Long Beach District - 2008

Table I

Church Membership

Churches	1 Total professing Members at Beginning of year	2 Received on Profession of Christian Faith OR Resorted by Affirmation	3 Received from Other United Methodist Churches	4 Received from Other Denominations	5 Removed or Corrected by Charge Conference Action OR Withdrawn	6 Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches	7 Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	8 Removed by Death	9 Total Full Members at Close of year	10 Avg Attendance at Principal Weekly Worship Service	11 Number of Persons Baptized This Year	12 Total baptized members who have not become professing members	13 Number of Persons on Constituency Roll	14 Total Enrolled in Confirmation Classes This Year
Bellflower: First UMC	60	33	2	2	15	1	0	2	79	45	4	0	50	0
Carson: Zion Korean UMC	98	3	2	37	0	4	2	3	131	120	1	0	0	0
Compton: Crossroads Njia Panda UMC	350	18	0	3	0	0	0	4	367	120	21	0	0	12
Compton: First UMC	195	1	1	2	0	10	0	6	183	72	2	2	30	0
El Segundo: UMC	231	24	5	1	12	2	0	3	244	100	6	5	89	7
Gardena: Hollypark UMC	205	20	4	6	2	1	0	3	229	131	4	0	218	6
Gardena: Kum Ran UMC	547	10	2	21	2	0	7	3	568	482	11	9	34	19
Hawthorne: UMC	151	6	0	0	23	2	0	1	131	50	2	40	36	7
Huntington Park: First UMC	86	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	88	65	11	0	0	0
Inglewood: Lennox Tongan UMC	264	2	2	0	0	2	10	5	251	249	3	89	14	0
Lakewood: First UMC	203	5	0	0	16	3	1	3	185	94	6	20	40	5
Lakewood: Trinity UMC	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	70	0	0	39	0
Lomita: Wayside UMC	49	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	43	39	2	0	34	0
Long Beach: Belmont Heights UMC	181	2	6	7	0	2	0	8	186	115	4	25	130	0
Long Beach: California Heights UMC	296	10	5	0	7	2	1	4	297	154	9	58	73	0
Long Beach: Dominguez UMC	56	1	15	3	2	2	0	1	70	40	5	13	28	0
Long Beach: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach: Grace UMC	87	2	1	2	2	0	0	6	84	65	1	7	47	0
Long Beach: Los Altos UMC	977	15	1	0	130	7	0	22	834	363	19	107	144	8
Long Beach: Silverado UMC	46	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	62	110	2	2	0	0
Long Beach: United With Hope	111	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	68	0	0	0	0
Lynwood: UMC	79	0	0	0	6	26	7	0	40	22	1	4	4	0
Maywood: UMC	115	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	117	127	1	0	50	10
Paramount: UMC	116	29	0	4	9	0	4	0	136	62	3	8	0	2
Redondo Beach: First UMC	302	12	0	0	1	7	0	4	302	195	4	4	34	0
Redondo Beach: Riviera UMC	404	12	5	1	0	15	0	8	399	130	4	0	15	12
Redondo Beach: St. Paul's UMC	79	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	73	61	3	11	28	0
Rolling Hills Estates: Rolling Hills UMC	746	21	21	3	27	0	0	12	752	477	16	16	205	0
San Pedro: UMC	144	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	142	68	0	0	0	0
Seal Beach: First UMC	101	7	0	0	6	1	0	0	101	67	2	18	30	7
Seal Beach: Leisure World Community	336	0	0	0	2	0	3	11	320	171	1	0	52	0
Torrance: Faith UMC	420	1	0	0	6	2	0	3	410	272	0	141	716	0
Torrance: Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	20	0	0	54	0
Torrance: First UMC	404	12	1	0	18	5	0	10	384	226	7	58	31	9
Torrance: Hope UMC	148	4	6	6	0	0	0	2	162	154	2	50	115	0
Torrance: Walteria UMC	57	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	52	33	3	2	44	0
Wilmington: First UMC	189	2	4	0	6	1	0	1	187	120	2	30	10	0
LONG BEACH DISTRICT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach District Totals	**7962**	**268**	**88**	**107**	**297**	**100**	**40**	**137**	**7851**	**4757**	**162**	**719**	**2394**	**104**

