

RESOURCE QUESTIONS

Survey	Contact Info	Founding	Social Composition	Size & Attendance Membership	Budget & Finance	Buildings	Technology	Clergy
<p>National Congregations Study</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>What is the full name of your congregation? What is the full street address and telephone number of your congregation? What county is your congregation in? Is this also the address at which your congregation receives mail? What is your name, address, and telephone number? What is your position in this congregation?</p> <p>1-5</p>	<p>In what year was your congregation officially founded? In what year did your congregation begin worshipping at its current location? 6, 7</p>	<p>Thinking of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation per year? That is, how many have become involved since month/last year? Thinking again of these regular adult participants, what percent would you say are female? About what percent would you say have four year college degrees or more? About what percent of the regular adult participants have less than a high school diploma? Of the regular adult participants, about what percentage would you say are over 60 years old? What percentage of the regular adult participants would you say are under 35 years old? Still thinking about the regular adult participants, what percentage would</p>	<p>First, how many persons would you say are associate in any way with the religious life of this congregation, counting both adults and children, counting both regular and irregular participants, counting both official or registered members and also participating nonmembers. What is the total number of persons associated with this congregation to any degree at all? How many persons, counting 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? How many adults people 18 years or older would you say regularly participate in the religious life of your congregation? 13-15</p>	<p>How much money, overall did your congregation directly spend on all of these projects or programs within the last 12 months? Here, I am asking about direct cash donations from your congregation, not counting staff time or volunteer time. Are any of these programs that you have mentioned supported by outside funds directly provided to your congregation by other agencies or organizations? Have you heard about legislation in Congress that would enable religious congregations to apply for public money to support their human service programs? Does your congregation operate with a formal, written annual budget? What is the total amount of money your congregation received in income</p>	<p>What is your name, address, and telephone number? What is your position in this congregation? Does your congregation meet in a church/temple/mosque or some other kind of building? What type of building does your congregation currently use for the primary worship services? Do visitors ever come to view the building or the worship space to look at its architecture, or at artwork like stained glass windows or statues? Does this building belong to your congregation or does it belong to another group that loans or rents space to you? Within the past 12 months, have there been groups, programs, or events that have no connection to your congregation but</p>	<p>Does your congregation use electronic mail to communicate with members? Within the past 12 months, has your congregation made use of any types of services offered by a denomination, another religious organization, or an outside consultant of any sort? Thinking of the regular adult participants in your congregation, about what percent would you say are new to this congregation in the past year? That is, how many have become involved since (month/last year)? 76, 78, 90</p>	

			<p>you say live within a ten-minute walk of the place where you meet?</p> <p>What percent live more than a 30-minute drive away?</p> <p>Of the regular adult participants, what percent would you say live in households with income under \$25,000 a year?</p> <p>What percent would you say live in households with income higher than \$199,000 a year?</p> <p>What percent would you say own their own store or business?</p> <p>What percent of the regular adult participants in your congregation are white and nonhispanic?</p> <p>What percent are black or African American?</p> <p>Hispanic or Latino?</p> <p>What is the largest specific Hispanic ethnicity in your congregation?</p> <p>Asian or Pacific Islander?</p> <p>What is the largest specific Asian ethnicity in your congregation?</p> <p>Any other ethnic groups?</p> <p>Specify</p>		<p>from all sources during your most recent fiscal year?</p> <p>Of this amount, how much came from individual's donations, dues, or contributions?</p> <p>During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from the sale or rent of your building or property?</p> <p>During your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation receive any income from your denomination or religious group?</p> <p>What was your total congregational budget for the most recent fiscal year, the total amount that your congregation spent for all purposes, including standard operating costs, salaries, money sent to your denomination or other religious organizations, and all other purposes?</p> <p>In your most recent fiscal year, did your congregation give any money to your denomination or convention?</p> <p>In the most recent fiscal year, did your</p>	<p>have used or rented space in your building? This might include other congregations, AA groups, day care centers, or once a year events like fairs, concerts, or art shows.</p> <p>4, 5, 10-12, 58</p>		
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<p>U.S. Congregational Life Survey Project</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>In what ZIP code area is this congregation's primary place of worship physically located?</p> <p>1.1</p>	<p>In what year did your congregation begin worshipping in its current sanctuary?</p> <p>1.2</p>	<p>We are trying to increase our racial/ethnic diversity; Our congregation has a strong racial/ethnic or national identity it is trying to preserve. Approximately how many persons would you say are associated in any way with the religious life of this congregation counting both adults and children, counting both regular and irregular participants, counting both official</p>	<p>Of your total number of regularly participating adults, what percent would you estimate are:</p> <p>4A-D</p>	<p>If someone visited your church and indicated that he or she was a visitor in the friendship book, registration book, or on a visitor's card, how long would it take on average before he or she received a visit or phone call from the church?</p> <p>6.1-6.6</p>	<p>How would you describe the place where your congregation's primary worship building is located? How adequate is the following for the current needs of your congregation? What is the total seating capacity of your sanctuary? How would you describe the overall physical condition of your congregation's building(s)? How many congregations use your building space for worship?</p>	<p>Please describe the current (senior) pastor by checking all of the boxes that apply or filling in the requested information. If you have co-pastors, please check here and answer the following for the older of your co-pastors. If you do not currently have a pastor, please check here and skip to question 3.</p> <p>Age. Paid. Volunteer. Full time. Part time.</p>	

