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I. Congregational Identity and Worship

1. How well does each of the following statements describe your congregation? (✓ one on each line)

	<i>Very Well</i>	<i>Quite Well</i>	<i>Some- What</i>	<i>Slightly</i>	<i>Not At All</i>
A. Our congregation feels like a close-knit family	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
B. Our congregation is spiritually vital and alive.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
C. Our congregation is working for social justice	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
D. Our congregation helps members deepen their relationships with God.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
E. Our congregation is trying to increase its racial/ethnic diversity	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
F. Our congregation clearly expresses its A/G heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
G. Our congregation is a moral beacon in the community	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
H. Our congregation welcomes innovation and change.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
I. Our congregation deals openly with disagreements and conflicts	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
J. Our congregation has a strong racial/ethnic or national heritage that it is trying to preserve	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
K. Members are excited about the future of our congregation..	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
L. New people are easily incorporated into the life of our congregation	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
M. Our congregation has a clear sense of mission and purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
N. Our congregation's worship services are spiritually uplifting and inspirational.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
O. Our congregation's programs and activities are well organized	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
P. Our congregation's programs and activities strengthen personal relationships among participants	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
Q. Our congregation encourages public expression of speaking in tongues.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

2. Worship Services.

A. ₍₁₎ Please check here if your congregation holds worship services *less than once a week*, and answer for a **typical** weekend on which you do hold services.

	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday AM</i>	<i>Sunday PM</i>						
B. How many worship services does your congregation have on each of the following days/times on a typical weekend?	a _____	b _____	c _____	d _____						
C. What is the total attendance for all services held on this day/time on a typical weekend?	a _____	b _____	c _____	d _____						
D. If you typically hold more than one service on the weekend, are these services: (✓ one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/>₁ Very similar in style (other than the language used) <input type="checkbox"/>₂ One or more is <i>somewhat different</i> in style from the rest <input type="checkbox"/>₃ One or more is <i>very different</i> in style from the rest 										
E. Please check all the languages in which your congregation conducts worship services on a typical weekend: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">a. <input type="checkbox"/>₍₁₎ English</td> <td style="width: 50%;">d. <input type="checkbox"/>₍₂₎ Spanish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. <input type="checkbox"/>₍₅₎ Korean</td> <td>e. <input type="checkbox"/>₍₁₄₎ Portuguese</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. <input type="checkbox"/>₍₉₉₎ Other: _____</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>					a. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₁₎ English	d. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₂₎ Spanish	b. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₅₎ Korean	e. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₁₄₎ Portuguese	c. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₉₉₎ Other: _____	
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c. <input type="checkbox"/> ₍₉₉₎ Other: _____										

I. Congregation Identity and Worship, continued

3. How often does the sermon in your worship **focus** on: (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>
A. God's love and care.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. Practical advice for daily living.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. Personal spiritual growth.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
D. Social justice or social action.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
E. End-times and/or the Second Coming.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
F. Personal commitment and/or conversion.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

4. How often does the sermon include **a lot of**: (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>
A. Personal stories or first-hand experiences.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. Literary or scholarly references.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. Illustrations from contemporary media (e.g., magazines, newspapers, television, movies, etc).....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
D. Detailed explanations of scripture or doctrine.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

5. How often are the following included as part of your worship service(s)? (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>
A. Reading/recitation of creeds or statements of faith.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. A time for lay persons to testify about their faith.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. A time during worship for people to greet each other.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
D. The use of visual projection equipment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
E. Drama.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
F. Kneeling by the congregation.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

6. How often are the following used in your worship services(s)? (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Never</u>
A. Organ and/or piano.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. Electronic keyboard or synthesizer.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. Electric guitar/bass.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
D. Non-electronic string or wind instruments (e.g., harp, violin, guitar, flute, brass, etc.).....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
E. Drums or other percussion instruments.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
F. Recorded music (tapes, CD's, etc).....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

7. In comparison to the style of your congregation's primary worship service 5 years ago, would you say the style of your current primary worship service: (✓ one)

- 1 Is basically the same 2 Changed a little 3 Changed somewhat
4 Changed a great deal 5 Our congregation did not exist in 1995