Christian Formation: Church School & Small Group Ministries / UMVIM / UMM / UMW / UMYF / Weekday Ministries

Churches	15 Number of Leaders in Sunday church school groups OR other groups	16 Children (0-6th grade) in Sunday church school groups OR other groups	17 Youth (7th -12th grade) in all Sunday church school groups OR other groups	18 Adults (post high school) in Sunday church school Groups OR other groups	19 Total Christian formation participants	20 Average Attendance in Sunday Church School	21 Avg Attendance in other ongoing classes and groups	22 Avg Attendance in other short-term classes and groups	23 Total number of Christian formation groups other than Sunday church school	24 Christian formation participants (line 19) who became professing members this year	25a Number UMVIM teams sent from Local church	25b Number of church members participating in any UMVIM team	26 Membership in United Methodist Men	27 Amount Paid for Projects UMM	28 Membership in United Methodist Women	29 Amount paid for local church and community work UMW	30 Membership in United Methodist Youth Fellowship	31 Amount Paid for Projects UMY	32a Number of weekday ministry programs	32b Total persons served
Bellflower: First UMC	6	15	20	20	61	12	6	8	2	4	0	0	5	0	14	544	10	0	1	40
Carson: Zion Korean UMC	19	15	22	12	68	35	30	10	0	0	0	0	57	5665	74	10095	22	4018	0	0
Compton: Crossroads Njia Panda UMC	21	21	11	33	86	25	35	24	22	18	0	0	0	0	45	1165	15	200	0	0
Compton: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1000	32	1000	0	0	0	0
El Segundo: UMC	30	50	55	105	240	35	55	20	7	7	0	17	15	0	80	11919	35	4000	5	22
Gardena: Hollypark UMC	37	13	35	82	167	0	62	42	10	6	39	0	39	0	42	0	2	0	12	128
Gardena: Kum Ran UMC	57	127	125	113	422	229	157	54	78	41	2	18	205	4600	251	17900	80	8100	5	34
Hawthorne: UMC	8	22	21	18	69	23	9	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	15	1600	14	0	4	80
Huntington Park: First UMC	5	14	7	20	46	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inglewood: Lennox Tongan UMC	42	95	49	194	380	192	38	58	8	0	0	0	124	78000	127	27000	49	12000	0	0
Lakewood: First UMC	2	0	0	0	2	23	5	0	0	0	0	0	20	3200	53	4812	0	0	0	0
Lakewood: Trinity UMC	21	7	7	40	75	20	7	15	3	0	1	2	0	0	17	1125	0	0	0	0
Lomita: Wayside UMC	3	4	4	4	15	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Long Beach: Belmont Heights UMC	13	89	8	50	160	19	10	10	5	1	0	0	0	0	25	19963	4	0	1	150
