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Current Financial State of the Church

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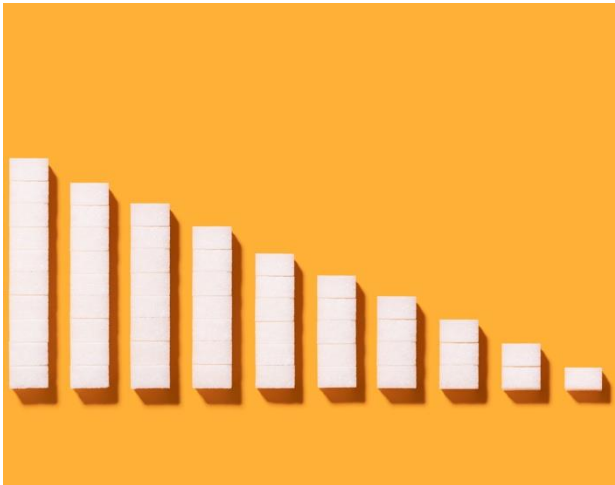
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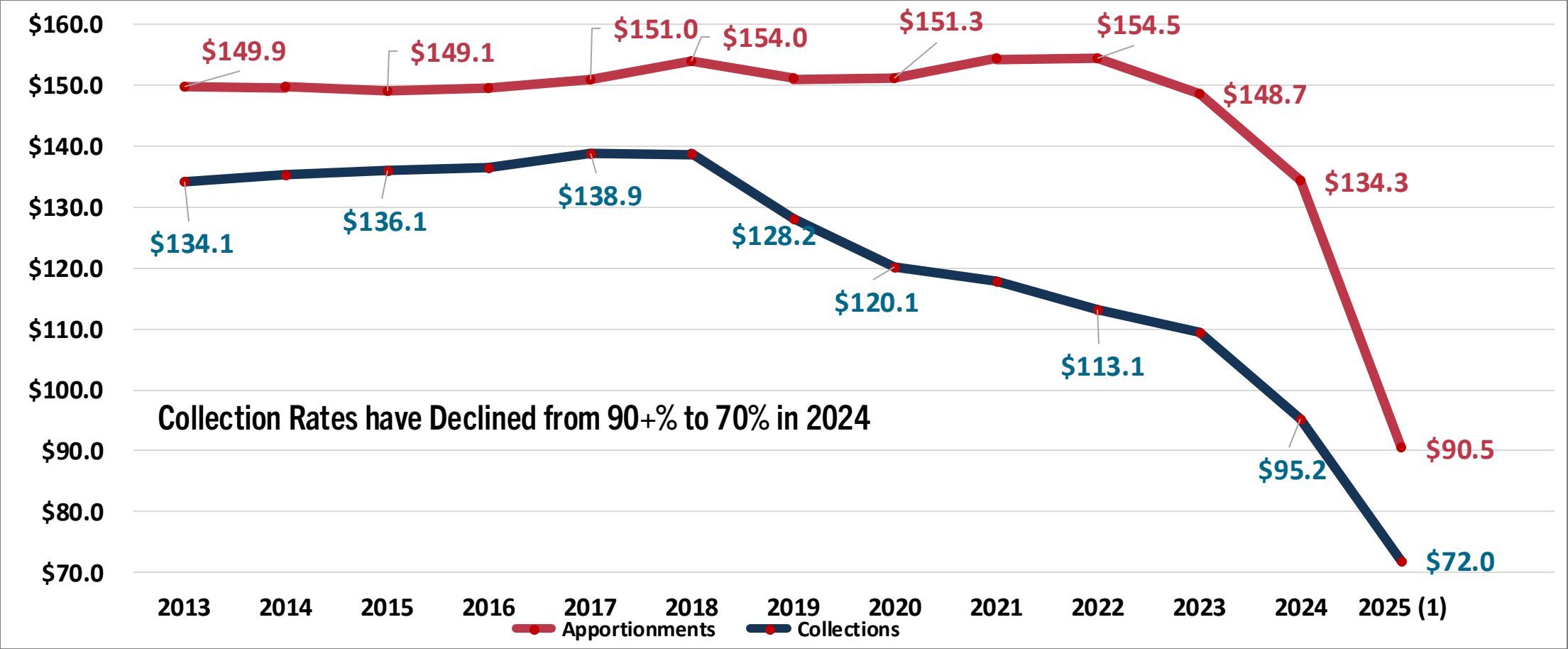


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Apportionment Trends

Jurisdictional Apportionments & Collections - 13 Year Trend

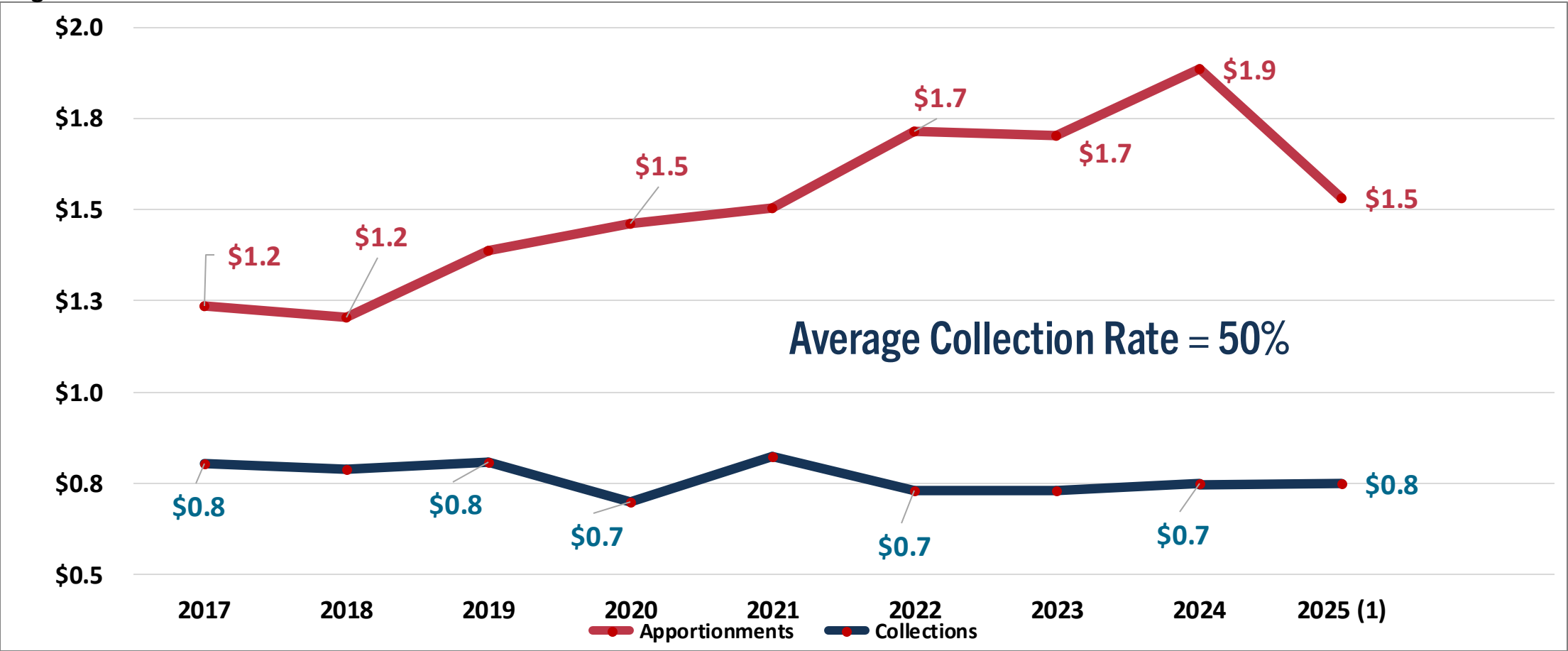
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Central Conference Apportionments & Collections – 9 Year Trend

