## Sample Church Congregational Health Survey

## Instructions

Sample Community Church has partnered with Community Empowerment Research to conduct a survey of our congregation. This questionnaire helps us understand how well the church is functioning and in what areas we may need to improve. The time you give for this survey is very important to our church as it helps us set strategic plans for the months and years ahead.

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

The version of the Congregational Health Survey you have now is a pilot; it is under development. There are more questions here than will be used in the final survey that other churches will later use. We expect this pilot survey to take about 30 to 40 minutes to complete. The last question provides an opportunity to give feedback on the survey, so that the final version will be as good as possible. If you have more feedback than there is room, you may add another sheet of paper for your comments.

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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 you take this survey by yourself, other members of your household, age 15 or older, should complete separate copies of the survey.

You may use any pencil or pen to mark your answers. A pencil is best as it allows any changes to be understood by the computer. Please answer all questions. If you have any doubts, mark the answer that best represents your thoughts.

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-evaluation! The results will give us an excellent indicator of the areas on which we need to work as a congregation.

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 first survey questions are on the back of this page.

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.



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11.	If not	prevented	by un	avoidab	ole circums	ances	s, how o	ften do	you att	end any	church?					
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12.	How	long does	it take	you to	travel from	home	to chure	ch (one	way) o	n a Sund	ay morni	ing?				
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13.	How	many frien	dships	do you	ı have with	other	membe	rs of ou	ır churc	h?						
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Mar	k the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Ambivalent	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable/ Don't Know
15.	The various ministries of our church are helpful to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Our church does a very good job publicizing our events and activities to the surrounding community.	0	0	0	0	0	0
17.	People in our church who want to start and lead new groups or classes are strongly encouraged and supported by pastors and lay leaders.	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.	Our church buildings are well-kept with lighting, flooring, decorations, and heating and cooling systems that create an inviting atmosphere for newcomers.	0	0	0	0	0	0
19.	Our church regularly sponsors seminars or workshops open to the public on general life topics such as finances or child-rearing.	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	In the next year I plan to volunteer to help with at least one of our church's ministries.	0	0	0	0	0	0
21.	Our church regularly prays for its ministry programs.	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Our church has an effective program to integrate and retain new members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Our church helps members encounter God by serving others.	0	0	0	0	0	0
24.	During worship services people are regularly encouraged to take part in church small groups (such as Bible studies or adult classes).	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Sermons are just the right length.	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	I would describe my involvement in the church as much more important to me than my career or other endeavors.	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	I am generally tender and gentle with people.	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Our church takes care of its members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	It is difficult for me to get involved in ministry in my church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
30.	The pastor's sermons are relevant to my needs and my life situations.	0	0	0	0	0	0
31.	Our church helps fight hunger.	0	0	0	0	0	0
32.	The majority of our members have a low level of commitment to our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
33.	I belong to a small group (such as Bible studies or adult classes) in which I feel at home.	0	0	0	0	0	0
34.	Leaders in my church often ask for my opinion.	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Our church seems to lose more people than we gain.	0	0	0	0	0	0
36.	Some people stand for evil things and should be treated in the same way.	0	0	0	0	0	0
37.	Jesus called us to love all people, no matter what their religious beliefs, life style, or nationality.	0	0	0	0	0	0
38.	Our church is filled with joy and laughter.	0	0	0	0	0	0
39.	Members are well informed about what the various communities and ministries of our church are doing.	0	0	0	0	0	0
40.	There is a sense of excitement among our members about our church's future.	0	0	0	0	0	0
41.	I would say that my life is pretty much the same as those in my neighborhood who don't go to a church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
42.	Church members are encouraged to have a role in decision-making in our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
43.	Our church encourages members to share their faith with people who are not church members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
44.	A lot of church members have the opportunity to help organize and conduct our church service.	0	0	0	0	0	0
45.	Most members in our church know what their spiritual gifts are.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mar	k the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Ambivalent	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable/ Don't Know
46.	In my small group we trust one another.	0	0	0	0	0	0
47.	Our pastor(s) regularly challenges us to get involved in ministries of our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
48.	Throughout the day I find myself thinking about Biblical truths.	0	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
49.	Everyone in our church has an opportunity to participate in at least one spiritual retreat every year.	0	0	0	0	0	0
50.	The ministry of this congregation is primarily focused on our church members and attenders and their relatives or close friends.	0	0	0	0	0	0
51.	I am enthusiastic about our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
52.	Our lay leadership is responsive to concerns of all segments of the congregation.	0	0	0	0	0	0
53.	Sometimes you have to hold back the full truth to protect yourself.	0	0	0	0	0	0
54.	I use the Bible as a central tool to make the decisions of my everyday life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
55.	We spend lots of time in my small group with things which are irrelevant to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
56.	Our church cares about its members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
57.	I can be completely open and honest with anyone.	0	0	0	0	0	0
58.	Church members know well what the community around our church does and what their concerns and needs are.	0	0	0	0	0	0
59.	I feel prepared to disciple or mentor a younger believer.	0	0	0	0	0	0
60.	The music in our worship services leads me to worship God.	0	0	0	0	0	0
61.	I know that my ministry has value in the total work of our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
62.	Because of my faith the various areas of my life (i.e., profession, family, spare time, etc.) are noticeably different from the people I know who do not follow Christ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
63.	Our church regularly sees people dedicate their lives to Christ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
64.	New members show an increasing interest in God and His church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
65.	Being at our church has helped me grow spiritually.	0	0	0	0	0	0
66.	Our church provides adequate opportunities to improve my leadership skills.	0	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	0
67.	The members of our congregation do a very good job inviting people to participate in worship, church programs, and events.	0	0	0	0	0	0
68.	The leaders of our church avoid conflicts.	0	0	0	0	0	0
69.	The ministry of our church is primarily oriented toward serving the world beyond our congregation.	0	0	0	0	0	0
70.	Our worship nurtures, uplifts, and strengthens individuals to face the challenges of their lives.	0	0	0	0	0	0
71.	It's important to let people know when they aren't acting the way they should.	0	0	0	0	0	0
72.	Church members know and understand our church mission statement.	0	0	0	0	0	0
73.	I would call myself happy and contented.	0	0	0	0	0	0
74.	We meet the spiritual, emotional, or physical needs of most people in our congregation.	0	0	0	0	0	0
75.	The people in our church enjoy being together.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	I belong to a group in our church where we regularly talk about spiritual topics.	0	0	0	0	0	0
77.	I enjoy my life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
	I can count on my church to help if I have any need.	0	0	0	0	0	0
79.	My understanding of the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is central to my understanding of God, the Universe, and the human condition.	0	0	0	0	0	0

