

Some Final Questions

47. How long does it usually take you to get here?
 1-5 minutes 16-20 minutes
 6-10 minutes 21-30 minutes
 11-15 minutes More than 30 minutes
48. Compared to 2 years ago, do you think you participate in activities of the congregation more, less, or about the same amount as you did then?
 Participate more
 About the same participation
 Participate less
 Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)
49. Have this congregation's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?
 Yes, to a great extent
 Yes, to some extent
 Yes, to a small extent
 Not at all
 Don't know
50. How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation? (Mark **one** response in **every** row.)
- | | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Rarely |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A sense of God's presence | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Inspiration | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Boredom | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Awe or mystery | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Joy | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Frustration | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Spontaneity | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| A sense of fulfilling my obligation | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
51. Do you agree or disagree: "Only followers of Jesus Christ can be saved"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
52. Do you agree or disagree: "I have a sense of excitement about our congregation's future"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
53. Over the last two years, has there been any conflict in this congregation? (Mark only **one**.)
 No conflict that I am aware of
 Some minor conflict
 Major conflict
 Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving
 Don't know

54. Of the following, which **one** best describes your opinion of the future directions of this congregation?
 We need to get back to the way we did things in the past
 We are faithfully maintaining past directions
 We are currently deciding on new directions
 We are currently moving in new directions
 We need to rethink where we are heading
 Our future is very unclear or doubtful
 Don't know
55. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation is always ready to try something new"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
56. To what extent does the minister, pastor, or priest here take into account the ideas of those who worship here?
 A great extent
 Some extent
 A small extent
 Not at all
 Don't know
 There is currently no leader here
57. Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership of your pastor, minister, or priest?
 Leadership that tends to take charge
 Leadership that inspires people to take action
 Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
 Leadership where the people start most things
 There is currently no leader here
 Don't know
58. Do you agree or disagree: "God is directly involved in worldly affairs"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 I don't believe in God
59. Do you agree or disagree: "God is angered by human sin"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 I don't believe in God
60. Which of the following terms best describes your current stand on theological issues?
 Very conservative
 Conservative
 Right in the middle
 Liberal
 Very liberal

The U.S. Congregational Life Survey

Thank you for taking part in this survey. Fill in one circle per question unless instructed otherwise.
 Your answers will be kept completely anonymous. Please shade circles like ● not like this ⊗ or this ⊘.

You and Your Congregation

1. How often do you go to worship services at this congregation?
 This is my first time
 Hardly ever or special occasions only
 Less than once a month
 Once a month
 Two or three times a month
 Usually every week
 More than once a week
2. How long have you been going to worship services or activities at this congregation?
 Less than 1 year 6-10 years
 1-2 years 11-20 years
 3-5 years More than 20 years
 I am visiting from another congregation
 I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else
3. Are you currently a member of this congregation?
 Yes
 No, but I'm in the process of becoming a member
 No, but I regularly participate here
 No
4. Are you regularly involved in any **group** activities here? (Mark **all** that apply.)
 Yes, in Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school
 Yes, in prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
 Yes, in fellowships, clubs, or other social groups
 No, we have no group activities
 No, I am not regularly involved in group activities
5. Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community (visitation, evangelism, outreach, community service, social justice)? (Mark **all** that apply.)
 Yes, in evangelism or outreach activities
 Yes, in community service, social justice, or advocacy activities of this congregation
 No, we don't have such activities
 No, I am not regularly involved
6. Do you currently have any of the following roles here? (Mark **all** that apply.)
 Member of the governing board
 Member of a congregational committee or task force
 Leading or assisting in worship
 Officer or leader of men's, women's, youth, or other group
 Choir member, musician, or choir director
 Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school teacher
 Other role not listed here (specify): _____
 None
7. To what extent do the worship services or activities of this congregation help you with everyday living?
 A great extent
 Some extent
 A small extent
 Not at all

About Your Faith

8. How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?
 Every day or most days Occasionally
 A few times a week Hardly ever
 Once a week Never
9. Over the last year, how much have you grown in your faith? (Mark only **one**.)
 No real growth
 Some growth
 Much growth, mainly through **this** congregation
 Much growth, mainly through other groups or congregations
 Much growth, mainly through my own private activities
10. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible? (Mark only **one**.)
 The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
 The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
 The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
 The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
 The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book
 The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
 Don't know
11. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
12. Do you agree or disagree: "My spiritual needs are being met in this congregation or parish"?
 Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neutral or unsure
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
13. Which one of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith? (Mark only **one**.)
 I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
 I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
 I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
 I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
 I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so
14. Have you ever had a conversion experience or a moment of decisive faith commitment?
 Yes No Not sure



About Your Involvement

- 15. Are you involved in any community service, social service, or advocacy groups *not* connected to this congregation? (Mark *all* that apply.)
16. Would you be prepared to invite to a worship service here any of your friends and relatives who do not now attend a congregation?
17. In the past 12 months, have you done any of the following? (Mark *all* that apply.)
18. How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children and youth (less than 19 years of age)?
19. Do you have any close friends in this congregation?
20. Does this congregation have a clear vision, goals, or direction for its ministry and mission?

- 21. Which *one* statement best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in this congregation?
22. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation?
23. While you may value many different styles of music, which two of the following do you prefer in congregational worship? (Mark up to *two*.)
24. Do you agree or disagree: "In general, there is a good match between our congregation and our minister, pastor, priest, or rabbi"?
25. Which of the following aspects of this congregation do you personally most value? (Mark up to *three*.)

- 26. Before you started coming to this congregation, were you participating in another congregation?
27. Before you started coming here, what type of congregation did you attend? (Mark only *one*.)
28. In what year were you born?
29. Are you:
30. What is your employment status? (Mark *all* that apply.)
31. What is the *highest* educational level you have completed?
32. What is your present marital status? (Mark only *one*.)
33. Do you have a spouse or partner who is also completing a survey here?
34. What is your race or origin? (Mark *all* that apply.)
35. Where were you born?

About You

- 36. Where were *your parents* born?
37. Where did you live when you were 5 years old?
38. When you were 5 years old, was English your primary language?
39. Which statement *best* describes the people who *currently* live in your household?
40. What is the ZIP Code where you live?
41. About how much do you give financially to this congregation?
42. Which of the following describes your total annual household income before taxes?
43. How many people in your household (including you) are:
44. How many people in your household (including you) participate here:
45. How many children of any age do you have, whether they live at home or elsewhere?
46. How many of your children of any age *live at home* with you?