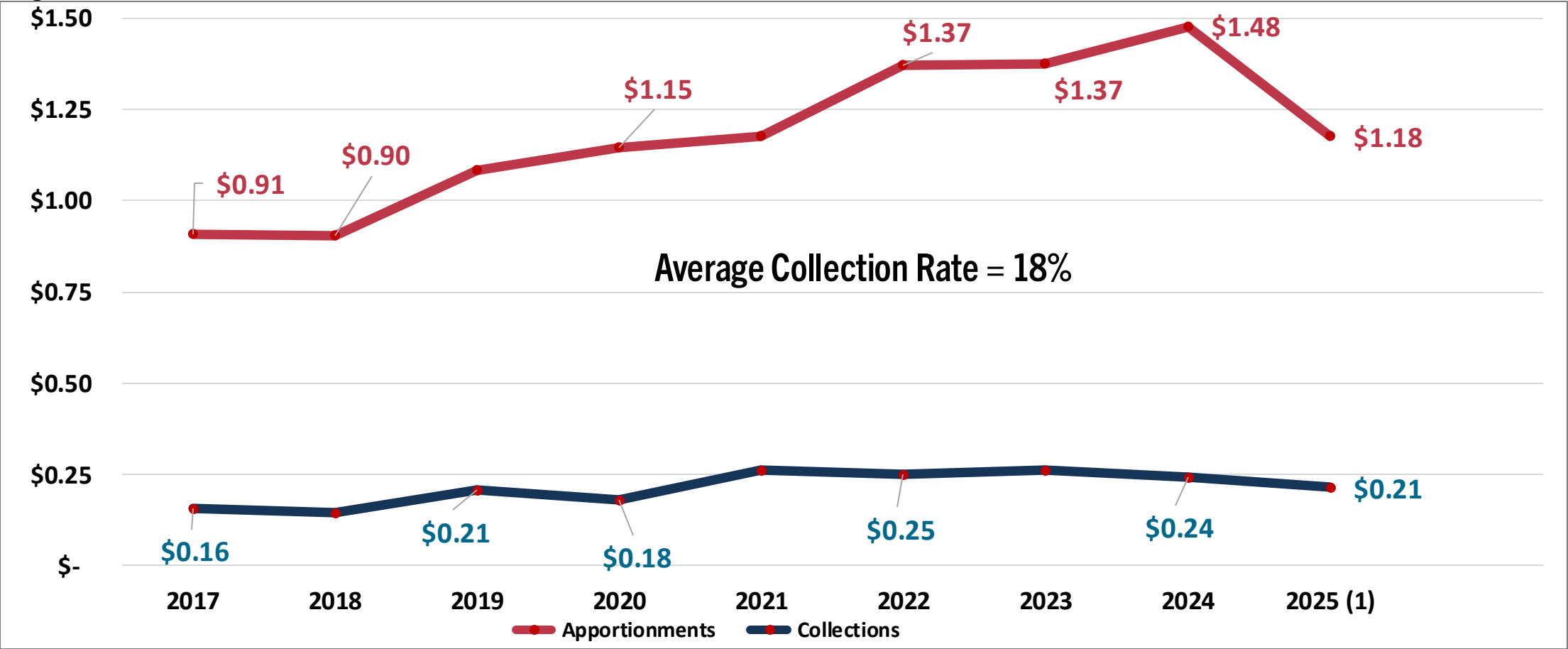
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Africa Apportionments & Collections - 9 Year Trend

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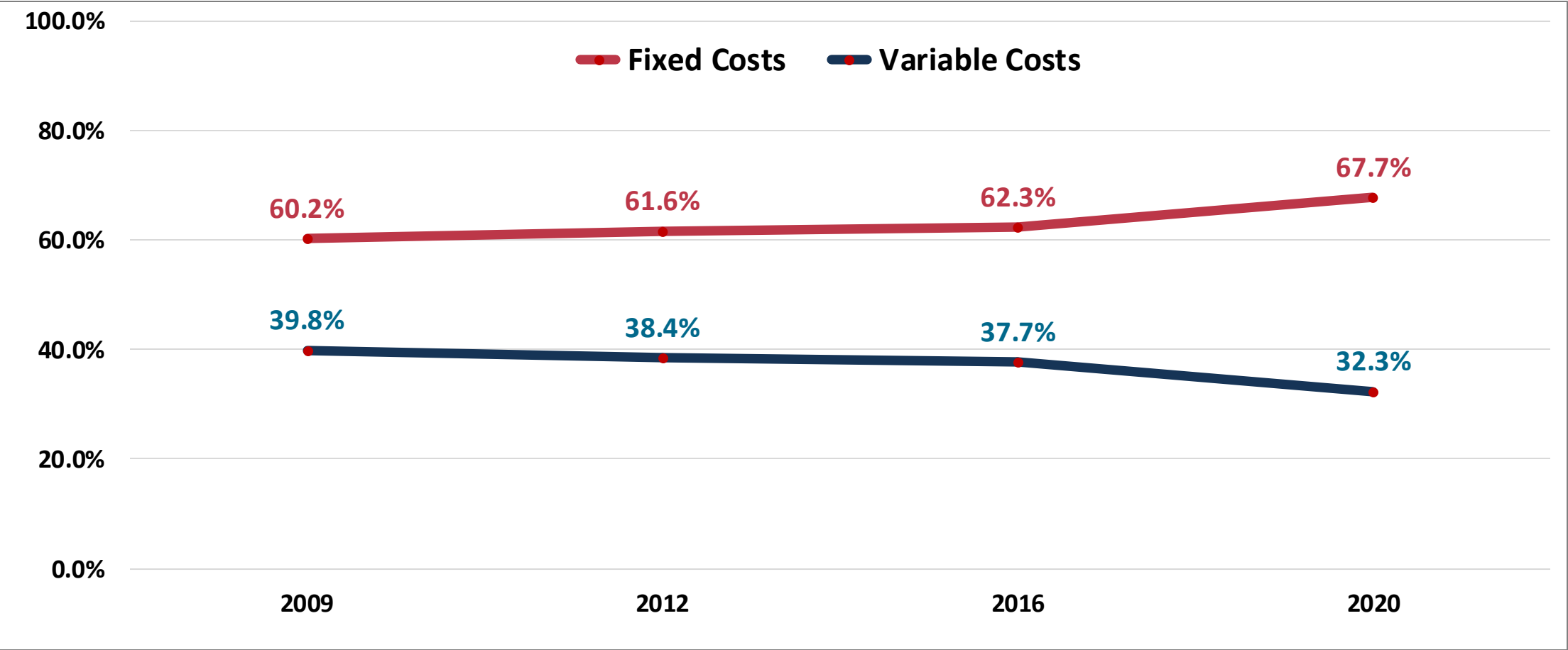
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Impacts of Disaffiliation and Other Factors

