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I.D.#: (1-6)
**AREA CODE:
(649 - 658)
**INTERVIEW TIME:
(712 - 721)
S1. QUOTA GROUPS: (Code from fone file)
1 Baptist
2 Church of God in Christ (COGC)
3 AME (African Methodist)
4 CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal)
5 AMEZ (African Methodist Episcopal Zion)
6 United Methodist
7 Black Presbyterian (53)
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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW (MINS):

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(   -   )
Hello, I am ____ calling from The Gallup Organization. We are calling (today/tonight) on behalf of The Gallup Poll to ask you to participate in a survey of congregations as part of a national study of Faith Communities Today. There is particular interest in churches which are members of historic black denominations, such as yours. I would like to ask you some questions about your congregation that will be asked of other churches. For the interview (today/tonight) it is important that I speak with the PASTOR of your church. (INTERVIEWER NOTE: If respondent asks about survey length, say: about 15 minutes)

(When respondent on line, continue:) Your opinions are very important, and will be COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS.

1 Pastor available - (Skip to S5)

7 Pastor not available, now, but will be available at another time -
   (Set time to call back)

3 Pastor refers another person -
   (Continue)

4 Pastor not available during field period for any reason - (Continue)

8 (Refused) - (Thank and Terminate) ______(1001)

S4. May I speak with the Assistant Pastor or Senior Lay Leader of your congregation? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: Ask for assistant pastor if both are available)

1 Yes, Assistant Pastor available (Continue)

2 Yes, Senior lay leader available (Continue)

3 Neither available - (Reset to Introduction AND Set time to call back)

4 (DK) (Thank and Terminate)

5 (Refused) (Thank and Terminate) ______(1002)
S5. Is a majority of your parishioners black or is your church a traditionally black church?

1. Yes - (Continue)
2. No (Thank and Terminate)
3. (DK) (Thank and Terminate)
4. (Refused) (Thank and Terminate) ____ (1003)

S6. (If code "1" in S5, ask:) Can you please confirm that your church is (response in S1)?

1. Yes, Confirmed
2. No, different denomination
3. (DK) (Thank and Terminate)
4. (Refused) (Thank and Terminate) ____ (1004)

(If code "1" in S6, Autocode response from S1 into S7 AND Skip to "Read" before #1; Otherwise, Continue)

S7. What is your church denomination? (Open ended and code)

1. Baptist (n=500)
2. Church of God in Christ (COGC) (n=500)
3. AME (African Methodist) (n=200)
4. CME (Christian Methodist Episcopal) (n=200)
5. AMEZ (African Methodist Episcopal Zion) (n=200)
6. United Methodist (n=100)
7. Black Presbyterian (n=100)
8. Other (Do NOT list) (Thank and Terminate)
9. (DK) (Thank and Terminate)
0. (Refused) (Thank and Terminate) ____ (1005)

(If necessary, READ:) Hello, I am ________ calling from The Gallup Organization. We are calling (today/tonight) on behalf of the Gallup Poll to ask you to participate in a survey of congregations as part of a national study of Faith Communities Today.
1. How well does each of the following statements describe your congregation? Using a scale from one-to-five where "5" describes your congregation very well, and "1" means not at all well, how does (read and rotate A-F) describe your congregation?

5  Very well
4
3
2
1  Not at all well

6  (DK)
7  (Refused)

A. Your congregation is spiritually vital and "alive"

B. Your congregation is working for social justice

C. Your congregation helps members deepen their relationship with God

D. Your congregation gives strong expression to its denominational heritage

E. Members are excited about the future of your congregation

F. New people are easily assimilated into the life of your congregation

2. What is the total attendance for all services on a typical Sunday? (Open ended and code and code actual attendance number)

99997  99,997 or more
99998  (DK)
99999  (Refused)

____________________________________________ (1307 - 1311)
3. How often does the sermon focus on (read and rotate A–F)? Would you say (read 5–1)?

