Sample Church-Life Survey

Instructions

Sample Community Church has partnered with Community Empowerment Research to conduct a survey of our congregation. This questionnaire helps us discern strength, weakness, attitudes, and perceptions in our church. Completing the survey will likely take a little more than 30 minutes. The goal of this survey is to discover where people are spiritually, what their needs are, how well the church is doing at meeting needs, and what goals people feel are important. The time you give for this survey is very important to our church.



The survey not only asks several sets of questions about our congregation's current ministry and your own involvement, but also seeks your input on pastoral leadership and our vision for our future. Completing this survey ensures that your views have been heard and it will give us a baseline from which to measure whether we are moving in directions that we think are important. We ask that each member of your household over the age of 15 complete the survey.

You may use any pencil or pen to mark your answers. Please answer all questions. If you have any doubts, mark the answer that best represents your thoughts.

Do not put your name on this questionnaire. Your answers to this survey will be treated with complete confidentiality. Our church will receive only aggregate (summarized) results. The responses from each individual will remain with Community Empowerment Research and will not be made public.

When answering this survey, please fill in the appropriate circle or check the appropriate boxes as indicated. Please choose the answer that comes closest to the right answer for you, even if it does not fit perfectly. It is important that we receive input from everyone. Your participation in this survey assures your input on our self-assessment!

Again, your responses are anonymous. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you enjoy filling out the questionnaire and that in addition to assisting our church, you find this process helpful in reflecting on your faith, the meaning of your church experience, and your hopes for the future.

The results will give us an excellent indicator of the areas where we need to work as a congregation.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Planning Committee at [email address].

Thank you for taking the time to help our church do God's work better.



1.	How old are you	ı?							
	O Under 20	O 20 - 2 O 50 - 5		5 - 29 5 – 59	O 30 – 34 O 60 – 64	O 38	5 - 39 5 - 69	O 40 - 44 O 70 - 74	45 – 4975 or older
2.	What best descr	ibes your	current ma	rital status	s?				
	O Single, never marr		Married or emarried		orced or parated	O Wido	owed	O Domesti partners	
3.	What do you cor	nsider to b	oe your race	e or ethnic	city (mark all	that apply	y):		
	☐ White/Anglo☐ Black/Africa☐ Other:	1	<u></u> A	sian Iispanic	_	_	n Indian/Ala	aska Native	
4.	Gender	\circ N	/lale	O Fe	male				
5.	What is your hig Less than hi High school Associate's or some coll	gh school or GED ed degree, tra	quivalent	O Maste O MD, O PhD	er's degree JD, or similar or similar adv elor's degree	anced deg	(
6.	Which best desc O One person O One adult w O A couple wit	living alonath	e ildren	O Two	or more adult ral adults livir		1 1 1	old	
7.	Number of child	ren living	at home an	d their ag	es:				
	Total:	0	① (2 3	4	5	6 7	8	9+
	Age 0-5: Age 6-11: Age 12-14: Age 15-18: Age 19-24: Age 25+:	(i) (ii) (iii) (ii		3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	4 4 4 4	(a) (b) (c) (c) (c) (c)		7	
8.	How long have y	you been	attending th	nis church	2	-1			
	O Less than 1 O 11-15 years	year	O 1	-2 years 6-20 years		3-5 years More tha	s in 20 years	O 6-1	10 years
9.	How many years	s have yo	u been ass	ociated wi	th this deno	mination o	or church a	association?	
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11.	How many years O One year or	•	u lived in th 2 - 4 years		area? O 5 - 9 year	rs	O 10 - 19	9 years	O 20 or more years
12.	How long does i				to church (c -15 min	one way) o		ay morning? O 21-30 m	
13.	How much time O No time at a O 4 - 5 hrs		O L	the week ess than 11	hr C	Bible? 1 - 2 hrs 6 - 7 hrs		O 3-	4 hrs or more hrs