8. How important are the following sources of authority in the worship and teaching of your congregation? (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Absolutely Foundational</u>	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Little Or No Importance</u>
A. Sacred Scripture.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
B. Historic creeds, doctrines & tradition.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
C. The presence of the Holy Spirit.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
D. Human reason and understanding.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
E. Personal experience.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

I. Congregation Identity and Worship, continued

8F. Please check the box of the **one** source of authority that is **most important** in your congregation's worship and teaching—as difficult a choice as this may be. (✓ one)

- ₁ Sacred Scripture
- ₂ Historic creeds, doctrines & tradition
- ₃ The presence of the Holy Spirit
- ₄ Human reason and understanding
- ₅ Personal experience

9. Please estimate what percent of your members have been baptized in the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in other tongues. (✓ one)

- ₁ 25% or less
- ₂ 26% - 50%
- ₃ 51% - 75%
- ₄ 76% or more

II. History, Location and Building

1. In approximately what **year** was this congregation officially founded? _____
2. In what ZIP code area is this congregation's primary worship building located? _____
3. In approximately what **year** did this congregation begin worshiping at its current location? _____
4. How would you describe the place where your congregation's primary worship building is located? (✓ one)

- A. Rural or open country ₁
Town or village of less than 10,000 ₂
In or around a city of 10,000 - 49,999 ₃
In or around a city of 50,000-249,999 ₄
In or around a city of 250,000+ ₅

B. If “**In or around a city**”, is your congregation located: (✓ one)

- In a central or downtown area of the city ₁
- In another area of the city ₂
- In an older suburb around the city ₃
- In a newer suburb around the city ₄

C. If “**In**”, is your congregation located: (✓ one)

- Residential area ₁
- Mixed residential and commercial area ₂
- Commercial or industrial area ₃

5. What is the total seating capacity of your sanctuary? _____

II. History, Location, and Building, continued

6. How would you describe the **size** of the following relative to the current needs of your congregation? (✓ one on each line)

	<i>Much more than we need</i>	<i>Slightly more than we need</i>	<i>Just about right</i>	<i>Slightly less than we need</i>	<i>Much less than we need</i>
A. Worship space.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. Educational space	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. Fellowship space	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
D. Space for parking	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

7. How would you describe the overall physical condition of your congregation’s building(s)? (✓ one)

- 1 Excellent 2 Good 3 Needs improvement 4 In serious need of improvements and repairs

8. Do any other congregations use your building space for worship? 1 Yes 2 No

III. Congregational Programs

1. Does your congregation have a Sunday school that meets regularly? 1 Yes 2 No

IF YES: A. What is the typical, total, weekly attendance of **adults (18 and over)**? → → → → _____
 B. What is the typical, total, weekly attendance of **children and teens (17 and under)**? → → _____

2. During the past 12 months, did your congregation have any of the following programs or activities in addition to your regular Sunday school?

IF YES: A one-time, short-term or occasional event?		<i>Circle all “Yeses” that apply</i>		
On-going during a particular season?		----- Yes -----		
On-going throughout the year?		<i>One-time Short-term Occasional</i>	<i>On-going During A Season</i>	<i>On-going Through Year</i>
No		-----		
A. Bible study (other than Sunday School).....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
B. Theological or doctrinal study	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
C. Prayer or meditation groups	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
D. Spiritual retreats.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
E. Community service	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
F. Parenting or marriage enrichment.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
G. Choir(s).....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
H. Other performing arts (e.g., music, drama)	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
I. Groups that discuss books or contemporary issues.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
J. Self-help or personal growth groups.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
K. Exercise, fitness or weight loss groups or classes	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
L. Sports teams	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
M. Youth/teen activities and programs	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
N. Young adult/singles activities and programs	a No	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes

III. Congregational Programs, continued

3. How much does your congregation, in its worship and education, emphasize the following **home or personal practices**? (✓ one on each line)

	<u>A Great Deal</u>	<u>Quite A Bit</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Not At All</u>
A. Personal prayer, scripture study or devotions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
B. Family devotions other than at meals	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
C. Fasting	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
D. Observing dietary restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
E. Abstinence from alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
F. Keeping the Sabbath holy	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
G. Displaying religious objects, symbols, or pictures in the home	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅
H. Abstaining from premarital sex	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅