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80.	Visitors regularly join in our worship services.	0	0	0	0	0	0
81.	Our church is what I'd call "traditional".	0	0	0	0	0	0
82.	I know what my spiritual gifts are.	0	0	0	0	0	0
83.	In the next year I am very likely to attend a church activity or function besides worship services.	0	0	0	0	0	0
84.	I learn a lot about the Bible from the sermons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
85.	Our church consistently reads, teaches, and declares the Word of God, believing its truth and its power.	0	0	0	0	0	0
86.	I feel adequately informed about church finances.	0	0	0	0	0	0
87.	The exterior of our building(s) and the grounds of our campus are attractive and inviting.	0	0	0	0	0	0
88.	I am provided adequate opportunities to be a leader in our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
89.	I try to build my relationships with people who do not yet know Jesus Christ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
90.	I would rather see people's lives improved than make a lot of money, have a successful career, or be accepted by my peers.	0	0	0	0	0	0
91.	It's important to me to spend time thinking about God and God's characteristics.	0	0	0	0	0	0
92.	Our church has an intentional plan which engages the children, youth, and adults of our church in assisting, encouraging, and ministering to those in our neighborhood and city.	0	0	0	0	0	0
93.	Our church leaders (pastor, elders, etc.) have an inspiring optimism.	0	0	0	0	0	0
94.	I really get upset at the stupidity of some people.	0	0	0	0	0	0
95.	The majority of our members have a low level of commitment to serving Christ.	0	0	0	0	0	0
96.	I put my spiritual gifts to use serving God and others.	0	0	0	0	0	0
97.	Our church makes decisions quickly.	0	0	0	0	0	0
98.	Our church has a strong ministry meeting the needs of people in our community.	0	0	0	0	0	0
99.	There is a godly, faithful core of members who regularly pray for our church, the community, and the world—together, in private.	0	0	0	0	0	0
100.	My church supports me in my ministry.	0	0	0	0	0	0
101.	It's important to me to study the Bible regularly.	0	0	0	0	0	0
102.	Our church helps Christians discover their place in God's plan.	0	0	0	0	0	0
103.	I see God working in the lives of people who are not following Him.	0	0	0	0	0	0
104.	Our church encourages members to understand and act on social, political, and economic issues.	0	0	0	0	0	0
105.	Prayer is an integral part of our adult Sunday school classes or small groups.	0	0	0	0	0	0
106.	Other church members pray for me regularly.	0	0	0	0	0	0
107.	Our church has a clear strategy to select, train, deploy, and evaluate paid staff and key lay leaders (such as: session/board, deacons, ministry leaders, teachers, and small group leaders).	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The administrative structure of our church hinders church life rather than promoting it.	0	0	0	0	0	0
109.	There is an intentional process that trains, equips, assigns, and coaches new leaders from among the members of our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
110.	The atmosphere of our church is filled with praise and compliments to each other.	0	0	0	0	0	0
111.	Most of our church attend regular Bible study or other small study groups.	0	0	0	0	0	0
112.	The worship services do well at meeting my spiritual needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mark the circle that best represents your agreement w	ith the following statements.	Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Ambivalent	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable/ Don't Know
113. Our church does a good job meeting people's spiritua	l needs.	0	0	0	0	0	0
114. A sense of belonging here keeps me coming to this ch	nurch.	0	0	0	0	0	0
115. I want to volunteer more at our church.		0	0	0	0	0	0
116. Our church effectively communicates externally to the	public.	0	0	0	0	0	0
117. I enjoy listening to the sermons.		0	0	0	0	0	0
118. I enjoy bringing my friends or relatives who do not kno	w Jesus to church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
119. Our church regularly trains members in evangelism.		0	0	0	0	0	0
120. We are regularly informed in our church about Christia the world (the purpose, quality, and range of all kinds		0	0	0	0	0	0
121. Someone who has not been to any church would gene services.	erally understand our worship	0	0	0	0	0	0
122. Our church manages its finances well.		0	0	0	0	0	0
123. I feel like I am part of a team helping to fulfill the mission	on of our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
124. Church members obviously "love God with all their hea	art, soul, mind, and strength".	0	0	0	0	0	0
125. It's important to me to attend church regularly.		0	0	0	0	0	0
126. Many times in the past year I have participated in concusher, greeter, soloist, liturgist, etc.).	lucting worship (such as	0	0	0	0	0	0
127. Planning and organizing spiritual things can be dange	rous.	0	0	0	0	0	0
128. My voice is heard in our church.		0	0	0	0	0	0