14.	How many friendships do you have with other members of our church?					
	O None O 1 or 2 O 3 to 5 O 6 to 10 O 11 to 20 O 21 to	30	O Mo	ore than	30	
15.	If not prevented by unavoidable circumstances, how often do you attend Church?					
	O At least once a O Two or three O Once every O Once or twice week or more times a month month or two a year often	(O Almo	st neve	er	
16.	Approximately how much does your household contribute to our church per year?					
	○ Under \$200 ○ \$200 - \$599 ○ \$600 - \$999 ○ \$1,000 - \$1,499 ○ \$2,500 - \$3,499 ○ \$3,500 - \$4,999 ○ \$5,000 - \$7,499 ○ Over \$7,500	9 (O \$1,50	00 - \$2,	499	
17.	Is your spouse/partner affiliated with the congregation?					
	O Yes O No O Not applicable	1				
18.	How many friendships do you have with people who are not Christians?					
	○ None ○ 1 or 2 ○ 3 to 5 ○ 6 to 10 ○ 11 to 20 ○ 21 to	30	ОМо	ore than	30	
19.	How many times in the past year have you participated in a small group study on a top	oic unr	elated t	to the E	Bible?	
	O More than O 20 to 30 O 11 to 20 O 5 to 10 O 1 to 4 O Once 30 times times times times	Э	Q Ne	ever		
20.	How many times in the past year have you participated in Small group Bible study or o	liscuss	sion of a	a Chris	tian bo	ook?
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		Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Slightly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Mai	rk the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	ngly gree	itely	htly gree	gree	ngly gree
	I clearly understand what our church stands for.	0	О	О	0	0
22	I am excited to be a part of this church.	0	0	0	0	0
23	Planning and organizing spiritual things can be dangerous.	0	0	0	0	0
24		0	0	0	0	0
	here.					
25		О	O	О	0	О
26	Each ministry in our church has its own leader.	0	0	О	0	0
27	The various ministries of our church are helpful to me.	0	0	0	0	0
28	New faces are rare in our worship services.	0	0	0	0	0
29	A good person of faith other t <mark>han</mark> Christianity ma <mark>y g</mark> o to heaven.	0	0	0	0	0
30	We can have fellowship with God only by the shed blood of Jesus Christ.	0	0	0	0	О
31	Our church is what I'd call "traditional".	0	0	0	0	0
32	I feel I have a solid understanding of Christian theology.	0	0	0	0	0
33	I frequently have reason to thank God for His work in my life.	0	0	0	0	0
34	Once one acknowledges that Jesus Christ is God and died for our salvation, their salvation is assured.	0	0	0	0	0
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	My prayer times are inspiring for me.	0	0	0	0	0
38	I feel like I am part of a team helping to fulfill the mission of this church.	0	0	0	0	0
39.	Newcomers are easily integrated into the church groups I belong to.	0	0	0	0	0
40	Our church leaders do a good job at casting a vision for the church.	0	0	О	0	0
41.	Our pastor has too much work to do.	0	0	0	0	0
42	Our church encourages members to understand and act on social, political, and economic issues.	О	О	О	О	0
43.	Despite my church activities, I still have sufficient time for the other things I like to do.	0	0	О	0	0
44	It is difficult for me to get involved in ministry in my church.	0	0	0	0	0
45.	Church members are well informed about the concerns, needs, and activities of the community around the church.	0	0	0	0	0
46	I'm often bored in worship at this church.	0	0	О	0	0
47.	The atmosphere of our church is filled with praise and compliments to each other.	0	0	0	0	0
48	Before an important decision is made, church leaders and members discuss the theological and biblical implications of that decision.	О	0	О	О	0
49	The sermons in this church service speak to my life needs.	0	0	О	0	0
50	I am sure that God will act powerfully in our church in the coming years.	0	0	0	0	0
51.	A study of the needs of the community around our church is regularly undertaken as the basis for church planning.	О	0	О	О	0
52	It is the declared goal of our small groups to grow and split into new groups.	0	0	О	0	0
53.	Whenever I can, I bring visitors to our church services.	0	0	0	0	0
54	People in our church receive good training on how to develop a prayer life and devotional time.	О	0	О	О	0
55.	God seems to use my work for building the church.	0	0	0	0	0
56	In my small group we trust one another.	0	0	0	0	0
57.	When there is a need in our church, people respond.	0	0	0	0	0
58	Our church has an effective stewardship program that focuses our income and expense in ways that help us fulfill our mission.	О	0	О	О	0
59.	In my small group I can be as involved or quiet as I like.	0	0	О	0	О
60	We spend lots of time in my small group with things which are irrelevant to me.	0	0	О	0	0
61.	Our church helps fight hunger in the world:	0	0	О	0	0
62	Our church has frequent trainings for lay people.	0	0	О	0	0
63.	Church leaders have fully informed me about our plan for church growth.	0	0	0	0	0
64	I belong to a group in my church where it is possible to talk about personal problems.	0	О	О	0	0
65.	I always try to thank people in our church when they do a good job.	0	0	0	0	О
66	The worship service is inspiring to me.	0	О	О	0	О
67.	Our church makes available to everyone a list of specific prayer needs.	О	0	О	О	0

