



You and Your Congregation

1. **How often do you go to worship services at this congregation?**
 - 3% This is my first time
 - 3% Hardly ever or special occasions only
 - 2% Less than once a month
 - 3% Once a month
 - 9% Two or three times a month
 - 67% Usually every week
 - 13% More than once a week
2. **How long have you been going to worship services or activities at this congregation?**
 - 11% Less than 1 year
 - 11% 1-2 years
 - 14% 3-5 years
 - 14% 6-10 years
 - 19% 11-20 years
 - 24% More than 20 years
 - 7% I am visiting from another congregation
 - 1% I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else
3. **Are you regularly involved in any group activities here? (Mark all that apply.)**
 - 7% Yes, in Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school
 - 12% Yes, in prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
 - 19% Yes, in fellowships, clubs, or other social groups
 - 18% No, we have no group activities
 - 53% No, I am not regularly involved in group activities
4. **Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community (e.g., visitation, evangelism, outreach, community service, social justice)? (Mark all that apply.)**
 - 6% Yes, in evangelism or outreach activities
 - 13% Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this congregation
 - 12% No, we don't have such activities
 - 72% No, I am not regularly involved

5. **Do you currently have any of the following roles here? (Mark all that apply.)**
 - <1% Member of the governing board
 - <1% Member of a congregational committee or task force
 - 12% Leading or assisting in worship
 - 4% Officer or leader of men's, women's, youth, or other group
 - 1% Choir member, musician, or choir director
 - <1% Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school teacher
 - 10% Other role not listed here
 - 74% None

About Your Faith

6. **Over the last year, how much have you grown in your faith?**
 - 8% No real growth
 - 37% Some growth
 - 30% Much growth, mainly through this congregation
 - 7% Much growth, mainly through other groups or congregations
 - 18% Much growth, mainly through my own private activities
7. **How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?**
 - 45% Every day or most days
 - 15% A few times a week
 - 5% Once a week
 - 22% Occasionally
 - 10% Hardly ever
 - 3% Never
8. **Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible? (Mark one only.)**
 - 16% The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
 - 17% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
 - 57% The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
 - 4% The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
 - <1% The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book
 - <1% The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
 - 5% Don't know



9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth"?

16% Strongly agree
45% Agree
19% Neutral or unsure
14% Disagree
5% Strongly disagree

10. Do you agree or disagree: "My spiritual needs are being met in this congregation or parish"?

31% Strongly agree
53% Agree
13% Neutral or unsure
2% Disagree
<1% Strongly disagree

11. Some people feel they came to faith gradually. For others, it began at a definite moment of commitment. Have you ever experienced such a moment of decisive faith commitment or conversion?

57% No, I've had faith for as long as I can remember
14% No, I came to faith through a gradual process
6% Yes, at one specific moment in the last 5 years
6% Yes, at one specific moment more than 5 years ago
11% Yes, a number of specific moments of commitment or re-commitment
6% Not sure or not applicable

12. Are you currently a member of this congregation?

72% Yes
2% No, but I'm in the process of becoming a member
13% No, but I regularly participate here
13% No

About Your Involvement

13. Are you involved in any community service, social service, or advocacy groups not connected to this congregation? (Mark all that apply.)

23% Yes, social service or charity groups
4% Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups
75% No, I'm not involved with such groups

14. Which one of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith?

<1% I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
13% I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
10% I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
61% I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
15% I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so

15. Would you be prepared to invite to a worship service here any of your friends and relatives who do not now attend a congregation?

40% Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
38% Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
13% Don't know
7% No, probably not
1% No, definitely not

16. In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Mark all that apply.)

31% Loaned money to someone outside your family
22% Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick
19% Helped someone outside your family find a job
47% Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or congregation
70% Voted in the last presidential election
73% Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this congregation)
17% Worked with others to try to solve a community problem
14% Contacted an elected official about a public issue

17. How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children and youth (less than 19 years of age)?

28% Very satisfied
34% Satisfied
9% Mixed feelings
1% Dissatisfied
<1% Very dissatisfied
27% Not sure or not applicable



18. Which best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in this congregation?
- 6% I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making
 - 13% I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making
 - 47% I have been given the opportunity but don't usually get involved in decision-making
 - 28% I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and this is fine with me
 - 6% I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and I am not happy about this
19. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation?
- 42% Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing
 - 25% Yes, a strong sense--about the same as last year
 - 7% Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past
 - 6% No, but I am new here
 - 3% No, and I wish I did by now
 - 9% No, but I am happy as I am
 - 7% Don't know or not applicable
20. While you may value many different styles of music, which of the following do you prefer in congregational worship? (Mark up to two options.)
- 53% Traditional hymns
 - 26% Praise music or choruses
 - 28% Contemporary hymns
 - 13% Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)
 - 14% Sung responsorial psalms
 - 6% Classical music or chorales
 - 2% Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)
 - 14% Music or songs from a variety of cultures
 - 3% African-American gospel music
 - 3% No music or songs
 - 5% Don't know
21. To what extent do the worship services or activities of this congregation help you with everyday living?
- 45% A great extent
 - 42% Some extent
 - 10% A small extent
 - 4% Not at all
22. Which of the following aspects of this congregation do you personally most value? (Mark up to three options.)
- 14% Wider community care or social justice emphasis
 - 18% Reaching those who do not attend church
 - 27% Traditional style of worship or music
 - 21% Contemporary style of worship or music
 - 63% Sharing in Holy Communion, Eucharist, or the Lord's Supper
 - 9% Social activities or meeting new people
 - 29% Sermons, preaching, or homilies
 - 11% Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups
 - 12% Ministry for children or youth
 - 6% Prayer ministry for one another
 - 13% Practical care for one another in times of need
 - 17% The congregation's school or pre-school
 - 13% Openness to social diversity
 - 7% Adult church-school or Sabbath-school class
23. Do you have any close friends in this congregation?
- 26% No, I have little contact with others from this congregation outside of activities here
 - 18% No, I have some friends in this congregation, but my closest friends are not involved here
 - 47% Yes, I have some close friends here as well as other close friends who are not part of this congregation
 - 10% Yes, most of my closest friends are part of this congregation
24. Before you started coming to this congregation, were you participating in another congregation?
- 10% No, I've come here for most or all of my life
 - 8% No, before coming here I had not been attending any congregation for several years
 - 4% No, before coming here I had never regularly attended
 - 77% Yes, immediately prior to coming here I was participating in another congregation.