Impacts on Jurisdictions

- 32% of local churches left the denomination.
- Churches that stayed United Methodist also lost membership and offerings.
- Total impact is still unknown.
- Local Churches are spending much more of offering on fixed costs (operating costs & pastor / staff salaries compared to prior Years)
- This leaves less Dollars for Apportionment giving, missional work & growth of facilities.
- Next slide will illustrate these changes

U.S. Local Church Spending Trends – Percent of Total Spending



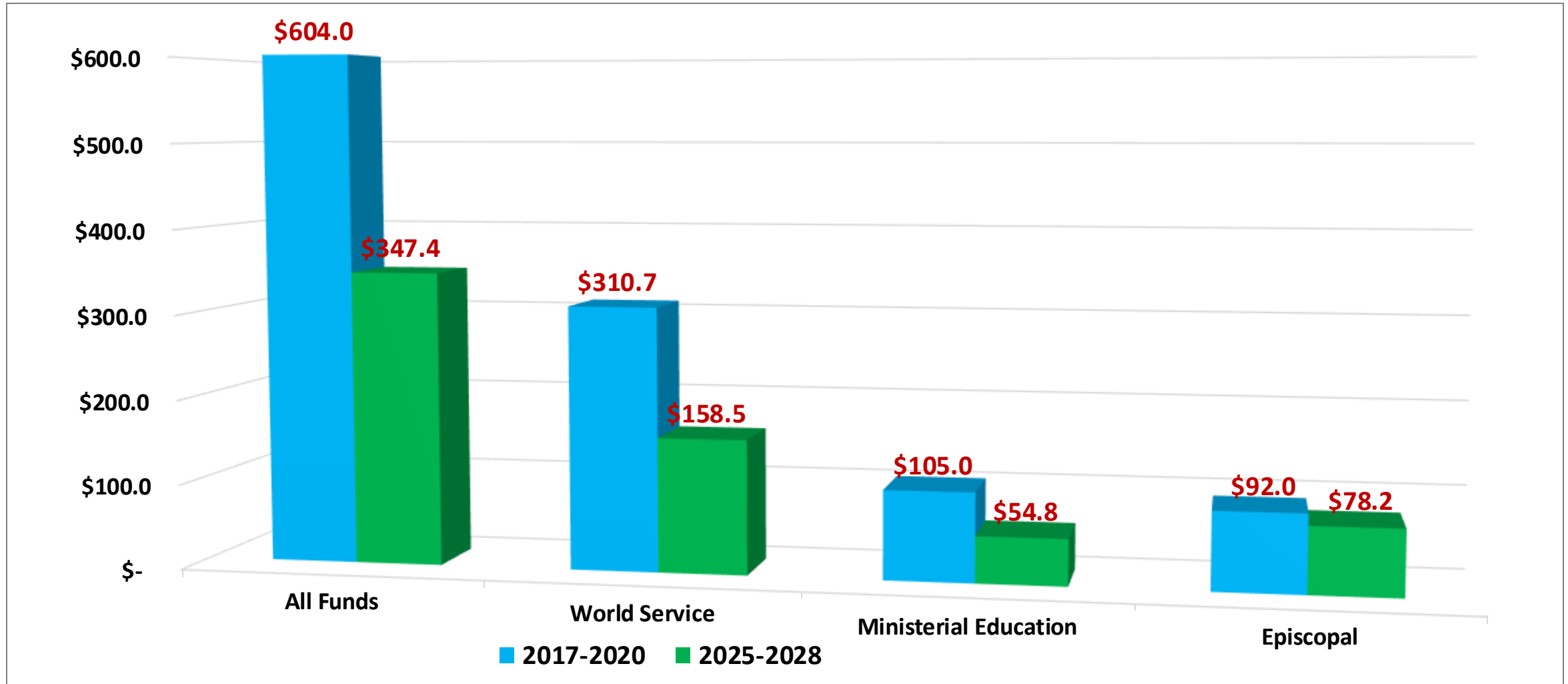


Impacts on Central Conferences

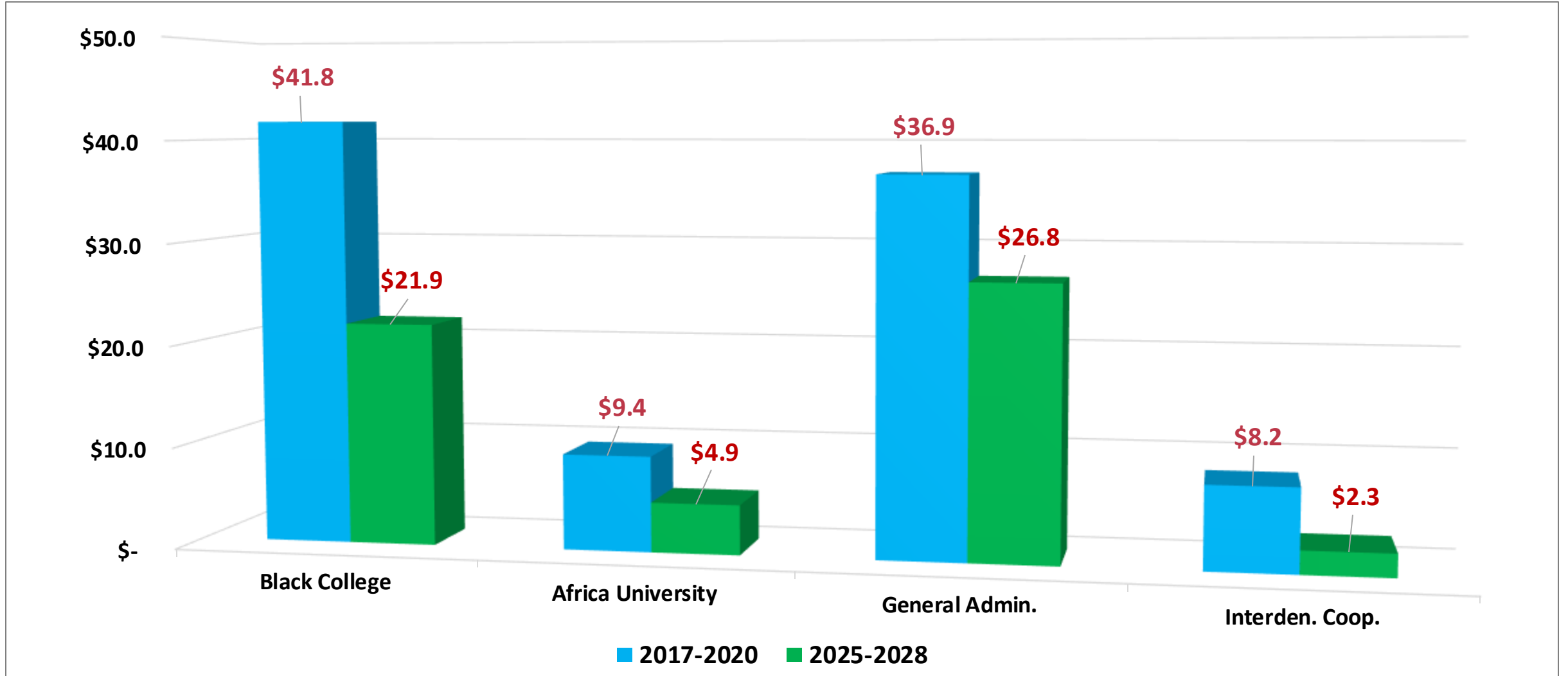
- Annual Conferences leaving the denomination (600,000 Professing Members & 5% of apportionment giving).
 - Cote D'Ivoire
 - Bulgaria / Romania
 - Russia
- Due to COVID and global politics, international travel has become more challenging. This hinders administrative and missional work of the Church.
- Less discretionary spending for U.S. churches leaves fewer funds for apportionment and missional support of Central Conferences.

