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because of dissatisfaction with the actions of the 1976 General Convention are correct. It is the same number which our diocesan offices tell us we have either lost or might expect to lose because of the schism.

The most recent information, published by the Fellowship of Concerned Churchmen in June 1979, lists 86 priests and 188 parishes, who have "indicated affiliation with or strong sympathy for ACC or FCC." Since some of the parishes and clergy in their list are still, at least technically, in good standing in the Episcopal Church, we see no reason to change our estimates made a year earlier as the numbers of parishes and clergy in the schism.

We have more difficulty with estimating the number of laity involved. In reply to our questionnaire, our diocesan offices identified circumstances involving substantial schism and/or significant attempts to start independent Anglican parishes in only 17 dioceses. The totals involved were reported as follows:

Parishes in which substantial schism has occurred since the 1976 Convention	32
Number of baptized persons involved	3,336
Number of attempts to alienate property	11
Number of additional known attempts to start independent Anglican parishes	40
Estimated membership strength of these new parishes	940

From this survey we get a total of 72 parishes and 4,276 people.

The major discrepancy then, is that the schismatics are claiming two and one-half times the number of "parishes" as our own diocesan administrators seem to know about. In any case, the vast majority of these parishes seem to consist of a handful of people.

Our conclusion is that, despite claim of from 20,000 to 30,000 members in the schismatic groups, the number could hardly be greater than 15,000. Even that would be more than 3 times the estimates made by our 93 diocesan administrators. And, although the number of actual parishes where substantial schism has occurred is slightly greater than our "worst case scenario" for 1977 (32 as against our estimate of 26), we see an actual decline in the number of non-supporting dissident parishes from a "worst case" of 232 to less than 200. If this data is confirmed by the balance of our parochial and diocesan reports, and no further stimulus is given to aid the schismatic movement (e.g. by the General Convention of 1979), we would expect the schism to level off and cease to make further gains at the expense of the people and resources of the Episcopal Church.