4. In addition to the outreach activities of your denomination, **did your congregation** do any of the following to reach out to new or inactive participants, or to make your congregation better known in your community *during the past 12 months*? If **No**, is the item: **A)** Something that probably would be supported by most members if you tried it; or **B)** Something that probably would **not** be supported by most members? (✓ one on each line)

	<u>Yes, Done in last 12 Months</u>	----- <u>No, but members</u> -----	<u>A) Would Support</u>	<u>B) Would Not Support</u>
A. Newspaper advertisements or articles	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
B. Radio or television advertisements or coverage	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
C. Direct mail promotions to area residents	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
D. A growth or evangelistic campaign/program	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
E. Efforts to identify and contact people who have recently moved into your congregation's area	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
F. Stressing in your congregation's preaching and teaching the importance of witnessing to others about one's faith	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
G. Special worship services intended to attract the unchurched/nonmembers, e.g., "Bring a friend" services, revivals, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
H. Special programs (e.g., parenting classes, young single nights, art festivals, street ministries) especially intended to attract unchurched persons/nonmembers in your community	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
I. Phone calls or personal visits by your pastoral staff	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃
J. Phone calls or personal visits by laity	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃

III. Congregational Programs, continued

5. In the past 12 months, did your congregation provide or cooperate in providing any of the following services for your own congregation’s members or for people in the community? “Cooperation” includes financial contributions, volunteer time by congregational members, space in your building, material donations, etc.

----- **Yes (Circle all that apply)**-----

	<u>No</u>	<u>Provided Directly by Our Congregation</u>	<u>Cooperated With Another Congregation, Agency, Or Organization</u>
A. Food pantry or soup kitchen	a No	b Yes	c Yes
B. Cash assistance to families or individuals	a No	b Yes	c Yes
C. Thrift store or thrift store donations.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
D. Elderly, emergency or affordable housing	a No	b Yes	c Yes
E. Counseling services or “hot line”	a No	b Yes	c Yes
F. Substance abuse programs.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
G. Day care, pre-school, before/after-school programs	a No	b Yes	c Yes
H. Tutoring or literacy programs for children & teens.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
I. Voter registration or voter education.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
J. Organized social issue advocacy or community organizing	a No	b Yes	c Yes
K. Employment counseling, placement or training.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
L. Health programs/clinics/health education.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
M. Hospitals or nursing homes	a No	b Yes	c Yes
N. Senior citizen programs (other than housing).....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
O. Program for migrants or immigrants.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes
P. Prison or jail ministry.....	a No	b Yes	c Yes

6. In a typical month, about how many people *do you estimate* are served through the services your congregation **directly** provides? Estimated number of people served _____

IV. Leadership and Organizational Dynamics

1. Which of the following best describes the situation in your congregation? (✓ one)

- ₁ We do *not* have any problem getting people to accept volunteer leadership roles.
- ₂ Recruiting volunteer leaders is a continual challenge, but we eventually find enough willing people.
- ₃ We cannot find enough people who are willing to serve.

IV. Leadership and Organizational Dynamics, continued

2. Please describe your current senior pastor by checking all of the boxes that apply or filling in the requested information.
- A. If you have **co-pastors**, please check here ₍₁₎ and answer the following for the older of your co-pastors. Skip to question 2C.
- B. If you do not currently have a pastor, please check here ₍₁₎ and skip to question 3.
- C. Age? _____ Years old
- D. ₁ Paid ₂ Volunteer
- E. ₁ Full time ₂ Full time, supplemented by outside employment
₃ Part time → **IF PART TIME** does pastor also: a) Serve another congregation? ₁ Yes ₂ No
b) Work a secular job? ₁ Yes ₂ No
- F. ₁ Male ₂ Female
- G. ₁ Regular call ₂ Temporary/interim
- H. Highest level of education: (✓ one)
₁ High school diploma or less
₂ Some college or technical
₃ College Bachelor's Degree
₄ Master's Degree
₅ Doctoral Degree
- I. Highest level of ministerial education: (✓ one)
₁ None
₂ Certificate or correspondence program
₃ Bible college or some seminary
₄ Seminary Master's degree (e.g., M. Div)
₅ Post-Master's Seminary degree (e.g., D.Min)
- J. Race/ethnicity: (✓ one)
₁ American Indian/Alaska Native ₄ Hispanic or Latino
₂ Asian ₅ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
₃ Black or African American ₆ White ₇ Other _____
- K. This person became your senior pastor in what year? _____
3. How many senior pastors, including the current one, have served this congregation during the past 10 years?