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68	Our church has a good Adult Christian Education program.	0	0	0	0	0
69.	A study of the needs of the congregation is regularly undertaken as the basis for church planning.	0	0	0	0	0
70	Our church is primarily directed by tradition.	0	0	0	0	O
71.	Members help each other in times of trouble.	0	0	0	0	0
72	I know my spiritual gifts.	0	0	0	O	0
73.	The structure of our church hinders church life rather than promoting it.	0	0	0	0	0
74	I don't talk to others about my sins or struggles; that's between me and God.	0	0	0	O	0
75.	I use my gifts for most of the tasks I perform for my church.	0	0	0	0	0
76	Our worship style is designed to appeal to non-Christians.	0	0	0	0	0
77.	Church decisions are driven primarily by our mission and vision.	0	07	0	0	0
78	The people in our church enjoy being together.	0	0	0	0	0
79.	The tasks I perform for my church are quite a challenge.	0	0	0	0	0
80	Social justice is at the heart of the Gospel.	0	0	0	0	O
81.	I enjoy the tasks I do for the church.	0	0	0	0	0
82	Our church is filled with joy and laughter.	0	0	0	0	0
83.	The leadership of our church helps members to understand and view their use of money, time, and talents in all areas of their life as expressions of Christian stewardship.	О	О	О	O	0
84	The community around the church is well informed about church activities.	0	0	0	0	0
85.	I try to keep up with world events through the media.	0	0	0	0	0
86	I like all the elements of our worship services.	0	0	О	O	0
87.	I belong to a group in our church where we talk about spiritual issues.	0	0	0	0	0
88	This church cares about its members.	0	0	0	0	0
89.	There is a clear, written, understood, and regularly communicated mission statement for our church.	0	О	0	0	0
90	Members are similar to the people who live in the area.	0	0	О	0	0
91.	Members of our church are well trained about giving financially to the work of God.	0	0	0	0	0
92	I could easily describe the organizational structure in my church.	0	0	0	0	0
93.	This church feels like the church I should be in	0	0	0	0	0
94	God is three persons in one: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	0	0	0	0	0
95.	There is clear evidence that all our boards, committees, groups, and ministries spend their energy, time, and resources to accomplish our church mission.	0	0	0	0	0
96	The activities of our church are typically planned and organized well.	0	0	0	0	0
97.	Every member who is capable and interested has an equal opportunity to hold key leadership positions.	0	О	0	0	0
98	I enjoy listening to the sermons.	0	0	0	О	0

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	There is no other way to salvation but through a stated belief that Jesus Christ is God.	0	О	0	0	О
100	Our pastor seeks help from lay people to complement those areas in which he is not gifted.	О	О	О	О	О
101.	I belong to a group in my church in which others will pray with me and for me if needed.	0	О	0	0	О
102	Members are well informed about what the various communities and ministries of the church are doing.	0	0	0	0	О
103.	Our pastor seems at home in our church.	0	0	О	O	О
104	Our church has an effective intentional evangelism program.	0	0	0	O	О
105.	New people to our church find friends quickly.	0	0	0	0	О
106	There are programs run by our church that are particularly applicable to non-Christians.	О	0	0	0	0
107.	Jesus was the Son of God even before he lived on the earth.	0	0	0	0	О
108	My religious beliefs are what really lie behind my whole approach to life.	0	0	0	O	О
109.	I find it easy to tell other's in my church about my feelings.	0	0	0	0	О
110	The leaders of our church (pastor(s), elders, deacons, etc.) rarely delegate work to other members.	О	О	О	О	О
111.	Our church leaders (pastor, elders, etc.) have an inspiring optimism.	0	0	0	0	О
112	The leaders of our church choose their tasks based on their talents and spiritual gifts.	О	О	О	O	О
113.	Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an actual event.	0	0	0	0	О
114	I use the Word of God as a central tool to make the decisions of my everyday life.	0	0	О	O	О
115.	I try to build my relationships with people who do not yet know Jesus Christ.	0	0	0	0	О
116	Our church members lead lives that are significantly different from those of people who don't go to a church.	О	О	О	О	О
117.	We have unresolved conflicts in our church.	0	0	0	0	О
118	My church supports me in my ministry.	0	0	0	O	О
119.	One reason for my going to church is that such membership helps to establish a person in the community.	0	О	0	0	0
120	Our church has a good music program.	0	0	O	O	0
121.	Leaders in my church often ask for my opinion.	0	0	0	0	0
122	The music in church helps me worship God.	0	0	O	0	0
123.	Our church has a good children's ministry.	0	0	0	0	0
124	There is an intentional process that trains, equips, assigns, and coaches new leaders from among the members of the church.	0	О	О	О	О
125.	My faith has transformed the different areas of my life (ie, profession, family, spare time, etc.).	0	0	0	0	О
126	The worship service has a positive influence on me.	0	0	0	O	О