Long Beach: California Heights UMC	17	190	40	48	295	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0
Long Beach: Dominguez UMC	6	12	5	4	27	12	10	0	11	5	0	0	13	0	17	2000	7	0	1	4
Long Beach: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach: Grace UMC	17	15	0	46	78	12	22	2	7	3	1	3	3	0	14	180	6	378	1	80
Long Beach: Los Altos UMC	42	31	12	110	195	50	30	25	6	16	0	0	22	1206	182	2000	22	1097	1	75
Long Beach: Silverado UMC	14	10	12	15	51	25	30	20	6	2	0	0	8	2500	10	3500	43	3500	2	0
Long Beach: United With Hope	6	18	17	21	62	28	10	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	16	0	20	200	2	12
Lynwood: UMC	2	0	0	7	9	3	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35
Maywood: UMC	19	40	11	40	110	49	22	18	3	0	0	3	7	400	16	1405	11	650	0	0
Paramount: UMC	6	15	11	26	58	21	14	13	7	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	54
Redondo Beach: First UMC	9	75	0	28	112	40	14	12	8	2	0	0	0	0	78	2594	20	0	0	0
Redondo Beach: Riviera UMC	16	40	24	36	116	40	25	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	70	1204	40	0	0	0
Redondo Beach: St. Paul's UMC	14	14	8	52	88	18	13	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	350
Rolling Hills Estates: Rolling Hills UMC	86	430	67	85	668	64	85	75	9	1	0	0	30	650	175	300	70	5000	6	450
San Pedro: UMC	9	8	6	39	62	13	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	1550	0	0	1	325
Seal Beach: First UMC	11	31	12	40	94	8	11	14	6	7	1	3	0	0	12	2600	6	0	1	8
Seal Beach: Leisure World Community	0	0	0	14	14	0	30	24	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torrance: Faith UMC	120	295	184	174	773	77	215	15	20	0	2	21	0	0	70	5052	78	1909	20	450
Torrance: Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	8	6	8	16	38	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	18	0	15	0	26	0	0	0
Torrance: First UMC	100	127	61	183	471	23	238	177	32	11	0	0	16	2257	86	3697	0	0	0	0
Torrance: Hope UMC	18	88	57	56	219	40	10	25	8	17	0	0	5	1350	25	776	36	0	0	0
Torrance: Walteria UMC	8	17	2	15	42	9	5	0	1	0	0	0	7	265	12	0	0	0	1	34
Wilmington: First UMC	10	7	23	12	52	12	25	4	2	0	0	0	20	826	25	1088	21	250	1	4
LONG BEACH DISTRICT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach District Totals	**802**	**1941**	**924**	**1758**	**5425**	**1163**	**1228**	**698**	**351**	**166**	**46**	**67**	**626**	**101919**	**1621**	**125069**	**667**	**41302**	**74**	**2347**