2025-2028 Budget

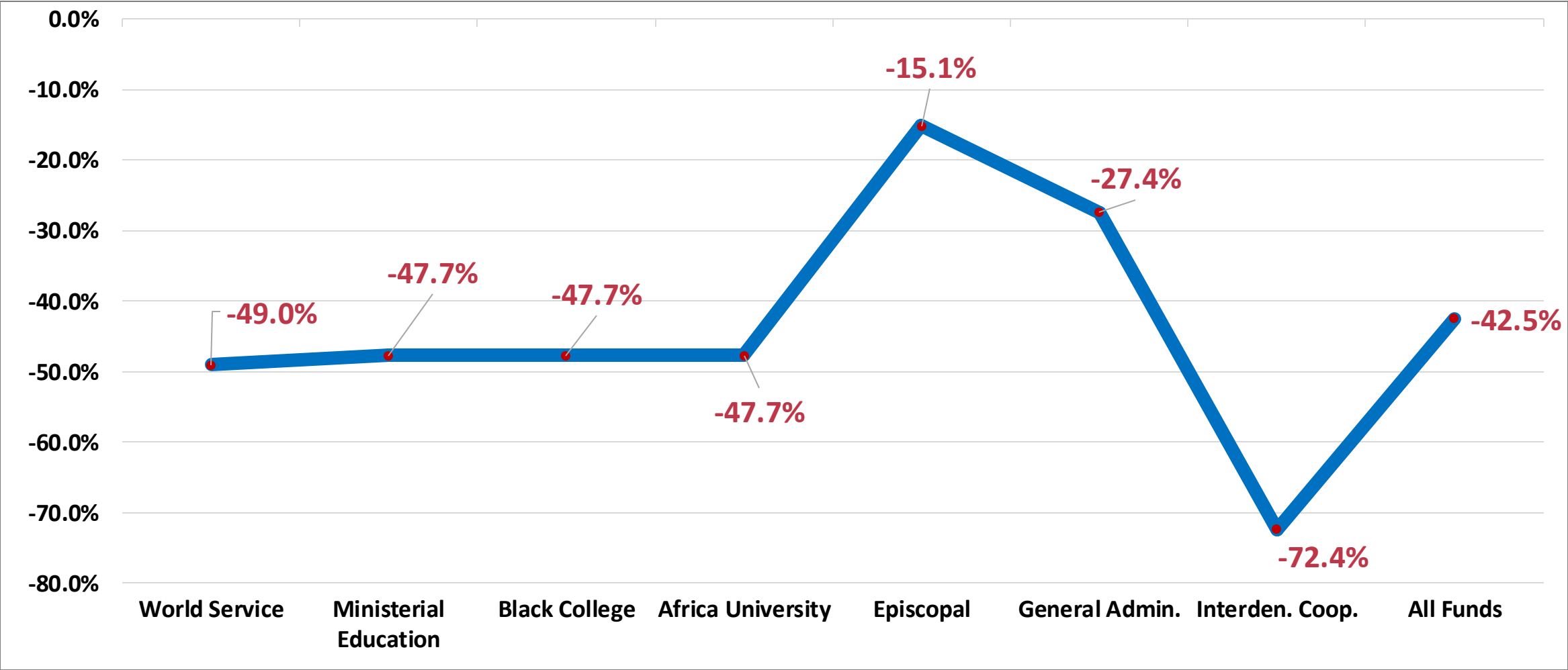
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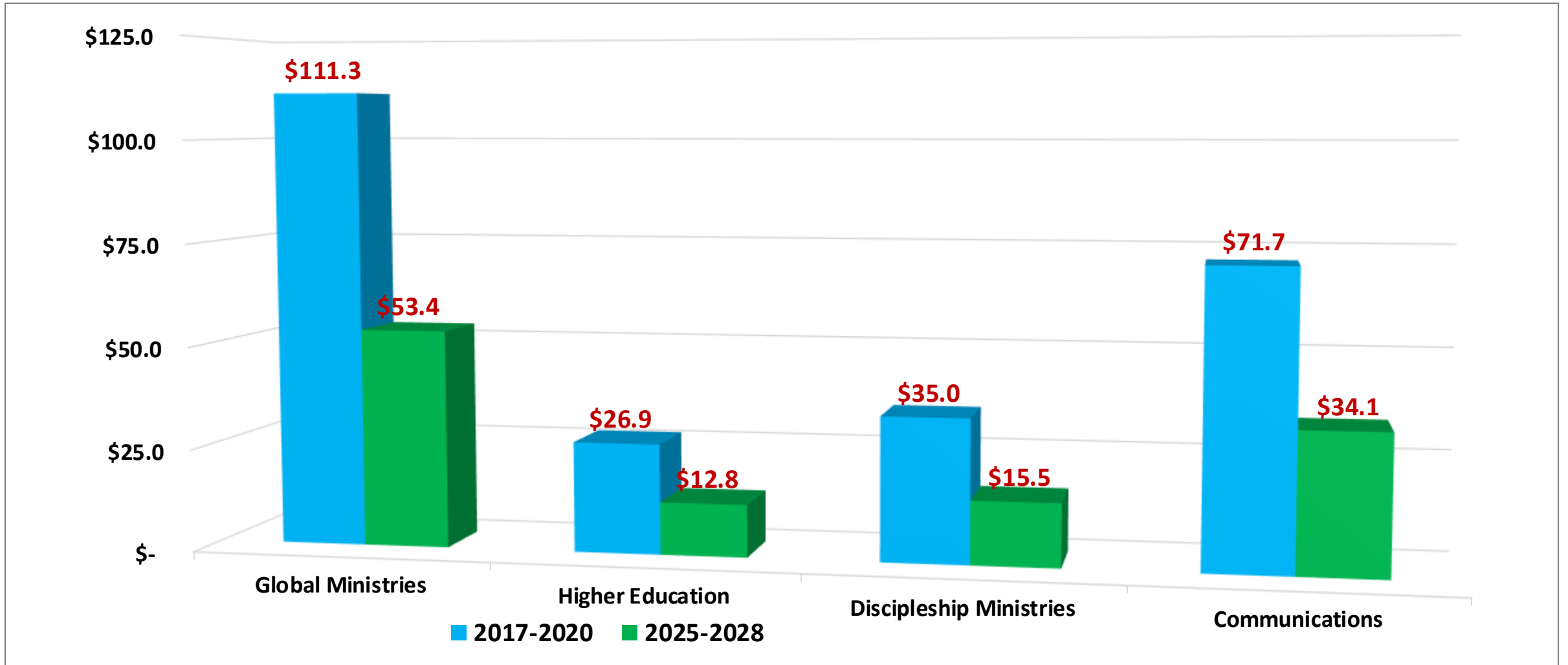