			<p>or registered members and also participating nonmembers? 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? Since 1995, has the above number of regularly participating adults: Of your total number of regularly participating adults what percent would you estimate are: Of your total number of regularly participating adults how many would you estimate are: Would you describe the regularly participating adults in your congregation as basically similar or dissimilar to nearby residents in terms of race, ethnicity, income, age and lifestyle? To what extent are the teenage children of church members involved in the religious life of your congregation? 2.11E,L, 3.1-3.5,</p>			1.3-1.7		<p>Male. Female. Regular call. Temporary/interim. Highest level of education? Highest level of ministerial education? Race/ethnicity? This person became your (senior) pastor 1 what year? How well would most of your members say the following statements describe your (senior) pastor? Good preacher Knows how to get people to work together Effective administrator Cares about people Charismatic leader Has a close relationship with God Generates enthusiasm Has a clear vision for the congregation Knows how to get things done Knows the Bible Mediates conflict Hard worker Evangelistic Effective teacher How many (senior) pastors including the current one, have served this congregation during</p>
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			3.7, 4.5					the past 10 years? How many years did the previous (senior) pastor service this congregation? How many paid, ministerial staff and program staff does this congregation have? 7.1A-1, 8.2-5
Organizing Religious Work (click here for more information on this project)			Please give us your best estimate of how many people in your congregation fit into the following categories? About what percentage are female? 3, 4	How many persons are on your membership role? Do not include non-residents, but do include regular attenders, if they are normally considered members. Please indicate how you describe these people (baptized members, households, active participants, etc.) 2	What is the size of your total annual operating budget, excluding capital campaigns (such as building funds) and affiliated organizations (such as schools)? Does the congregation receive any sort of budget subsidy or other outside grants? About how much did you give last year to denominational mission work and programs? In addition to any denominational giving, about how much did you give to special offerings or fund raisers for organizations beyond your congregation? Who is involved in approving congregational outreach or mission expenditures? 15-19	How many buildings does your congregation occupy? 20		

<p>U. S. Congregational Life Survey Project (Informant)</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>								
<p>Religion and Family Project</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>Confirm name and address of congregation as given on clergy list. If there is a contact name/pastor name given, then confirm that's who you're talking to or arrange a time to call back. If no pastor's/leader's name given to you on list, does your congregation have a head pastor or senior religious leader? If no, ask to speak with either their religious leader (a head elder, president of the congregation-that kind of thing, for example) or b) a long time member involved in leadership. 1-3</p>	<p>What year was the congregation founded? W7</p>	<p>What percent are women? What percent are married couples with children? What percent are older "empty nesters"? What percent are in dual earner families? What percent are in "blended" families? What percent are in single parent families? What percentage would have a high school diploma or equivalent? What percentage would have a college degree? What percentage are managers, professionals, or small business owners? What percentage are farm or agricultural workers, or farm owners? How many teenagers regularly attend your congregation's teen activities? How many children</p>	<p>How many persons—counting 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? On average, how many ADULTS attend all of your worship services, combined, in a given week? Over the last 5 years, has your congregation been growing in attendance, declining in attendance, or stable? M1, M2, M11</p>	<p>Financially, would you say this congregation is struggling? What is your congregation's annual budget? W8, W9</p>	<p>What kind of building does your congregation currently use for its primary worship service? Is this your building, or does it belong to some other group or congregation? Do you own the building outright, or are you carrying a mortgage? Do you plan to buy or build your own building within the next two years? Does any other congregation meet in this space? Please tell me the FULL NAME of that congregation and the name of the pastor. B3a-f</p>		<p>In the last 6 months, have you preached a sermon, brought in a guest preacher, shown a film, or done anything else to communicate to the congregation your views on family issues? Think a moment about the programs for children in your congregation. Which one of the following statements best describes what your congregation tries to teach its children? Who publishes the materials you use for your religious education class for children under 12? In the last 5 years, has your congregation made any of the following changes to attract new members or to meet the needs of existing members? F11, 1-3</p>