5 Always
4 Often
3 Sometimes
2 Seldom, OR
1 Never

6 (DK)
7 (Refused)

A. God’s love and care (1312)
B. Practical advice for daily living (1313)
C. Personal spiritual growth (1314)
D. Social justice or social action (1315)
E. References to the racial situation in society (1316)
F. References to Black Liberation Theology or Womanist Theology (1317)

4. During your congregation’s regular worship services, how often are the following included as part of the service? How about (read and rotate A–D)? Would you say (read 5–1)?

5 Always
4 Often
3 Sometimes
2 Seldom, OR
1 Never

6 (DK)
7 (Refused)

A. Spirituals (1318)
B. Modern gospel music (1319)
C. Gospel rap music (1320)
D. Dance or drama (1321)
6. How important are the following in the worship and teaching of your congregation? Would you say (read 4-1)? How about (read and rotate A-D)?

4 Extremely important
3 Very important
2 Somewhat important, OR
1 Little or no importance

5 (DK)
6 (Refused)

A. Sacred scripture
B. Historical creeds, doctrines, traditions
C. The presence of the Holy Spirit
D. Personal experience

7. In what year was the congregation officially founded? (Open ended and code actual year) (INTERVIEWER NOTE: Take best estimate if not known)

9998 (DK)
9999 (Refused)

______________________________ (1330 - 1333)

8. In what ZIP code area is this congregation’s worship building located? (Open ended and code all five digits of zip code)

99998 (DK)
99999 (Refused)

______________________________ (1334 - 1338)
11. Do any other congregations use your building space for worship?

   1  Yes  -  (Continue)

   2  No  (Skip to #13)
   3  (DK)  (Skip to #13)
   4  (Refused)  (Skip to #13)

12.  (If code "1" in #11, ask:) What language is used for these worship services? (Open ended and code) (Allow three responses)

   1  Spanish
   2  English
   3  Other (Do NOT list)

   4  (DK)
   5  (Refused)

   1st Response:  
   2nd Response:  
   3rd Response:
13. In your Sunday School, what is the typical, total, weekly attendance of (read A-B)? (Open ended and code actual number)

99997  99,997 or more
99998  (DK)
99999  (Refused)

A. Adults, 18 and over

____________________________________________
(1346 - 1350)

B. Children under the age of 18

____________________________________________
(1351 - 1355)

14. During the past 12 months, did your congregation participate in any of the following programs or activities in addition to your regular Sunday School? How about (read and rotate A-H)?

1  Yes
2  No
3  (DK)
4  (Refused)

A. Bible study other than Sunday School  _____(1356)
B. Theological or doctrinal study  _____(1357)
C. Prayer or meditation groups  _____(1358)
D. Spiritual retreats  _____(1359)
E. Community service  _____(1360)
F. Parenting or marriage enrichment  _____(1361)
G. Youth programs  _____(1362)
H. Young adults or singles programs  _____(1363)
15. In the past 12 months, did your congregation provide or cooperate in providing for any of the social services or community outreach programs for your own congregation’s members or for people in the community? *(INTERVIEWER NOTE: “Cooperation” includes financial contributions, volunteer time by congregational members, space in the building, material donations.)* How about *(read and rotate A-P)?*

1. Yes
2. No
3. (DK)
4. (Refused)

A. Food pantry or soup kitchen
B. Cash assistance to families or individuals
C. Thrift store or thrift store donations
D. Elderly, emergency or affordable housing
E. Counseling services or “hot line”
F. Substance abuse programs
G. Youth programs
H. Tutoring or literacy programs for children and teens
I. Voter registration or voter education
J. Organized social issue advocacy
K. Employment counseling, placement or training
L. Health programs, clinics, or health education
M. Senior citizen programs other than housing
N. Prison or jail ministry
15. (Continued:)

O. Credit unions  ____ (1378)

P. Computer Training  ____ (1379)

16. Now, for each one, please say whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove. How about (read and rotate A-C)?