129. Disagreements and conflicts in our church are dealt wi	th openly.	0	0	0	0	0	0
130. It is difficult to daily live out my faith in work, leisure, ar	nd community life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
131. I try to discover the needs of others.		0	0	0	0	0	0
132. The worship service is too short.		0	0	0	0	0	0
133. Our church regularly invites the public to our events ar	nd activities.	0	0	0	0	0	0
134. Overall, I am satisfied with our church.		0	0	0	0	0	0
135. The leadership (clergy and lay) of our church is creative challenges that arise.	re and adapts well to	0	0	0	0	0	0
136. In our worship services there is much time devoted to	prayer.	0	0	0	0	0	0
137. Our church often sends people to do mission work in t	ar-away countries.	0	0	0	0	0	0
138. The leadership of our church does a good job of equip	pping people to do ministry.	0	0	0	0	0	0
139. Every member who is capable and interested has an eleadership positions.	equal opportunity to hold key	0	0	0	0	0	0
140. Short-term, topical adult classes or seminars help a ch	urch attract new visitors.	0	0	0	0	0	0
141. I see value in every person, regardless of the their pas	t or present condition.	0	0	0	0	0	0
142. We tend to lose new attenders within a few weeks afte	r they first attend worship.	0	0	0	0	0	0
143. I try to keep up with world events through the media.		0	0	0	0	0	0
144. Our church leaders care about people out in the comm	nunity.	0	0	0	0	0	0
145. Our worship services strengthen my faith in God.		0	0	0	0	0	0
146. Our church uses a widely understood mission plan in	all planning and assessment.	0	0	0	0	0	0
147. In our church it is easy for me to talk with other people	about my problems.	0	0	0	0	0	0
148. Our church encourages members to view their daily life a	nd work as a place for ministry.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Mark the circle that best represents your agreement with the following statements.	Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Ambivalent	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable/ Don't Know
149. In today's busy world, it's very hard to set aside 30 minutes a day for prayer.	0	0	0	0	0	0
150. In my church small group we are open to talk about personal problems.	0	0	0	0	0	0
151. My prayer times are inspiring for me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
152. I know our church's goals for the coming years.	0	0	0	0	0	0
153. It is hard in our church to become a part of an existing small group.	0	0	0	0	0	0
154. People in our church receive good training on how to develop a prayer life and devotional time.	0	0	0	0	0	0
155. The worship service has a positive influence on me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
156. Our pastor is overwhelmed by all the work that is his/her responsibility.	0	0	0	0	0	0
157. The most important thing in life is following God's rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0
158. Our church does a very good job fostering spiritual growth among our members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
159. Our church members have freedom to be creative in ministry.	0	0	0	0	0	0
160. There is consistent development and empowerment of people to minister in the church and in the community.	0	0	0	0	0	0
161. Members or our church are encouraged to discover their spiritual gifts for ministry and service.	0	0	0	0	0	0
162. The worship service is too long.	0	0	0	0	0	0
163. I generally introduce myself to new visitors to our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
164. I feel included in church life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
165. We have many conflicts among church members.	0	0	0	0	0	0
166. I have developed significant relationships with people in my church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
167. I feel fulfilled by my involvement in our church's ministries.	0	0	0	0	0	0
168. Our lay leadership is representative of different segments of church membership.	0	0	0	0	0	0
169. Our pastor(s) is a spiritual leader for me.	0	0	0	0	0	0
170. Our worship style is designed to appeal to non-Christians.	0	0	0	0	0	0
171. I feel that God is present whenever our church gathers for worship.	0	0	0	0	0	0
172. The activities of our church are typically planned and organized well.	0	0	0	0	0	0
173. God seems to use my work for building our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
174. Our lay leadership encourages and supports development of new programs.	0	0	0	0	0	0
175. I frequently have reason to thank God for His work in my life.	0	0	0	0	0	0
176. Our church does a good job at encouraging me to share my time, talents, and finances with the church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
177. Every need within our congregation is being met through the various ministries of our church.	0	0	0	0	0	0
We need to improve:	Not at All		Only a	Somewhat		Very Much
178. Creating social activities.	0		0	0		0
179. Children's religious education.	0		0	0		0
180. Reaching out to those in our church in financial need.	0		0	0		0
181. Educating church members in the faith.	0		0	0		0

