

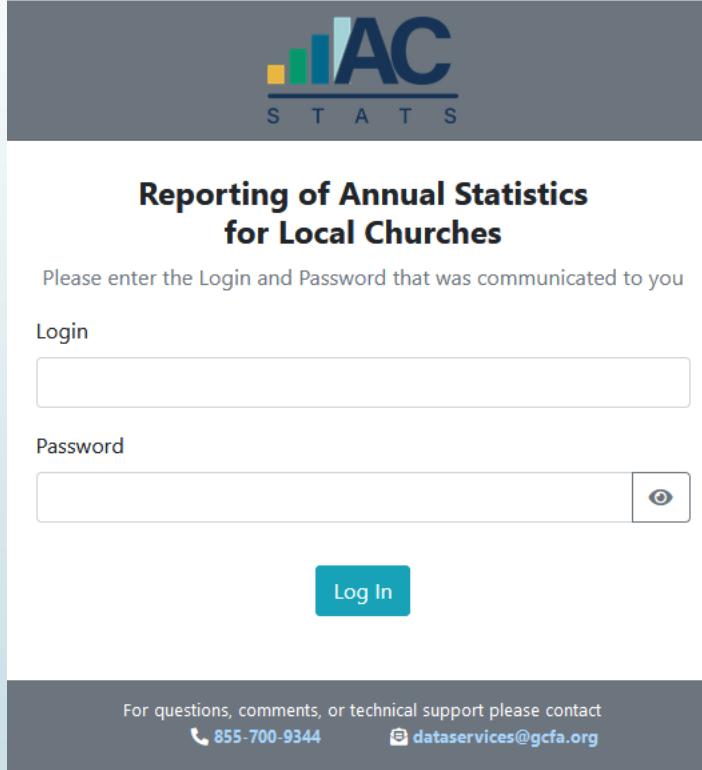
New Local Church Statistics Portal

Statistics for 2023 are due February 20th, 2024.

One of the biggest changes in our Annual Report to Conference (Statistics) is that we are now using a new system. Very few changes have been made to the Annual Report itself and to how you enter the information. This PowerPoint will give you the highlights of the changes for 2023

How do I log in?

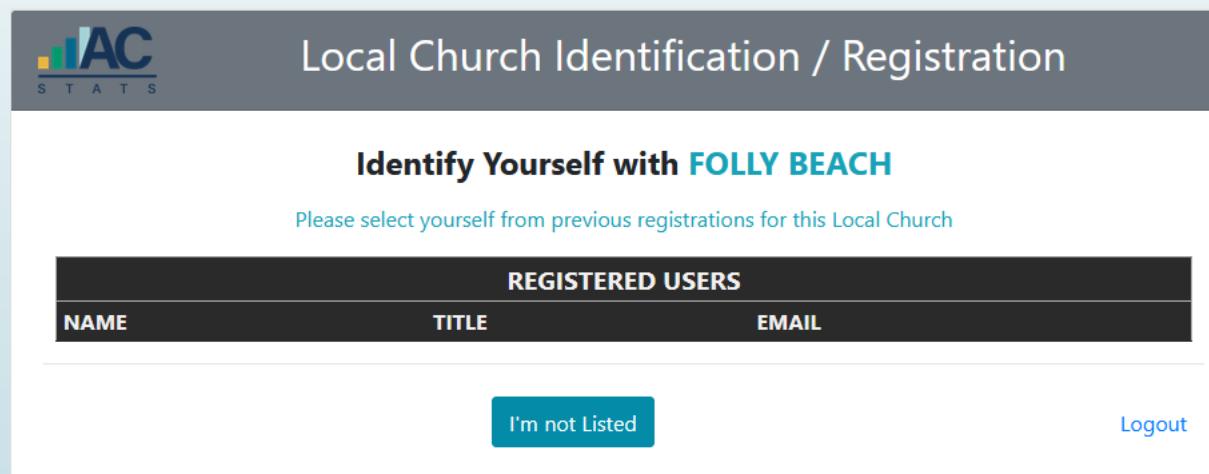
- ▶ Go to www.stats.gcfa.org
- ▶ UserID is the church GCFA no.
- ▶ The initial password is
- ▶ **PNWUMC123!**