4. How long was the previous senior pastor employed by this congregation? _____ years
5. How many paid, ministerial and program staff does this congregation have?
A. Number Full time, paid _____ B. Number Part time, paid _____

IV. Leadership and Organizational Dynamics, continued

6. During the last 12 months, has your congregation been involved in any of the following types of inter-congregational, ecumenical or interfaith activities?

*Circle all "yesses" that apply
With other congregations or persons:*

	<i>From the A/G</i>	<i>From other Christian Denominations</i>	<i>From Other Faith Traditions</i>
A. Joint worship services.....	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
B. Joint celebrations or programs other than worship...	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
C. Joint social outreach or service projects.....	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes
D. Councils of churches or ministerial associations.....	b Yes	c Yes	d Yes

- No
- A. Joint worship services..... a No
- B. Joint celebrations or programs other than worship... a No
- C. Joint social outreach or service projects..... a No
- D. Councils of churches or ministerial associations..... a No

7. During the last **five years** has your congregation experienced any disagreements or conflicts in the following areas? (✓ one on each line)

-----**Yes, and it was:**-----

	<i>Very Serious</i>	<i>Moderately Serious</i>	<i>Not Very Serious</i>
A. Theology.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
B. Money/Finances/Budget.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
C. How worship is conducted.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
D. Program/mission priorities or emphases.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
E. Who should make a decision.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
F. Pastor's leadership style.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
G. Pastor's personal behavior.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
H. Member/participant's personal behavior.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄
I. Other: _____.....	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄

- No
- A. Theology..... ₁
- B. Money/Finances/Budget..... ₁
- C. How worship is conducted..... ₁
- D. Program/mission priorities or emphases..... ₁
- E. Who should make a decision..... ₁
- F. Pastor's leadership style..... ₁
- G. Pastor's personal behavior..... ₁
- H. Member/participant's personal behavior..... ₁
- I. Other: _____ ₁

8. When your congregation purchases worship, educational, stewardship, evangelism, etc, materials or supplies, does it purchase them: (✓ one)

- ₁ Exclusively from within the A/G ₃ Primarily from outside the A/G
- ₂ Primarily from within the A/G ₄ Exclusively from outside the A/G
- ₅ From a pretty even balance between A/G and non-A/G sources

9. Which **one** of the following three statements best describes your congregation? (✓ one)

- ₁ Our congregation has definite expectations for members that are strictly enforced.
- ₂ Our congregation has fairly clear expectations for members, but the enforcement of these expectations is not very strict.
- ₃ Our congregation has only vague expectations for members that are seldom, if ever, enforced.

V. Participants: [We know you may have to estimate or guess at the answers to several of the questions in this section and the next section. That is O.K.]

1. Approximately how many persons would you say are associated **in any way** with the religious life of this congregation—counting all adults and children, regular and irregular participants, members and also participating nonmembers?

→ → Number _____

2. Approximately how many persons — both adults and children — would you say **regularly participate** in the religious life of your congregation — *whether or not* they are officially members of your congregation?