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We need to improve:	Not at All	Little	Only a	Somewhat	Very Much			
182. Advocacy for those in need or distress.				0			0	0
183. Keeping members informed about decisions in our church.				0			0	0
184. Providing charity and service to persons in need.				0			0	0
185. Keeping members informed about events in our church.				0			0	0
186. Our efforts to spread the Gospel and bring people to discipleship in Christ.							0	0
187. How active would you say you are in our congregation?								
O very active O fairly active O average		O irı	regular		0	inact	ive	
About how much time during a typical week do you spend	Not at All	< 1 hr.	1 - 2 hrs.	3 - 4 hrs.	4 - 5 hrs.	5 - 6 hrs.	6 - 7 hrs.	7+ hrs.
188 in prayer or thinking about God?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
189 with friends from church (excluding church meetings and events)?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
190 reading the Bible?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
About how often do you	Seldom or never	About once a year	A few times a year	About once a month	A few times a month	About once a week	A few times a week	Daily
191 fast for spiritual reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
192 spend time in spiritual silence, listening to God?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
193 spend time in Worship (at church or privately)?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
194 read non-fiction from Christian writers?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
195 privately confess your needs and shortcomings to another Christian?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
196. In the past two months, how many times have you been invited by member (not relatives or church staff) for dinner, coffee, or similar?		rch						
O Not at all O 1 time O 2 or 3 times		O 4	or 5 tim	es	0	More	than 5	times
197. Approximately what percentage of your gross income do you give to the church for missions, general needs, etc.?			%					
198. Approximately how long ago was your church founded?								
199. How does the attendance at your church now compare with 10 years ago (or when the church was founded, if less than 10 years)	?							
200. What time is it right now? O am O pm								
201. If you did not take the survey in one sitting, about how long do you	u think	it took	?	hr	s	mi	n.	
202. Please tell us any problems you had answering questions or any c	questio	ns you	would	have li	ked to	have u	s ask.	