITIATIVE

The Young Clergy Initiative is a \$7 million fund created by General Conference in 2012 and 2016 that is charged with increasing the number of young clergy within jurisdictional conferences of The United Methodist Church by encouraging opportunities that leverage for denominational change on systemic and cultural levels through various **conversations, events, experiments, resources, research, and training.**

The YCI invites grant requests that assist young people to **listen for, discern, and respond well** to God's call to ordained ministry.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

# Supporting Future Ministers

## Table Conversations

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1. What surprises, excites, or concerns you in the slides today?
2. What are the future professional ministry needs you notice in your context (city and region)?
  - a) Retirements on the horizon?
  - b) Persons preparing for ministry?
3. What are some ways you and partners are addressing these or parallel concerns?
4. How much do people in the pews know about preparation for ministry and the leadership landscape. Would they care and, if so, why?



# Partners in Your Next Most Faithful Steps!



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*“The demand for thoughtful, well-trained and educated clergy is now higher than ever. Pastors need that grounding in theology and Biblical understanding to offer guidance to people as they navigate the realities that they face every day.”*

**- Rev. Dr. David Shelor**  
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,  
Dunedin, Florida.

**Support future ministers.  
Give to the Theological Education Fund.**