Mark	the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Agree	Moderately Agree	Slightly Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
127.	I can count on my church to help if I have any need.	0	0	0	0	0
128	Our church encourages members to view their daily life and work as a place for ministry.	0	О	О	0	0
129.	The evangelistic activities in our church lack imagination.	0	0	0	0	0
130	I think our worship services are among the best of the churches I have attended.	0	0	O	0	0
131.	I regularly read the Bible on my own.	0	0	0	0	0
132	A lot of church members have the opportunity to help organize and conduct the church service.	0	О	О	0	0
133.	I often share with other Christians the experiences I have from God.	0	О	0	0	О
134	I enjoy bringing my friends or relatives (who do not know Jesus) to church.	0	0	O	0	0
135.	Our pastor is a spiritual leader for me.	0	07	O	0	0
136	The God of the Bible and the God of other world religions is the same God.	0	0	O	0	О
137.	Our children receive optimal care during church services.	0	0	0	0	0
138	Other church members pray for me regularly.	0	0	O	0	0
139.	Our church's priority focus should be meeting the needs of its members.	0	0	0	0	0
140	Our church seeks ways to reach out to people in our area.	0	0	O	0	0
141.	A personal relationship with God is a vital part of my spiritual life and a necessary part of my worship experience.	0	0	О	0	0
142	I belong to a small group in which I feel at home.	0	0	O	0	0
143.	Our church informs the people of the church about answered prayers.	0	0	0	0	0
144	People in our church are highly motivated to do church work.	0	0	0	0	0
145.	What Christianity offers most is comfort when sorrow and misfortune strike.	0	0	0	0	0
146	This church is welcoming to visitors and new church members.	0	0	O	0	О
147.	We often try new things in our church.	0	0	0	0	0
148	In our church it is easy to talk with other people about feelings and problems.	0	0	O	0	0
149.	I believe in eternal life after death.	0	0	0	0	0
150	I pray for my friends and relatives who do not know Jesus Christ, that they will come to faith.	О	0	О	0	0
151.	In our church the topic of evangelism is often discussed.	0	0	0	0	0
152	It is hard for me to quickly summarize what faith means for me.	0	О	O	O	О
153.	I know what value my ministry has in the total work of the church.	0	0	0	0	0
154	I try hard to carry my relationship with God into all my activities in life.	0	О	O	O	О
155.	I know the church's goals for the coming years.	0	0	0	0	0
156	The leaders of our church avoid conflicts.	0	О	O	0	0
157.	People should not clap in church services.	0	О	0	0	0

About how often do you participate in each of the following activities? 3: A few times a month 4: About once a month 2: Weekly or a little more often 1: Daily or nearly every day 5: A few times a year 6: Rarely 7: Never have Follow up on first time visitors 158. 1 2 3 4 (5) (7)159. Contacting absentees from church 1 2 4 (5) 6 7 3 160 Private prayer 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 161 Reading the Bible (1) 2 (3) (5) 6 (7)4 162. Community, compassionate, or social ministries (6) (7)1 2 3 4 (3) 163. Meditation on scripture or theological concepts 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 Talking about our faith with someone who does not belong to a church 164. 6 (7)1 2 3 4 (5) 165. Fasting 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 166. Time in spiritual silence, listening to God 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 Volunteering your time in social service 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 Reading and studying the works of Christian writers 1 2 6 7 3 4 (3) 169. Worship 1 2 4 (5) 6 7 3 170. Please indicate the range of your total annual family income: O \$15,000-\$29,999 \$30,000-\$49,999 O Less than \$15,000 O \$50,000-\$74,999 O \$75,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-\$149,999 O \$150,000-\$199,999 O \$200,000 or more Thank you for completing our church life survey. The results of the survey will be available in a few weeks and will be shared with everyone. But don't worry, Community Empowerment Research will maintain total confidentiality of individual surveys. If you have any thoughts you wish to share about either specific questions or any topic of the survey (or topics you

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