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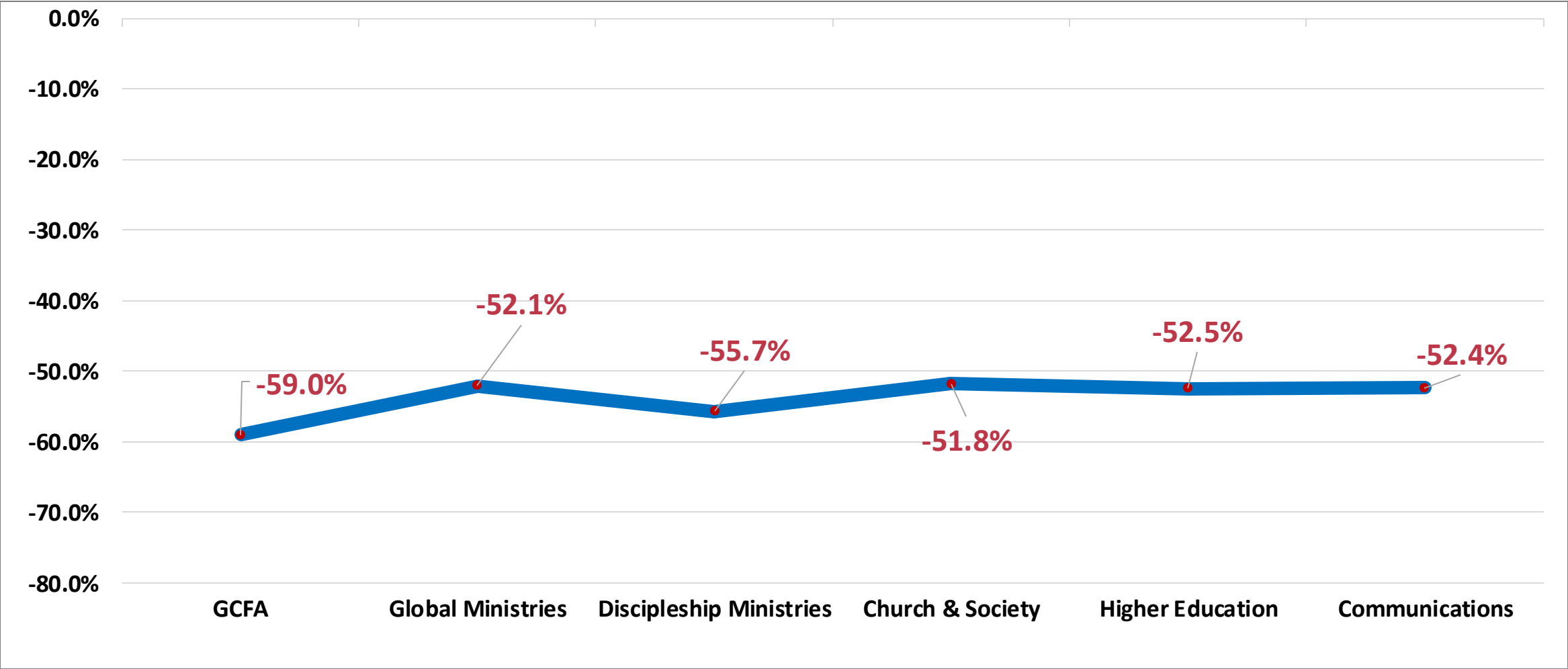
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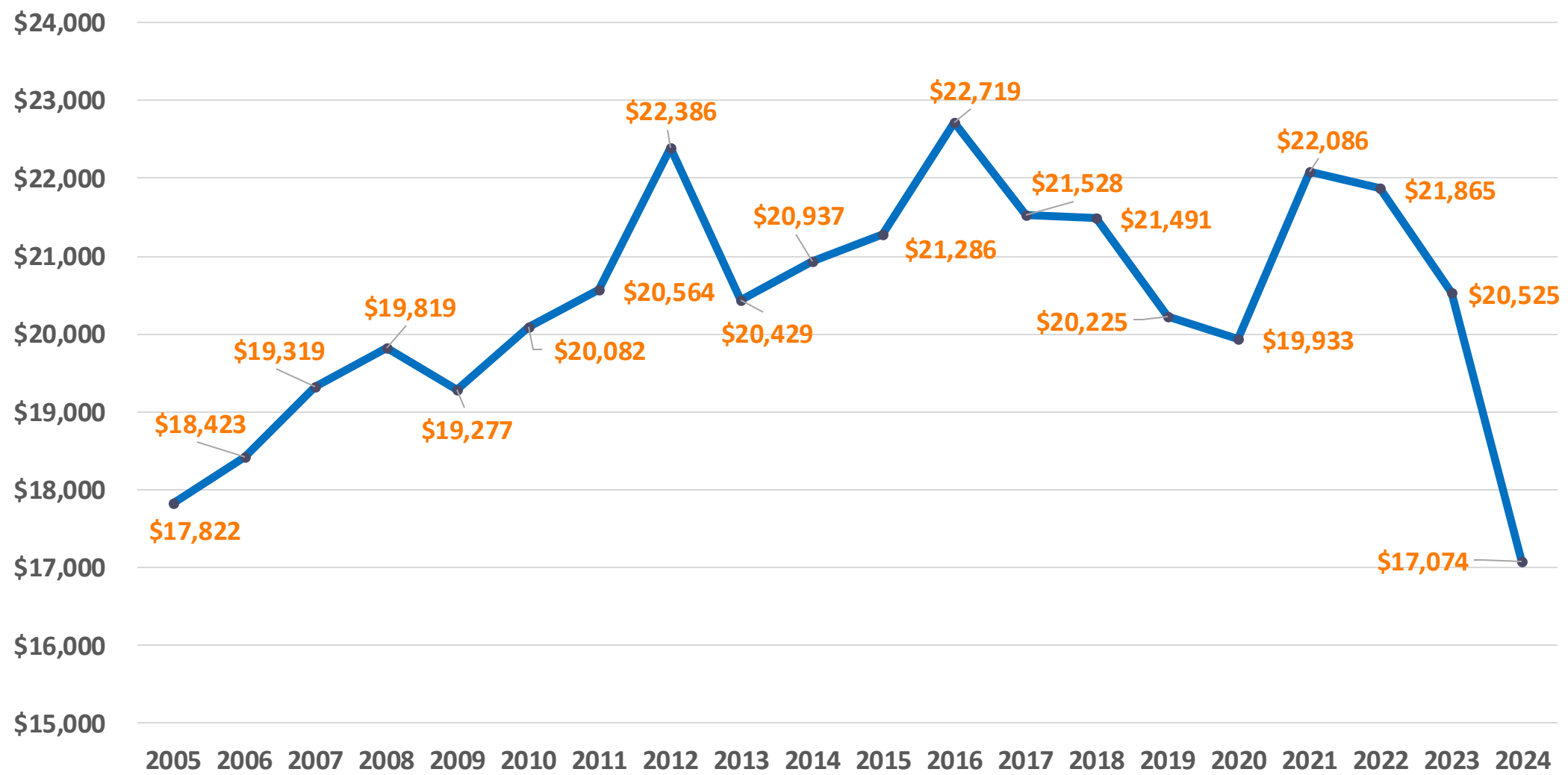