4  Strongly approve
3  Somewhat approve
2  Somewhat disapprove
1  Strongly disapprove

5  (DK)
6  (Refused)

A. Clergy in your own church taking part in protest marches on civil rights issues  ____ (1380)

B. Churches expressing their views on day-to-day social and political issues  ____ (1381)

C. A Woman as pastor of a church  ____ (1382)

(Question #17 deleted)  HOLD 0 (1383)

(SURVENT NOTE: FOR QUESTIONS 18-24: If code "1" in Introduction use "YOU"; If code "1" or "2" in S4, say "YOUR PASTOR")

(READ:) Next, I’m going to ask a few questions about (you/your pastor).

18. What is (your/your pastor’s) age? (Open ended and code actual age) (SURVENT NOTE: Block 01-17)

00  (Refused)
99  99+

___________________________________________  (1401)  (1402)
19. GENDER: (If code "1" in Introduction, code as appropriate; Otherwise, ask:) What is the gender of your pastor?

1 Male
2 Female

20. (Are you/Is your pastor) (read 1-2)?

1 Paid
2 A Volunteer
3 (DK)
4 (Refused)

21. (Do you/Does your pastor) (read 1-3)?

1 Work Full-time (Skip to #23)
2 Work Full-time, supplemented by outside employment (Skip to #23)
3 Work Part time - (Continue)
4 (DK) (Skip to #23)
5 (Refused) (Skip to #23)

22. (If code "3" in #21, ask:) (Do you/Does your pastor) (read A-B)?

1 Yes
2 No
3 (DK)
4 (Refused)

A. Serve another congregation

B. Work a secular job
23. What is the highest level of (your/your pastor’s) ministerial education? (Open ended and code)

1 None
2 Apprenticeship with senior pastor
3 Certificate or correspondence program
4 Bible college or some seminary
5 Seminary degree (e.g., Minister of Divinity)
6 Post-Minister of Divinity Work or degree (e.g. D. Min.)

7 (DK)
8 (Refused) ______ (1408)

24. In what year did (you become pastor/your pastor become pastor) of this congregation? (Open ended and code actual year)

9998 (DK)
9999 (Refused)

____________________________________________ (1409 - 1412)

25. Thinking about the ministerial and program staff, how many (read and rotate A-B) does this congregation have? (Open ended and code actual number)

00 Zero/None
97 97+

98 (DK)
99 (Refused)

A. Number of FULL TIME paid staff

___________________________________________ (1413) (1414)

B. Number of PART-TIME paid staff

___________________________________________ (1415) (1416)
26. During the past 12 months, has your congregation been involved in any ecumenical (ek-u-men-i-cal) or interfaith activities with white congregations?

1 Yes
2 No
3 (DK)
4 (Refused)  _____(1417)

(Question #27 deleted)  HOLD 0 (1418-
1419)

28. During the last 5 years has your congregation experienced any major disagreements?

1 Yes -  (Continue)
2 No  (Skip to #30)
3 (DK)  (Skip to #30)
4 (Refused)  (Skip to #30)  _____(1420)
29. **(If code "1" in #28, ask:)** Please tell me what the disagreements were about. (Open ended and code) **(Allow three responses)**

01 Other (list)
02 (DK)
03 (Refused)
04 HOLD
05 HOLD

06 Theology
07 Money/finances/budget
08 Program/mission priorities or emphases
09 Who should make a decision
10 Women in the ministry
11 Homosexuality (gay/lesbian issues)
12 Pro life or pro choice
13 HIV/AIDS
14 Worship style or music style

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1st ____________
Resp: (1421) (1422)

2nd ____________
Resp: (1423) (1424)

3rd ____________
Resp: (1425) (1426)
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30. Just your best estimate, what is the number of persons on the membership roll of this congregation? (Open ended and **code actual number**)

99997  99,997+

99998  (DK)
99999  (Refused)

__________________________________________ (1427 - 1431)
31. Of those associated with your congregation, what is the (read A-B) who regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation? (Open ended and code actual number)