			<p>under 12 regularly attend your congregation? How many lesbian and gay persons attend your congregation? What is the biggest age group in your congregation? Are there any "gaps" in your congregation, or age groups that are not well represented? Please list the ethnic and racial groups that make up your membership, and tell me what percentage of your membership they make up. I'd like to ask about where your active membership lives. Over the last 5 years, has your congregation been growing older, getting younger, or staying about the same? Over the last 5 years, has there been any other change in the membership or makeup of your congregation? M3a-k, M4-M10, M12, M13</p>					
Missouri Rural Church Project	Church name Address Minister's name	What, if any, is the denomination with which your church is	What percent of your resident, active members are 65	On average, what is the total number of people attending on	During 1997, did the congregation make financial	Do you have a church building? When was it built?	Which of the following communications	Is the minister paid a regular salary? If a minister is not

<p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>Respondent name Position in church</p>	<p>affiliated? Has there been any change since 1982 in denominational affiliation? In what year was this congregation first organized? 1</p>	<p>years old or older? What percent of your resident, active members are male? Female? What percent of your resident active members are: Caucasian? African American? Hispanic? Other What percent of your employed, active members are professional people (doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc.), owners of large businesses, government officials, etc.? Other white collar workers (office workers, store clerks, barbers, owners of small businesses, etc.) Blue collar workers (other than farmers), such as factory workers, truck drivers, carpenters, laborers, etc. Farm operators and farm laborers About what percent of women members aged 16-65 work full time at a job other than homemaker? About what percent of your adult, active members are retired? About what percent</p>	<p>the principal day of worship? On average, what is the total number of children in the building on the principal worship day? How many new adult members has the church received during the past year? Can you estimate how many of the new adult members, if any, came from other denominations? What is the total membership on the church roll? Of this number, how many persons are resident, active members? Do you have some members who moved away but who continue to support the church financially? Would you say that membership has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same over the last 5 years? 3d, 3e, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 7, 8</p>	<p>contributions to any of the following programs of international assistance or others not listed? What was the total income raised by the congregation for all purposes during the last fiscal year? About what percent of the income came from the following sources? What were your total expenditures during the last complete fiscal year? During the last complete fiscal year, about what percent of your total church income was spent for the following items? 20a-m, 26a, 26b, 27a, 27b</p>	<p>Who owns the church building? Which of the following facilities are available? Has the church made any renovations (aside from routine maintenance) or new construction of any facility since 1982? What was the renovation or construction? How was the renovation carried out? Is most general maintenance of the church and grounds, such as cutting grass, clearing snow, and cleaning the building performed by? Are most simple renovations, such as painting the interior or laying a tile floor, performed by? 9a-9c, 10a, 12a-e</p>	<p>capabilities do you have? 10b</p>	<p>present, can someone else perform any of the following responsibilities? If a minister is not present, who is able to carry out the activities just mentioned? 16a, 33a, 33b</p>
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			<p>of the adult, active members have a college education? What percent of your resident, active members live within 5 miles of the church? Over 20 miles from the church? Does the church have any ethnic/national identity? In what ways is that identity expressed? 5c-1, 6a, 6b, 25, 25a</p>					
<p>Project on Religion and Urban Culture</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	O1, CP1, CP7, CP8, T14	CP3-CP6	D3-D6, D9-D13	D1	F1-F7, FAC1-10		T1, T2, T10-13	
<p>Project on Religion and Urban Culture (event)</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	O1, G1-3, E7		D1-9	G9, G10				
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study</p> <p>(click here for more information on this</p>	<p>Name of pastor? What is the name of the congregation? Address? Telephone number? Fax number? Do you have a webpage? Do you have an</p>	<p>What year was your congregation founded? HP1</p>	<p>What is the household income composition of your congregation? Please assess what is the ethnic makeup of your congregation? How would you</p>	<p>What is the total (larger/mailling list/on the roll) number of members? What is the number of active members? What is the number of active membes</p>	<p>Does your congregation have a 501 (c) (3) designation? What is your annual operating budget (excluding schools, if any, and capital campaign)?</p>	<p>How many years has the congregation been in this property? Do you own building/rent building/rent space? Are/were there plans for the relocation of</p>		