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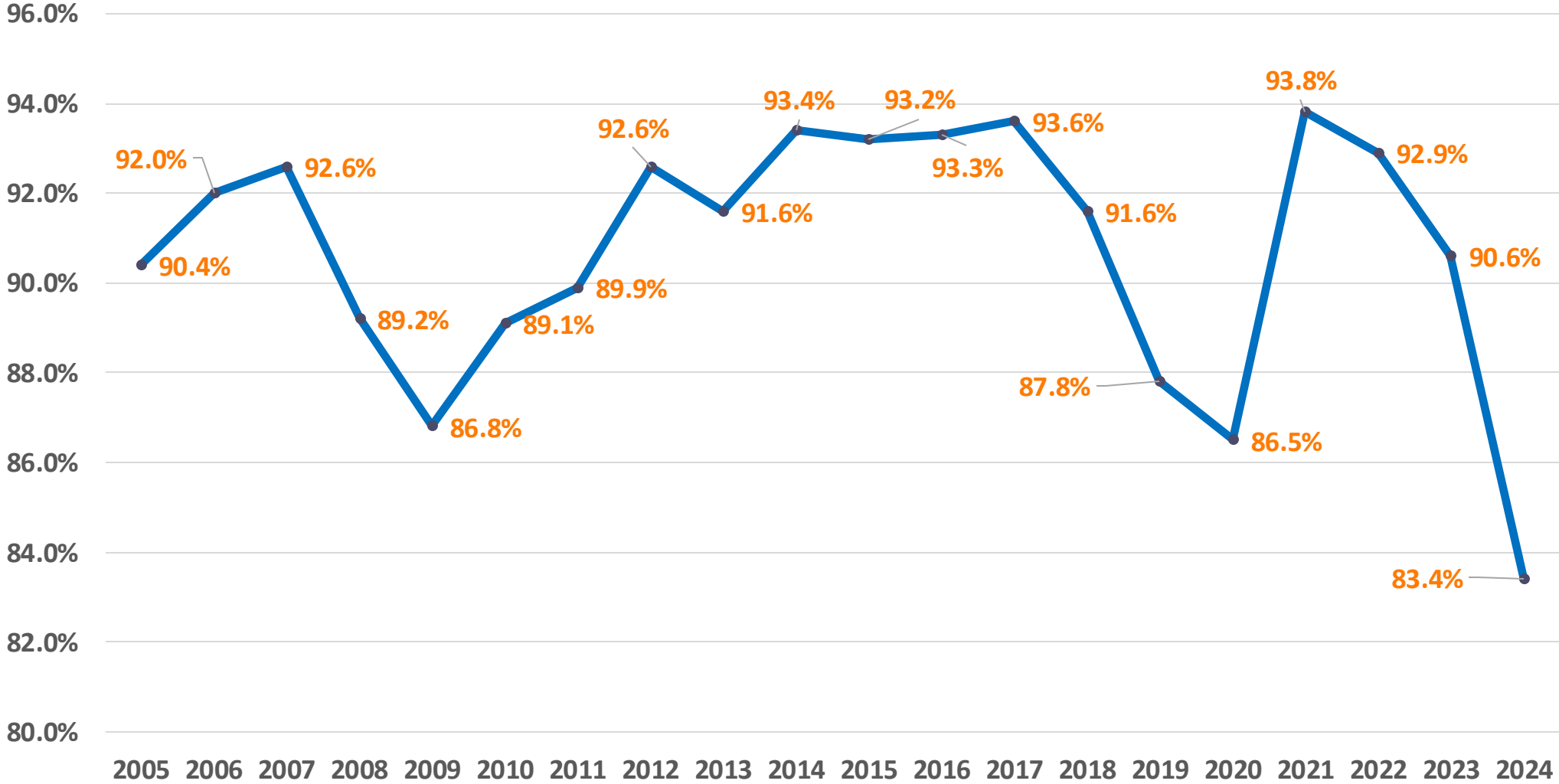