Property and Other Assets (Table I) / Local Church Expenditures (Table II)

Churches	33 Market value of church land, buildings and equipment	34 Market value of church owned parsonage and furniture	35 Market value of other assets (cash, securities, other property, etc.)	36 Indebtedness on Items 33, 34 and 35 at end of Year	37 Other Indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)	38 Principal & Interest Paid on Debt, Loans, Mortgages	39 Paid on Bldgs. & Improvements (not incl. funds borrowed)	40 Current Expenses for Program (including church school)	41 Other Current Operating Expenses (not including program expenses)	42 Other Benevolences Paid Directly by Local Church	43 UMW Cash sent to District or Conf. UMW Treasurer
Bellflower: First UMC	1919030	0	140000	2500	0	2588	25601	2546	40878	330	544
Carson: Zion Korean UMC	2200000	0	22000	18000	0	8000	25180	36200	114029	16000	0
Compton: Crossroads Njia Panda UMC	120000	0	121000	94000	15000	21062	19032	4981	132976	1247	1165
Compton: First UMC	3300000	180000	200000	101000	0	13756	0	3496	98402	0	2000
El Segundo: UMC	4245	1242	225254	29463	0	15700	0	25893	107118	11192	6410
Gardena: Hollypark UMC	180000	290000	20000	70000	90000	70500	26963	8800	78230	750	1250
Gardena: Kum Ran UMC	6000000	400000	50000	0	0	26100	113700	24900	200990	59700	0
Hawthorne: UMC	2157	313500	57157	0	0	0	250	4389	86894	456	1600
Huntington Park: First UMC	5000000	352000	500000	0	0	0	0	6918	84058	0	0
Inglewood: Lennox Tongan UMC	1000000	330000	0	0	0	0	20373	15143	67759	0	1245
Lakewood: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	30179	0	12714	154296	50	0
Lakewood: Trinity UMC	1831800	300000	0	0	0	0	12520	1566	59442	2587	998
Lomita: Wayside UMC	1100000	510000	21817	0	0	0	9043	1485	38039	0	0
Long Beach: Belmont Heights UMC	5300000	701000	2583087	0	0	0	27878	5406	162707	10918	4000
Long Beach: California Heights UMC	4070520	100000	0	0	0	0	0	17793	302892	0	0
Long Beach: Dominguez UMC	2100000	0	10714	0	0	0	3000	1700	35537	410	700
Long Beach: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach: Grace UMC	4952790	0	139604	0	0	0	24105	10297	165655	24611	2156
Long Beach: Los Altos UMC	5000000	800000	266500	0	0	48462	5244	22599	554956	13420	11133
Long Beach: Silverado UMC	3000000	700000	0	0	0	0	0	750	12050	1000	500
Long Beach: United With Hope	1510000	1650000	0	116000	0	13200	7424	500	109769	0	0
Lynwood: UMC	1748000	275000	7000	60000	0	0	0	1838	50328	0	0
Maywood: UMC	1900000	452000	0	0	0	0	0	24975	46353	0	1405
Paramount: UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1515	9500	21046	0	0
Redondo Beach: First UMC	6142500	787200	945374	0	0	1600	846	10761	266270	2594	7524
Redondo Beach: Riviera UMC	3960000	0	0	379675	0	38534	78840	15543	221153	15458	1646
Redondo Beach: St. Paul's UMC	3675000	770000	0	0	0	0	16194	4134	65623	2394	0
Rolling Hills Estates: Rolling Hills UMC	6839140	1049800	178789	250717	0	54807	0	58947	634969	92792	0
San Pedro: UMC	1500000	400000	200000	0	0	0	1537	4816	157096	5097	1550
Seal Beach: First UMC	1900000	795000	106489	0	0	0	2834	3737	68806	1231	1065
Seal Beach: Leisure World Community	1045000	0	747605	0	0	0	3132	7615	200382	4267	0
Torrance: Faith UMC	4460000	219500	141176	0	0	205	51232	48350	219362	338	1390
Torrance: Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	1200000	0	125000	0	0	0	0	0	9290	0	0
Torrance: First UMC	2254730	325000	115112	0	0	0	50691	19685	174320	26600	5562
Torrance: Hope UMC	1800000	0	280000	0	0	0	0	13514	139580	9640	514
Torrance: Walteria UMC	1613116	261607	115127	0	0	0	10599	2867	39050	744	901
Wilmington: First UMC	1140567	206164	31626	15000	0	0	70516	3223	39683	3748	1160
LONG BEACH DISTRICT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach District Totals	**89768595**	**12169013**	**7350431**	**1136355**	**105000**	**344693**	**608249**	**437581**	**4959988**	**307574**	**56418**

Ministerial Support (Table II) / Apportionments and Benevolences (Apportionment Information)