**25. Before you started coming here, what type of congregation did you attend? (Mark only one.)**

- <1% Assembly of God
- <1% Baptist
- 78% Catholic
- <1% Episcopal
- <1% Lutheran
- 1% Methodist
- 0% Nazarene
- <1% Non-denominational
- <1% Pentecostal
- <1% Presbyterian
- <1% Seventh-day Adventist
- <1% United Church of Christ
- 2% Other
- 7% I did not attend another congregation before coming here

26. Over the last two years, has there been any conflict in this congregation? (Mark only one.)

- 65% No conflict that I am aware of
- 12% Some minor conflict
- 2% Major conflict
- 1% Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving
- 19% Don't know

27. Have this congregation's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?

- 30% Yes, to a great extent
- 27% Yes, to some extent
- 13% Yes, to a small extent
- 12% Not at all
- 18% Don't know

About You**28. Ages of worshipers (2001 minus birth year):**

- 7% 15-24 (born between 1977 and 1986)
- 27% 25-44 (born between 1957 and 1976)
- 33% 45-64 (born between 1937 and 1956)
- 33% 65 and above (born between 1901 and 1936)

29. Gender of worshipers:

- 61% Female
- 39% Male

30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)

- 50% Employed full time, part time, or self-employed
- 4% Unemployed
- 33% Retired
- 11% Full-time homemaker
- 8% Student
- 3% Other

31. What is the highest educational level you have completed? (reported for those born before 1977)

- <1% No formal schooling
- 3% Primary school through 8th grade (K-8)
- 5% Some high school
- 37% Completed high school
- 8% Trade certificate
- 15% Associate degree
- 20% Bachelors degree from a university or college
- 10% Master's, Doctorate, or other graduate degree

32. What is your present marital status?

- 12% Never married
- 54% In first marriage
- 10% Remarried after divorce
- 1% Remarried after death of spouse
- 1% Separated
- 9% Divorced
- 10% Widowed
- 2% Living in a committed relationship

33. Do you have a spouse or partner who is also completing a survey here?

- 47% Yes
- 53% No

34. What is your race or origin? (Mark all that apply.)

- 5% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 2% Black/African American
- 30% Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin
- 2% Indian (American) or Alaska native
- 64% White/Caucasian
- 2% Other

35. Where were you born?

- 87% In the United States
- 4% In another English-speaking country
- 9% In a non-English-speaking country



47. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation is strongly focused on serving the wider community beyond the congregation"?

36% Strongly agree
44% Agree
18% Neutral or unsure
1% Disagree
<1% Strongly disagree

48. How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation?

Always or Usually

85% A sense of God's presence
74% Inspiration
6% Boredom
37% Awe or mystery
75% Joy
4% Frustration
32% Spontaneity
81% A sense of fulfilling my obligation

49. Does this congregation have a clear vision, goals, or direction for its ministry and mission?

21% I am not aware of such a vision, goals, or direction
6% There are ideas but no clear vision, goals, or direction
25% Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
28% Yes, and I am partly committed to them
20% Yes, but I am not committed to them

50. Do you agree or disagree: "I have a sense of excitement about our congregation's future"?

NA Strongly agree
NA Agree
NA Neutral or unsure
NA Disagree
NA Strongly disagree

51. Of the following, which one best describes your opinion of the future directions of this congregation?

6% We need to go back to the way we did things in the past
11% We are faithfully maintaining past directions
18% We are currently deciding on new directions
33% We are currently moving in new directions
4% We need to rethink where we are heading
<1% Our future is very unclear or doubtful
27% Don't know

52. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation is always ready to try something new"?

NA Strongly agree
NA Agree
NA Neutral or unsure
NA Disagree
NA Strongly disagree

53. To what extent does the minister, pastor, or priest here take into account the ideas of those who worship here?

48% A great extent
25% Some extent
3% A small extent
<1% Not at all
23% Don't know
<1% There is currently no leader here

54. Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership of your pastor, minister, or priest?

21% Leadership that tends to take charge
49% Leadership that inspires people to take action
14% Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
2% Leadership where the people start most things
<1% There is currently no leader here
15% Don't know

55. What do you think are the main roles that your minister, pastor, or priest actually carries out here? (Mark up to three options.)

NA Conducting worship or administering the sacraments
NA Teaching people about the faith
NA Training people for ministry and mission
NA Converting others to the faith
NA Administering the work of the congregation
NA Visiting, counseling and helping people
NA Involvement in wider community groups or social issues
NA Providing a vision and goals for the future
NA Offering prayer or being a spiritual role model
NA Don't know



56. Do you agree or disagree: "In general, there is a good match between our congregation and our minister, pastor, or priest"?

- 53% Strongly agree
- 34% Agree
- 12% Neutral or unsure
- <1% Disagree
- <1% Strongly disagree
- <1% There is currently no leader here