Episcopal Fund Status

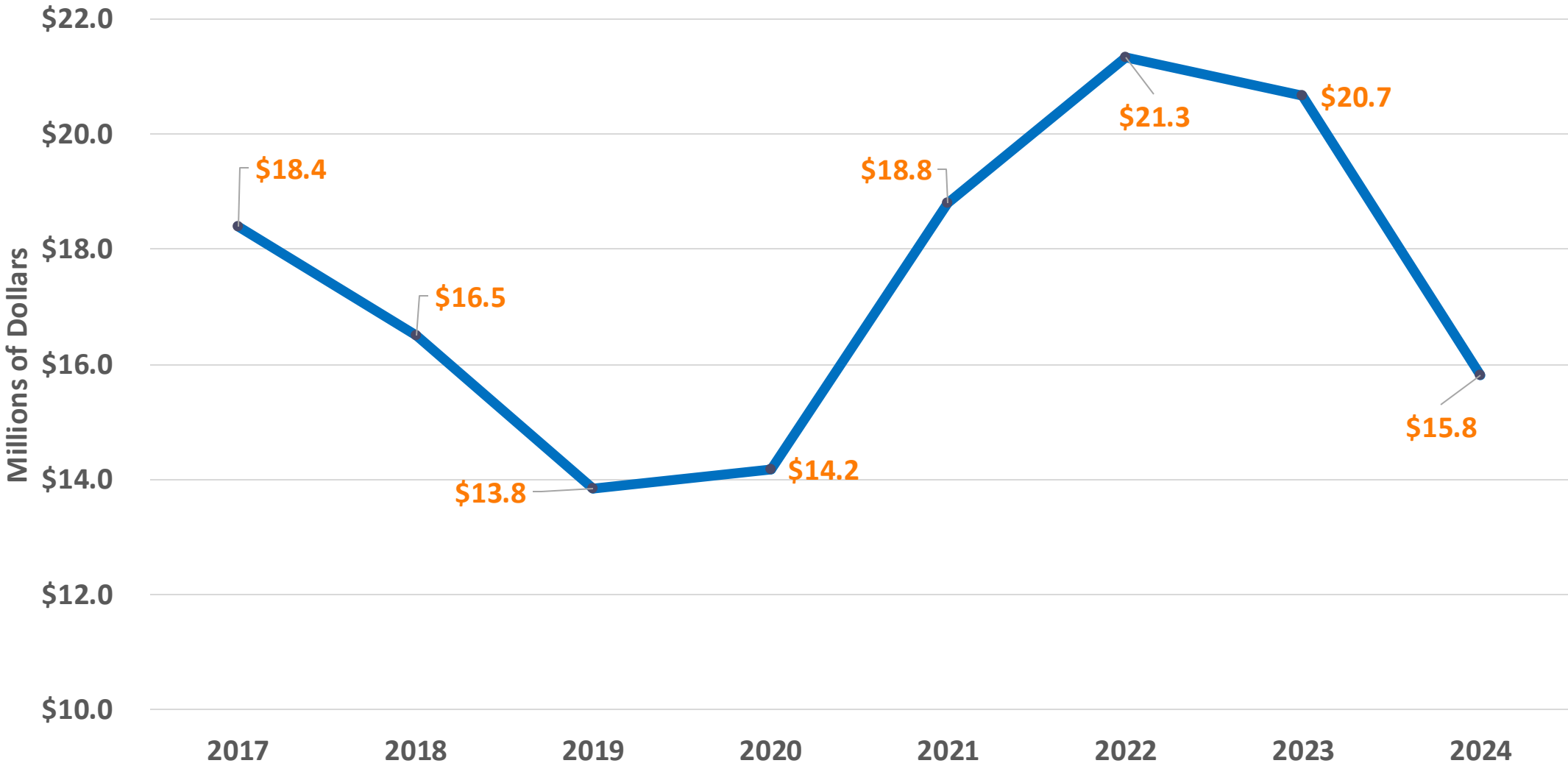
Episcopal Fund Trends – Dollars Collected (000's Omitted)



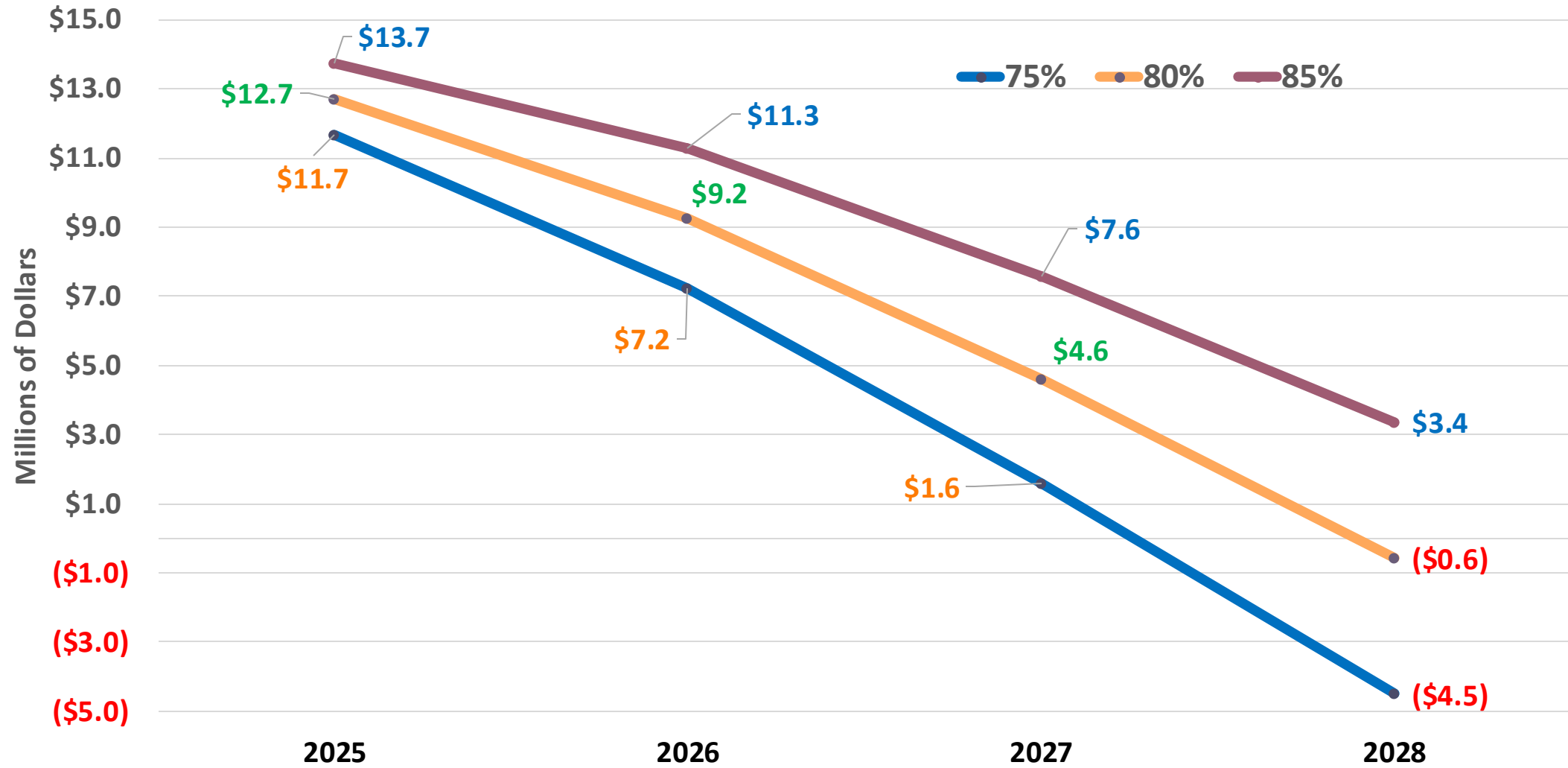
Episcopal Fund Collection Rate Trends – Percent Collected