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based login interface. At the top, there is a dark header bar with the logo 'IAC STATS' on the left, which consists of three colored bars (yellow, green, blue) followed by the letters 'IAC' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with 'STATS' in a smaller, all-caps font below it. The main content area has a white background and a dark grey header. The header contains the text 'Reporting of Annual Statistics for Local Churches' in a bold, dark blue font. Below the header, there is a message in a smaller, dark blue font: 'Please enter the Login and Password that was communicated to you'. The login form consists of two text input fields: 'Login' and 'Password'. The 'Login' field is empty. The 'Password' field is also empty and includes a small 'eye' icon to the right of the input field, which typically indicates a password visibility toggle. Below the password field is a teal-colored 'Log In' button with white text. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark grey footer bar with the text 'For questions, comments, or technical support please contact' in a small, dark blue font. To the left of this text is a blue phone icon, and to the right is an envelope icon. The contact information is listed as '855-700-9344' and 'dataservices@gcfa.org'.

Local Church Identification/Registration

- When you log in, you will be presented with a screen listing registered users for your church. The list of registered users will be blank the first time you log in. Click the “I’m not Listed” button.



Local Church Identification/Registration

- Complete the form with your personal information and click the green “Register with Local Church” button at the bottom of the page.



Local Church Identification / Registration

Identify Yourself with FOLLY BEACH

Please create an Account for yourself with this Local Church

First*	Middle	Last*
Beth		Westbury
Email*	Church Role*	Primary Phone*
bwestbury@umcsc.org	Other	803-726-6741
Address	City	State
4908 Colonial Drive	Columbia	South Carolina
Password	Password	
<small>Passwords must be at least 8 characters long with at least 1 letter, 1 number, and 1 special character</small>		

[**Register with Local Church**](#) [Back](#) [Logout](#)

Fields with an asterisk are required.

If you add a password, you can use your email address and this password to log into the system in the future.

If you are unable to remember your password, contact your District Administrator or Conference Statistician.

Church Details

- The next screen will bring up information on your church. Contact your District Administrator if you need to edit this information. You click the "Annual Report" button at the bottom of the page to move forward.

Church Details

Church Name	FOLLY BEACH		Pastor Name		
Church #	271525	Conference #	741	Pastor Email	
District	CHARLESTON		Pastor Phone #		
Church Email	follybeachunited@bellsouth.net		EIN #	0	
Church Address	PO BOX 1079		Congregation Type	Chartered	
Address 2			Founded Date		Chartered
City	FOLLY BEACH		Closed Date		ReOpened
State	South Carolina		Parent Church GCFA #		
ZIP Code	294391079		Notes on Submit		
Metrics Report			Annual Report		
2021 Annual Report has not been Started					

Enter Your Statistics

- ▶ You begin entering your statistics on this screen.
- ▶ Note the Display Question Help toggle. To show help information for each question, toggle it and it will turn blue. Then, you will see the help information. (Red toggle means you are not showing all of the help information. Blue toggle means you are showing all the help information.)

2021 Annual Statistics for **FOLLY BEACH**

Church **FOLLY BEACH**
City, State **FOLLY BEACH, SC**
Pastor
GCFA Church # **271525**
Conference **SOUTH CAROLINA (741)**

Annual Church Statistics is **not yet open** for 2021

Display Question Help **Instructions** **Print** **Local Church Detail**

#	QUESTION	2020	2021	% ▲
1	Total professing members reported at close of last year (See Instructions) (This line is auto-filled from line 9 of the previous year)	162	163	1%
2a	Received this year on Profession of Christian Faith	1		
2b	Received this year on Profession of Faith through confirmation	0		
2c	Restored by affirmation (or correction to previous years report)	0		
2d	Correct previous year's reporting errors of total professing membership numbers by addition	0		

Enter Your Statistics-The Buttons

The Instructions button will give you general information. (See next slide)

The Print button will print the report listing all of the questions. You may find it helpful to turn on the “Display Question Help” toggle and print out your tables before you distribute the questions to various individuals for them to complete.

The Local Church Detail takes you back to the information about your church.