Churches	44 Pastor's Salary	45 Associate Salary	46 Pensions & CPP	47 Utilities and Other Cash Allowances	48 Travel Paid	49 World Service and Conf. Benevolences Apportioned	50 World Service and Conf. Benevolences Paid	51 Ministerial Support Apportioned	52 Ministerial Support Paid	53 Administration Apportioned	54 Administration Paid	55 Ministerial Education Fund Apportioned	56 Ministerial Education Fund Paid	57 Black College Fund Apportioned
Bellflower: First UMC	23772	0	7831	26809	3710	6710	6710	4119	4140	3946	3950	631	635	251
Carson: Zion Korean UMC	38000	0	8745	40720	3500	7435	1487	4565	913	4373	875	699	140	278
Compton: Crossroads Njia Panda UMC	55620	0	14595	12493	7800	16661	2939	10228	2206	9799	2133	1567	431	624
Compton: First UMC	21167	11706	6744	24625	4450	10523	10523	6460	6460	6188	6188	990	990	394
El Segundo: UMC	40774	0	8256	13263	4400	15772	15772	9682	9682	9275	9275	1483	1483	591
Gardena: Hollypark UMC	32890	17000	1618	53540	4500	9197	9197	5646	5646	5408	5408	865	865	344
Gardena: Kum Ran UMC	48100	0	7704	32140	6000	22631	22631	13893	13893	13309	13309	2128	2128	847
Hawthorne: UMC	31735	0	6103	28500	0	8659	8659	5316	5316	5093	5093	814	814	324
Huntington Park: First UMC	36232	0	7228	10620	3850	8368	8368	5137	5137	4921	4921	787	787	313
Inglewood: Lennox Tongan UMC	33580	0	6246	17964	3500	9249	9249	5678	5679	5439	5439	870	870	346
Lakewood: First UMC	37821	0	5075	8159	344	13305	9314	8168	5718	7825	5478	1251	876	498
Lakewood: Trinity UMC	32553	0	6387	38568	3500	6891	6891	4230	4230	4053	4053	648	648	258
Lomita: Wayside UMC	24339	0	4335	3655	254	3917	3917	2405	2408	2304	2304	368	368	147
Long Beach: Belmont Heights UMC	6807	0	8009	30000	6900	11862	11862	7282	7282	6976	6976	1116	1116	444
Long Beach: California Heights UMC	26000	0	10730	58100	6794	27671	27671	16987	16987	16273	16273	2602	2602	1036
Long Beach: Dominguez UMC	25978	0	1532	11750	1750	4478	4478	2749	2750	2634	2634	421	421	168
Long Beach: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach: Grace UMC	22397	0	7019	33102	2627	13062	13062	8019	8019	7682	7682	1228	1228	489
Long Beach: Los Altos UMC	38354	23192	15184	82328	4275	53070	53070	32579	32589	31210	31210	4991	4991	1987
Long Beach: Silverado UMC	33000	0	12000	18000	3500	2331	475	1431	292	1371	280	219	45	87
Long Beach: United With Hope	29712	12206	6251	43000	3650	8597	8597	5277	5277	5056	5056	808	808	322
Lynwood: UMC	23654	0	2523	11857	2425	3978	3978	2442	2442	2340	2340	374	374	149
Maywood: UMC	29300	0	5868	19277	4457	7107	7107	4363	4363	4179	4179	668	668	266
Paramount: UMC	18908	0	2160	290	0	2946	2946	1809	1809	1733	1733	277	277	110
Redondo Beach: First UMC	48151	0	11306	57041	3459	22756	22756	13970	13970	13383	13383	2140	2140	852
Redondo Beach: Riviera UMC	30644	0	9213	47341	3611	28167	28167	17292	17292	16565	16565	2649	2649	1055
Redondo Beach: St. Paul's UMC	24696	0	7511	32448	3800	6566	6566	4031	4031	3861	3861	617	617	246
Rolling Hills Estates: Rolling Hills UMC	43000	48800	32701	133096	8120	66361	66372	40739	40740	39027	39036	6241	6252	2485
San Pedro: UMC	30600	0	5451	20523	1993	19459	10500	11945	6000	11444	6000	1830	1000	729
Seal Beach: First UMC	36070	0	6425	15841	400	8579	4028	5267	2928	5045	2738	807	807	321
Seal Beach: Leisure World Community	41963	0	8902	29298	1685	19406	1450	11913	11913	11413	0	1825	0	727
Torrance: Faith UMC	34014	90875	17827	103957	2603	29943	29943	18382	18382	17609	17609	2816	2816	1121
Torrance: Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	23768	0	6078	11243	1800	2437	2437	1496	1496	1433	1433	229	229	91
Torrance: First UMC	45508	14330	14385	47412	4588	21281	21281	13064	13064	12515	12515	2001	2001	797
Torrance: Hope UMC	22515	0	6488	37876	2507	14999	11874	9208	7225	8821	6866	1410	1410	562
Torrance: Walteria UMC	8500	16941	7274	19596	2375	5200	5200	3192	3192	3058	3058	489	489	195
Wilmington: First UMC	35828	0	6380	18628	4981	5760	5760	3536	3536	3387	3387	542	542	216
LONG BEACH DISTRICT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach District Totals	**1135950**	**235050**	**302084**	**1193060**	**124108**	**525331**	**465235**	**322498**	**297007**	**308946**	**273238**	**49402**	**44518**	**19672**

