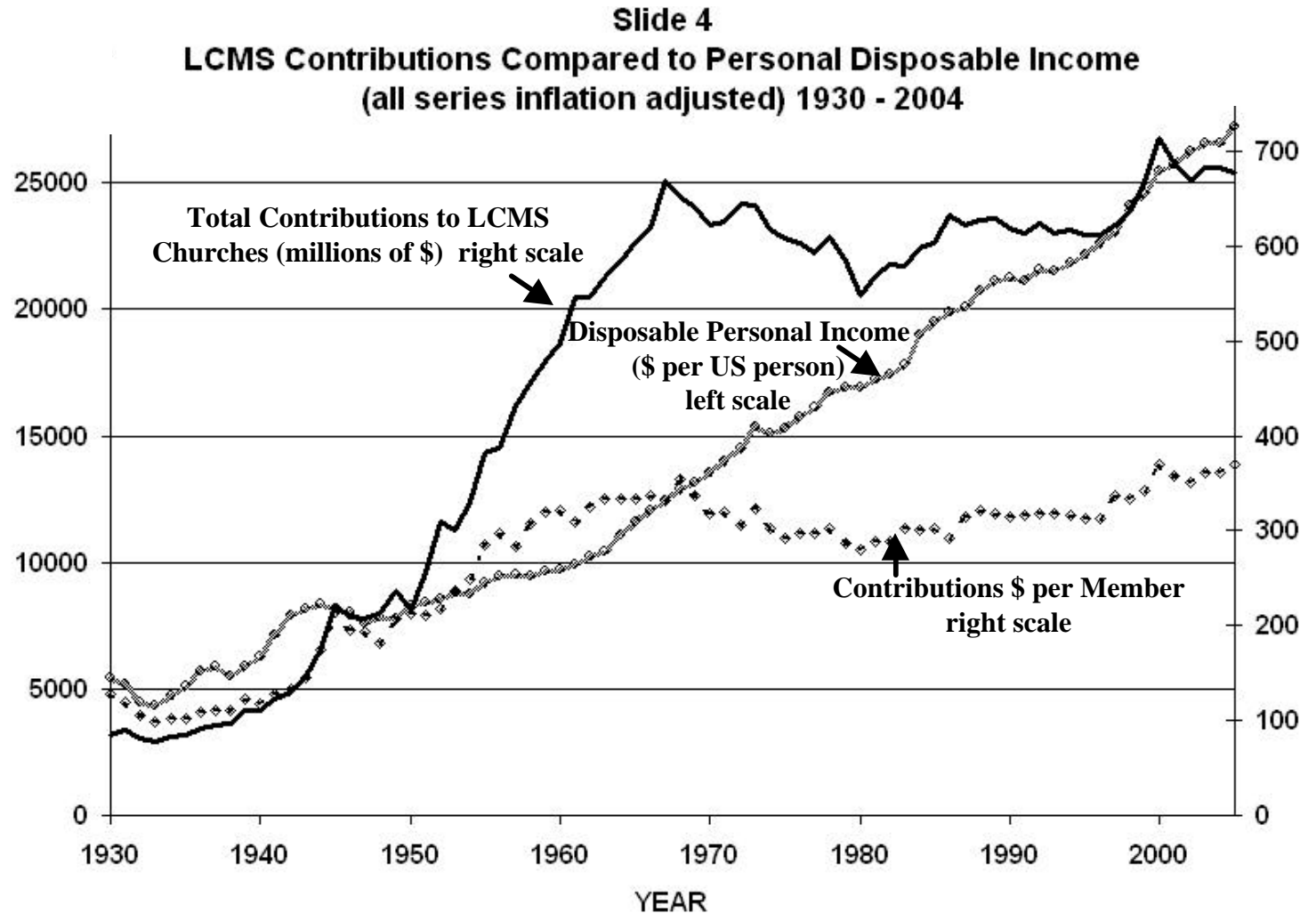


Highlights

1. Large rise in Comm cont. 1950s-1970s
Reflects:
 - a) higher per mbr cont.
 - b) rise in membership
 - c) some continued immigration

2. Relatively level total contributions since 70s
result of:
 - a) no significant increase in per mbr. contributions.
 - b) slight decline in comm. membership.



Source: Contribution data from Synod Statistical Yearbooks and Lutheran Annual.
 Disposable income data from BEA Department of Commerce.
 Contribution data adjusted by Consumer Price Index, BLS, Dept of Labor.
 Income data adjusted by BEA "Chain" method.