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City, State	FOLLY BEACH, SC
Pastor	
GCFA Church #	271525
Conference	SOUTH CAROLINA (741)

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Instructions **Print** **Local Church Detail**

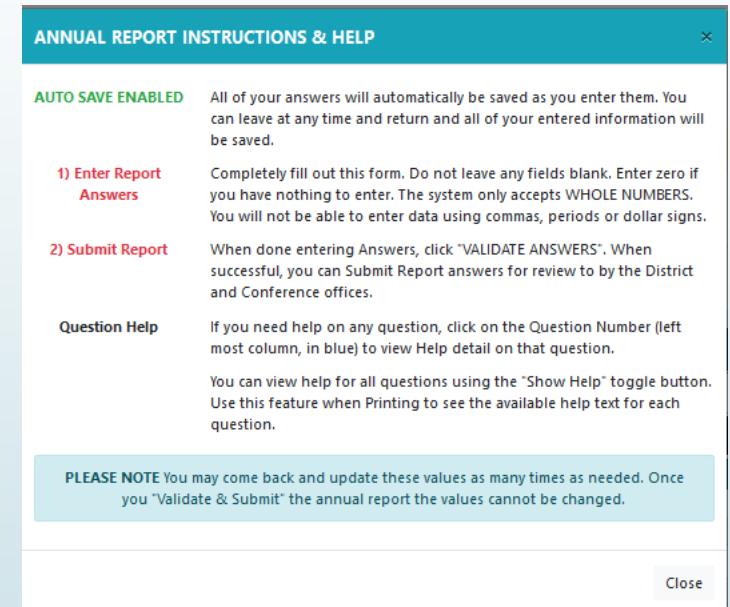
Display Question Help

Table # **1** **2** **3**

#	QUESTION	2020	2021	% △
TABLE 1				
PROFESSIONING MEMBERSHIP				
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Enter Your Statistics-General Help

- ▶ Basic Help Information seen when you click the “Instructions” button.
- ▶ Note that your input is saved automatically.
- ▶ You do not have to click a save button like you did in Ezra.
- ▶ Note that each question must have an answer. If the answer is zero, put in 0.



Enter Your Statistics-Total lines

- ▶ Note that total lines are shown in bold lettering. See questions 4, 5, and 6 as examples. These are calculated for you. Do not try to enter values in total lines.
- ▶ You can get textual help for an individual question by clicking the blue question number

3e	Removed by transfer to other denominations	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
3f	Removed by death	2	<input type="button" value=""/>	
Total professing members at close of this year Sum of all Answers to Questions from #2 minus the sum of Answers to Questions #3				
4	Enter here the figure reported from calculating $1 + (2a+2b+2c+2d+2e+2f) - (3a+3b+3c+3d+3e+3f) = 4$. Affiliate, associate, and baptized members (who have not yet become professing members) should not be counted as professing members.	163	<input type="button" value="163"/>	0%
MEMBERSHIP ETHNICITY				
Asian				
5a	Members with origins and/or heritage in any of the indigenous peoples of Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent. This area includes but is not limited to Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
African American/Black				
5b	Members with ethnic origins in Africa or those who identify themselves as "African American." This includes the African Diaspora in the Caribbean, Latin America, and North America.	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
Hispanic				
5c	Members of Central American, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South American, or Spanish culture or heritage, regardless of race	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
Native American				
5d	Members with ethnic origins in indigenous America (including Aleut, Inuit, Micmac, Ojibwa, Mayan, Miskito, etc.) and/or who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
Pacific Islander				
5e	Members with origins and/or heritage in the Pacific Islands, including Fiji, Guam, Hawaii, Samoa, and Tonga.	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
White				
5f	Members with ethnic origins in Europe, including its various ethnicities.	163	<input type="button" value="163"/>	
Multi Racial				
5g	Members with origins and/or heritage in two or more of the other six categories.	0	<input type="button" value=""/>	
5	Total Membership Ethnicity	163	<input type="button" value="0"/>	