Apportionments and Benevolences (continued) / PAID

Churches	58 Black College Fund Paid	59 Africa University Fund Apportioned	60 Africa University Fund Paid	61 General Advance Specials & World Service Special Gifts	62 Youth Service Fund	63 General Church Special Day Offerings	64 Annual Conference Special Sunday Offerings	65 Conference Advance Specials	66 Grand Total Paid
Bellflower: First UMC	255	55	60	963	45	995	160	396	152918
Carson: Zion Korean UMC	56	62	12	0	0	0	0	0	293857
Compton: Crossroads Njia Panda UMC	83	138	11	0	9	8	7	15	278814
Compton: First UMC	394	87	87	0	67	78	54	217	211404
El Segundo: UMC	591	130	130	4307	101	1990	443	325	277105
Gardena: Hollypark UMC	344	76	76	0	59	50	47	103	317836
Gardena: Kum Ran UMC	847	187	187	0	145	124	116	252	572966
Hawthorne: UMC	324	72	72	493	55	676	44	97	181570
Huntington Park: First UMC	313	69	69	0	54	46	43	93	168738
Inglewood: Lennox Tongan UMC	347	77	77	0	60	51	48	106	187736
Lakewood: First UMC	349	110	77	1500	60	630	181	104	272923
Lakewood: Trinity UMC	258	57	57	60	44	524	35	827	175749
Lomita: Wayside UMC	147	32	32	211	26	78	21	56	90719
Long Beach: Belmont Heights UMC	444	98	98	755	76	723	61	238	292256
Long Beach: California Heights UMC	1036	229	229	5093	177	152	142	309	492979
Long Beach: Dominguez UMC	168	37	37	0	29	25	23	50	92971
Long Beach: First UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach: Grace UMC	489	108	108	1315	0	1402	86	109	325469
Long Beach: Los Altos UMC	1987	439	439	9224	0	7167	721	297	960842
Long Beach: Silverado UMC	81	19	19	0	0	0	0	0	81992
Long Beach: United With Hope	322	71	71	250	55	47	44	96	246335
Lynwood: UMC	149	33	33	20	25	59	20	44	102110
Maywood: UMC	266	59	59	0	46	39	36	79	148478
Paramount: UMC	110	24	24	0	0	0	0	1	60319
Redondo Beach: First UMC	852	188	188	0	0	425	0	0	463267
Redondo Beach: Riviera UMC	1055	233	233	2955	180	1126	144	594	532942
Redondo Beach: St. Paul's UMC	246	54	54	0	42	36	34	89	172376
Rolling Hills Estates: Rolling Hills UMC	2496	549	552	18873	425	4543	340	1242	1288103
San Pedro: UMC	500	161	0	1338	0	1085	0	1053	256139
Seal Beach: First UMC	321	71	71	50	0	496	44	197	148087
Seal Beach: Leisure World Community	717	161	0	2106	0	155	0	503	314087
Torrance: Faith UMC	1121	248	248	7612	192	164	153	334	648727
Torrance: Fetu Ao Samoan UMC	91	20	20	0	16	13	12	27	57954
Torrance: First UMC	797	176	176	3269	0	1287	132	0	457603
Torrance: Hope UMC	562	124	124	1947	96	82	77	167	263065
Torrance: Walteria UMC	195	43	43	462	33	1056	368	58	123000
Wilmington: First UMC	216	48	48	1071	37	1473	438	106	200760
LONG BEACH DISTRICT UMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Beach District Totals	**18529**	**4345**	**3823**	**63874**	**2153**	**26804**	**4075**	**8187**	**10912197**