00000 Zero
99997 99,997+
99998 (DK)
99999 (Refused)

A. Number of adults, 18 and over

____________________________________________
(1432 - 1436)

B. Number of children under 18 years of age

____________________________________________
(1437 - 1441)

(If code "1996-2000", "9998" or "9999" in #7, Skip to #33; Otherwise, Continue)

32. Since 1995, has the number you previously mentioned of regularly participating adults (read 1-3)?

1 Increased 5 percent or more
2 Stayed about the same
3 Decreased 5 percent or more
4 (DK)
5 (Refused)
33. Of your total number of regularly participating adults, what total percent would you estimate are (read A-H)? (Open ended and code actual percentage)

000 None
101 Less than 1%
DK (DK)
RF (Refused)

A. Less than high school graduates

____________________________________________ (1443 - 1445)

B. College graduates

____________________________________________ (1446 - 1448)

C. Ages 18 to 35

____________________________________________ (1449 - 1451)

D. Over 60 years old

____________________________________________ (1452 - 1454)

E. New to your church (last 5 years)

____________________________________________ (1455 - 1457)

F. Commuting about 15 minutes

____________________________________________ (1458 - 1460)

G. From household incomes below $20,000

____________________________________________ (1461 - 1463)

H. Male

____________________________________________ (1464 - 1466)
34. How would you describe your congregation’s financial health (read A-B)? Would you say it is (read 1-3)?

1. Good
2. Tight, but we manage
3. In serious difficulty
4. (DK)
5. (Refused)

A. Currently _____(1467)

(If code "1996-2000", "9998" or "9999" in #7, Skip to #35; Otherwise, Continue)

B. In 1995 _____(1468)

35. Approximately how much income did your congregation receive last year from all sources (e.g., tithes (tithes), pledges, membership dues, plate offerings, endowment income, etc.)? Was it over or under $25,000?

(If "Under", ask:) Was it over or under $15,000?

(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $35,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $45,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $55,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $75,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $100,000?

1. Less than $15,000
2. $15,000 to $24,999
3. $25,000 to $34,999
4. $35,000 to $44,999
5. $45,000 to $54,999
6. $55,000 to $74,999
7. $75,000 to $99,999
8. $100,000 or over
9. (DK)
0. (Refused) _____(1469)
36. Approximately how much money did your congregation spend for all mission work including local, national, and international last year? Was it over or under $25,000?

(If "Under", ask:) Was it over or under $15,000?

(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $35,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $45,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $55,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $75,000?
(If "Over", ask:) Was it over or under $100,000?

1 Less than $15,000
2 $15,000 to $24,999
3 $25,000 to $34,999
4 $35,000 to $44,999
5 $45,000 to $54,999
6 $55,000 to $74,999
7 $75,000 to $99,999
8 $100,000 or over
9 (DK)
0 (Refused) _____(1470)

37. Do members of your congregation tithe (tie-th)?

1 Yes - (Continue)
2 No (Go to D1)
3 (DK) (Go to D1)
4 (Refused) (Go to D1) _____(1471)

38. (If code "1" in #37, ask:) What is the percentage of tithers in your congregation? (Open ended and code actual percentage)

000 None
101 Less than 1%
DK (DK) 
RF (Refused) 

____________________________________________ (1472 - 1474)
D1. GENDER:  (Code only, Do not ask)

1   Male
2   Female  ______(1485)

(VALIDATE PHONE NUMBER AND
THANK RESPONDENT BY SAYING:)
Again, this is _____, with the Gallup
Organization of _____. I would like to thank you
for your time. Our mission is to "help people be
heard" and your opinions are important to Gallup
in accomplishing this.

INTERVIEWER I.D. #:  ______(571-
574)

REVISIONS

[1] 2/24/00  Removed quotas from S1; Revised Skip on code
"1" in Introduction; Added S5, S6 and S7

[2] 3/1/00  Deleted #5, #9, #10, #17 and #27; Removed
skips from codes in #26

[3] 3/14/00  Revised wording in code "1" in S1 and S7

[4] 3/27/00  Revised total "n" from 2000 to 1,800;
Revised quotas in S7 on code 6 and 7 from
200 to 100