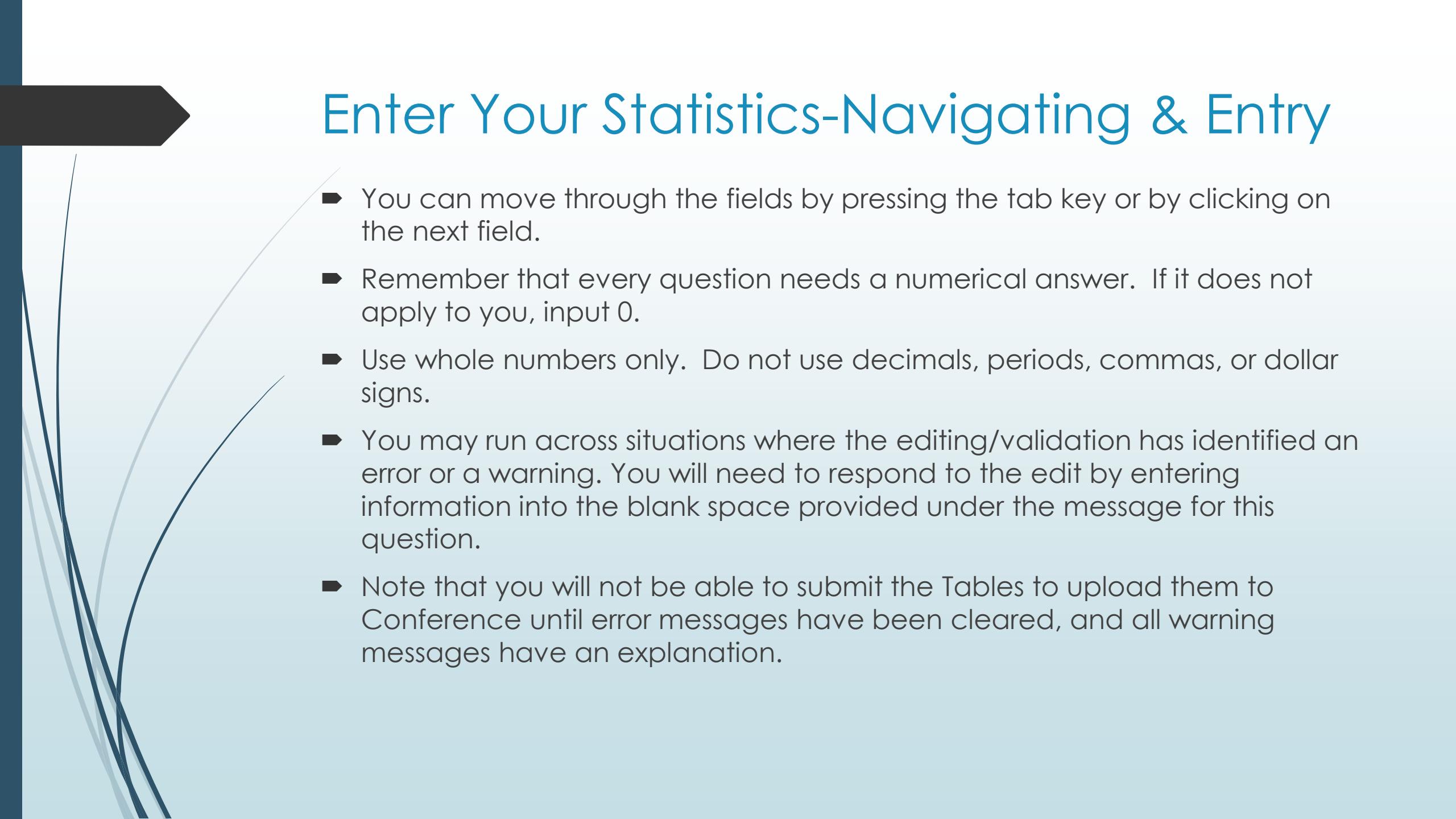
Enter Your Statistics-Navigating

- ▶ If you were accustomed to EZRA, you had to save each table prior to moving to the next table. The new portal allows you to scroll down the page from the first to the last question.
- ▶ If you want to move more quickly to the different tables, you can click on the table number next to the toggle button for Display Question Help.
- ▶ When you get to questions 28-36f, and 39-40 you will notice that there is no place to enter information. These items are known by the Conference and uploaded to GCFA for you.