- A. Number of **regularly participating** adults (18 and over) → → → → → → _____
- B. Number of **regularly participating** children and teens (17 and under) → → _____

V. Participants, continued

3. Since 1995, has the above number of **regularly participating adults**: (✓ one)

- 1 Increased 10% or more
- 2 Increased 5% to 9%
- 3 Stayed about the same (+/- 4%)
- 4 Decreased 5% to 9%
- 5 Decreased 10% or more
- 6 Our congregation did not exist in 1995

4. Of your total number of **regularly participating adults**, what percent would you estimate are: (✓ one each line)

	None	Hardly Any 1-10%	Few 11-20%	Some 21-40%	Many 41-60%	Most 61-80%	All Or Nearly All 81-100%
A. Female.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
B. Not high school graduate.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
C. College graduates.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
D. Age 35 or younger	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
E. Over 60 years old	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
F. Married.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
G. Life long A/G adherents	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
H. New to our congregation in the last five years	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
I. Live in the immediate area around our church building.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
J. Commute more than 15 minutes to get to our worship services	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
K. Currently holding volunteer leadership roles in our congregation, e.g., serving on committees, teaching "Sunday school", etc.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
L. In households with incomes below \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
M. In households with children under age 18 present.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7

5. Of your total number of **regularly participating adults**, what percent (please report whole percents, no decimals) would you estimate are:

- | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|-------------|
| a. American Indian/Alaska Native | _____ % | e. Native Hawaiian or
Other Pacific Islander | _____ % |
| b. Asian | _____ % | f. White | _____ % |
| c. Black or African American | _____ % | g. Other | _____ % |
| d. Hispanic or Latino | _____ % | TOTAL | 100% |

h. Within these racial/ethnic groups, are there any significant national sub-groups (e.g., German , Korean, Irish, Mexican, Caribbean, etc)? 1 Yes 2 No **IF YES**, please list them _____

6. Of your total number of adult participants, how many would you estimate are involved in: (✓ one on each line)

	<i>Almost All</i>	<i>Most</i>	<i>Some</i>	<i>Few</i>	<i>None</i>
A. Recruiting new members.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
B. Activities outside of worship that strengthen their faith.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
C. Expressing their faith through helping others	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

7. How many of the high school age children of your adult participants would you estimate are involved in the religious life and activities of your congregation? (✓ one)

- 1 Almost all
- 2 Most
- 3 Some
- 4 Few
- 5 Hardly any

VI. Finances

1. How would you describe your congregation's financial health currently and 5 years ago (1995)? (✓ one each line)

- A. **Currently:** ₁ Excellent ₂ Good ₃ Tight, but manageable ₄ In some difficulty ₅ In serious difficulty
 B. **In 1995:** ₁ Excellent ₂ Good ₃ Tight, but manageable ₄ In some difficulty ₅ In serious difficulty
₆ Our congregation did not exist in 1995

2. Approximately how much income (in whole dollars) did your congregation receive last year from all sources (e.g., tithes, pledges, membership dues, plate offerings, bequests, endowment income, etc)? \$ _____

3. Approximately what percentage of your church's total income last year was from endowments or investments?
 _____% or ₍₀₎ None

4. Approximately how much money did your congregation spend in the following areas last year?

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|---|----------|
| A. All staff salaries and benefits | \$ _____ |
| B. Congregation operations (including building and grounds, utilities, mortgage, insurance, maintenance, equipment, etc.) | \$ _____ |
| C. Capital improvements | \$ _____ |
| D. Program support and materials | \$ _____ |
| E. A/G mission work (dues/assessments/gifts/contributions) | \$ _____ |
| F. Local mission work (other than through A/G) | \$ _____ |
| G. National and international mission work and programs (other than through the A/G) | \$ _____ |
| H. Subsidies to school, day care or before/after school program | \$ _____ |
| I. Money put into reserve/endowments/investments | \$ _____ |
| J. Other _____ | \$ _____ |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ _____

5. During the past 12 months, what methods did your congregation use to encourage financial giving among members? (✓ one on each line)

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|--|---|--|
| A. Sermons on stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| B. Appeals or testimonies from lay participants during worship services | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| C. Special fund raisers (fairs, bake sales, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| D. Appeals based on specific, concrete and special needs | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| E. Distribution of promotional material (such as a stewardship campaign) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| F. Canvassing members by phone or in person (e.g., member visitation) | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| G. Pledge or commitment cards | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| H. Member dues | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| I. Teaching that a ten percent tithe belongs to God, is due God and should be given to God | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |
| J. Teaching that a <i>proportion</i> of one's income, not tithing per se, is sufficient | <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ No |

Thank you so much for participating in this historic survey!