Episcopal Fund Reserve Trends



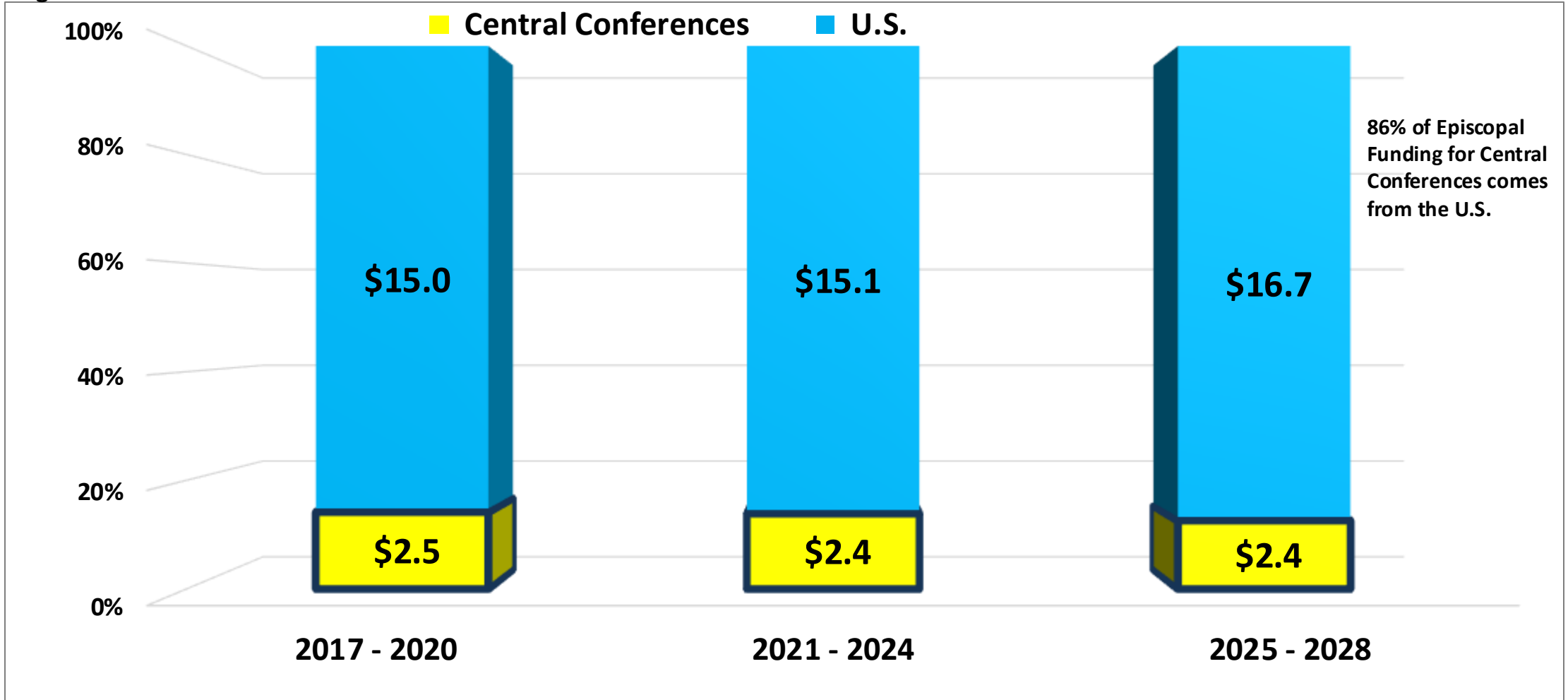
Episcopal Fund Reserve Projection with 75%, 80%, & 85% Collection Rates



Sources of Funding for Central Conference Episcopal Expenses

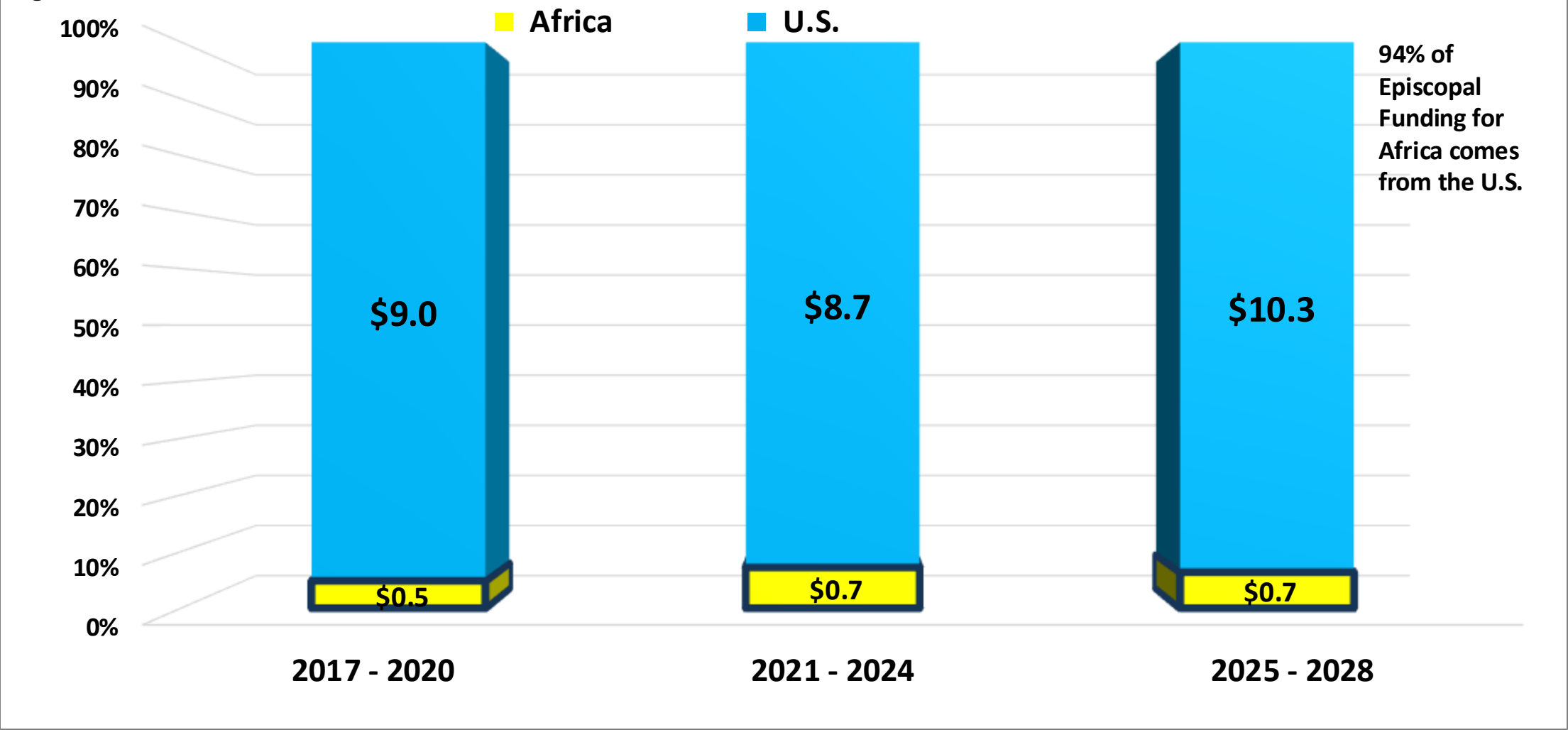


Figures In Millions of dollars



Sources of Funding for Africa Episcopal Expenses

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Summary & Discussion

Financial Realities

- Today, the jurisdictions have less capacity to support the General Church as a whole, including covering Episcopal costs in the Central Conferences and administrative costs such as General Conference and the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.
- Increased Episcopal Areas in the Central Conferences (Africa) increases the total Episcopal costs.
- How can the Central Conferences, including Africa contribute a larger portion of their Episcopal and General Administration expenses?

Questions?





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