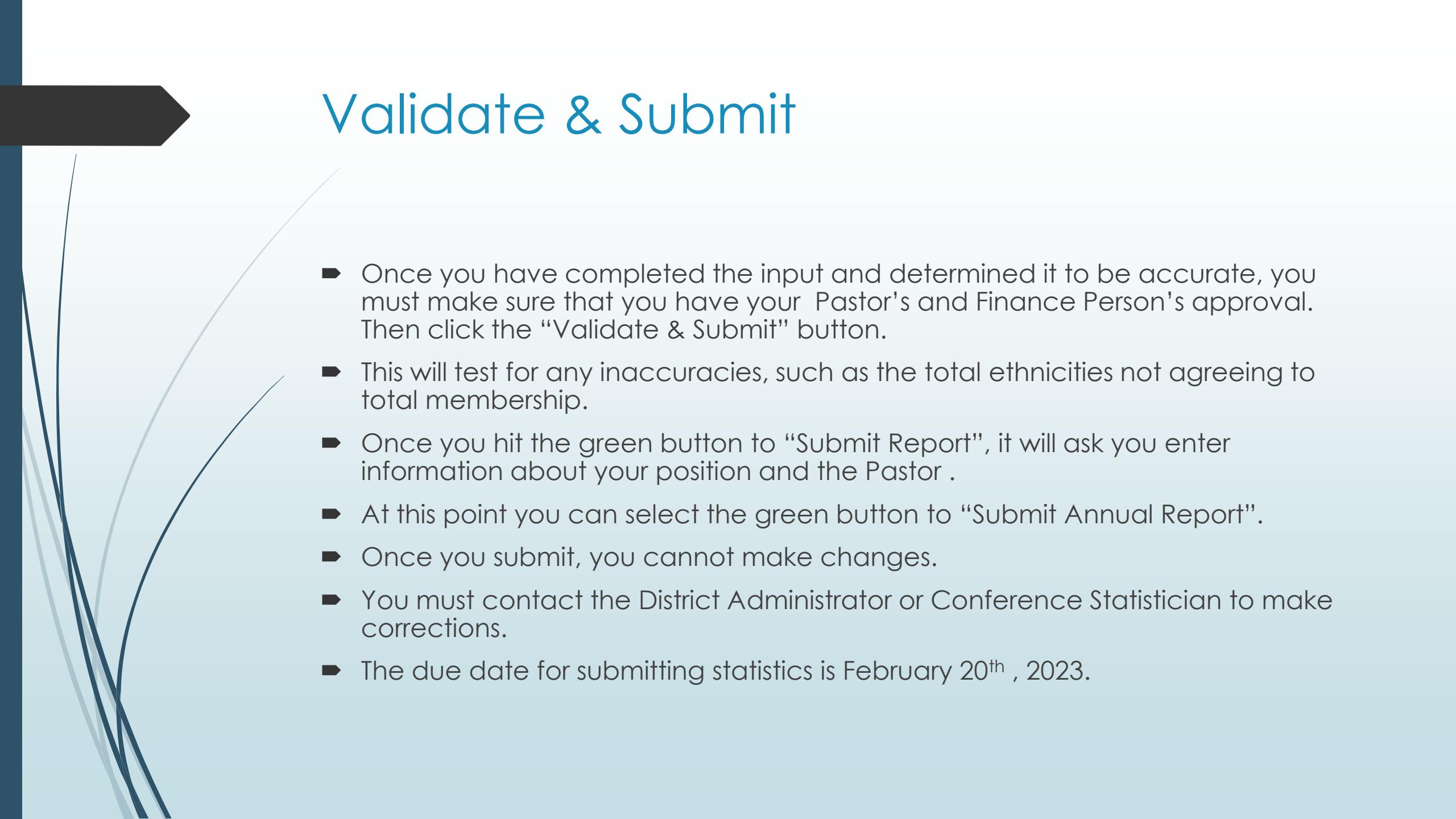
The screenshot shows a portion of a web-based statistics entry interface. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Instructions' (blue), 'Print' (grey), and 'Local Church Detail' (blue). Below these is a toggle button labeled 'Display Question Help' with a blue dot. To its right is a 'Table #' button showing '1 2 3'. Underneath is a table header with columns for '#', 'QUESTION', '2020', '2021', and '% Δ'. The first row of the table is labeled 'TABLE 1' and 'PROFESSING MEMBERSHIP'.

#	QUESTION	2020	2021	% Δ
TABLE 1				
PROFESSING MEMBERSHIP				



Enter Your Statistics-Navigating & Entry

- ▶ You can move through the fields by pressing the tab key or by clicking on the next field.
- ▶ Remember that every question needs a numerical answer. If it does not apply to you, input 0.
- ▶ Use whole numbers only. Do not use decimals, periods, commas, or dollar signs.
- ▶ You may run across situations where the editing/validation has identified an error or a warning. You will need to respond to the edit by entering information into the blank space provided under the message for this question.
- ▶ Note that you will not be able to submit the Tables to upload them to Conference until error messages have been cleared, and all warning messages have an explanation.



Validate & Submit

- ▶ Once you have completed the input and determined it to be accurate, you must make sure that you have your Pastor's and Finance Person's approval. Then click the "Validate & Submit" button.
- ▶ This will test for any inaccuracies, such as the total ethnicities not agreeing to total membership.
- ▶ Once you hit the green button to "Submit Report", it will ask you enter information about your position and the Pastor .
- ▶ At this point you can select the green button to "Submit Annual Report".
- ▶ Once you submit, you cannot make changes.
- ▶ You must contact the District Administrator or Conference Statistician to make corrections.
- ▶ The due date for submitting statistics is February 20th , 2023.