

Table 7
Descriptive Statistics on PC(USA) Ministers — 1998-2006

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Ministers ¹	21,360	21,312	21,287	21,248	21,194	21,151	21,065	20,988	20,940
Active Ministers	13,693	13,727	13,786	13,804	13,845	13,935	13,989	14,053	14,171
Ordained Women ¹	4,735	4,571	4,430	4,308	4,152	4,015	3,853	3,693	3,545
Candidates ^{2,3}	1,437	1,408	1,427	1,371	1,294	1,215	1,182	1,340	1,255
Women Candidates ³	776	765	761	733	675	650	629	674	649
Racial Ethnic Candidates ³	232	228	210	246	242	238	223	244	224
Ordinations	375	353	334	346	327	394	367	337	379
Received from Other Denominations	67	76	73	104	76	87	58	66	92
Dismissed to Other Denominations	17	28	29	21	24	16	20	27	28
Ministers Deceased	323	295	290	315	275	292	264	297	288
Ministers Removed from Office	65	82	62	66	73	58	73	57	82

¹ Includes retired ministers.

² Data are for “candidates under care” only, and do not include “inquirers.”

³ Data supplied by the Office of Resourcing Committees on Preparation for Ministry. All other data supplied by the Office of the General Assembly.