<p><u>project</u></p>	<p>email address? G1-9</p>		<p>characterize the age of your congregation's membership? Among the groups listed below, identify those with 20% or more representation in your congregation. During the past three years, has the congregational membership grown older/remained the same/gotten younger? What is the percentage of males/females? What percentage of your congregational members live outside city limits? What percentage of your congregational members live outside the region? What percentage of your members are single (including widows/widowers, divorcees, single parents)? Has there been a change in the composition of the membership in the past 10 years? M6-16</p>	<p>(seen once a month)? What is the number of active non-members (as above)? What is the average number of different persons attending worship services during one week? During the past three years, has the congregational membership Risen/Stabilized/Declined? M1-5</p>	<p>What percentage of your annual budget is designated for: social outreach/social action/social ministry/social programs (including clergy and staff time)? What percentage of your annual budget (operating and program) comes from the following key sources? Have you undertaken a capital campaign (building fund) in the past five years? In the last five years, did you apply for a grant/contracts? Do you have a surplus/balanced/deficit budget? Are you financially strong/sound/struggling? Comments on the congregation's financial affairs? F11-9</p>	<p>congregation from its current building? Does the congregation share its space with another congregation? What is the total number of buildings used or owned by the congregation? Are there any major structural problems with any of the buildings? Are there accessibility problems that prohibit participation of people with physical disabilities? What is the total number of seats in the worship hall, including overflow space? HP2-9</p>		
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study (Prog. Inventory)</p>	<p>Name of congregation? Name of interviewee? Date of interview?</p>		<p>Interfaith relations Pro choice/pro life advocacy Gay/lesbian issues Women's issues</p>					

<p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	1		<p>Family values Peace Poverty/welfare rights/advocacy Voter registration Environmental action Association for retarded citizens Alliance for the mentally ill National firearm association/hand gun registry School choice/school vouchers Organizing against drug trafficking Universal health care other 189-204</p>					
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study (Prog. Specific)</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	1-9	2.1	3.6-9	2.1-4	3.6, 4.1-9	2.3		6.3
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>Date of interview Name of interviewee and title Name of pastor What is the name of the congregation 1</p>	<p>What year was your congregation founded How many years has the congregation been in this property 1.2</p>	<p>What is the household income composition of your congregation Please assess what is the ethnic makeup of your congregation How would you characterize the age of your</p>	<p>What is the total (larger/mailling list/on the roll) number of members What is the number of active members (seen once a month) What is the number of active non-members (as above)</p>	<p>What is the household income composition of your congregation? Does the congregation have a 501 (c) (3) designation What is your annual operating budget</p>	<p>Do you own building/rent building/rent space/pay mortgage/sharing space/no permanent space/private property (not a building) Are/were there plans</p>	3.11	<p>Gender of clergy Does the pastor live within 10 blocks of the congregation Post high school education of senior clergy 6,7</p>

			<p>congregation's membership</p> <p>Among the groups listed below, identify those groups with 20% or more representation in your congregation</p> <p>During the past three years, has the congregational membership grown older/ remained the same/ gotten younger</p> <p>What is the percentage of males/females</p> <p>What percentage of your congregation members live in the immediate community</p> <p>What percentage of your congregational members live outside city limits</p> <p>What percentage of your congregational members live outside the region</p> <p>What percentage of your members are singles</p> <p>Has there been a change in the composition of the membership in the past 10 years</p> <p>3, 4</p>	<p>What is the average number of different persons attending worship services during one week</p> <p>During the past three years, has the congregational membership risen/stabilized/declined</p> <p>2</p>	<p>(excluding schools, if any, and any capital campaign)</p> <p>What percentage of your annual budget is designated for social outreach/social action/social ministry/social programs (including clergy and staff time)</p> <p>What percentage of your annual budget (operating and program) comes from the following key sources</p> <p>Have you undertaken a capital campaign (building fund) in the past five years?</p> <p>In the last five years, did you apply for grants/contracts</p> <p>Do you have a surplus/balanced/deficit budget</p> <p>Are you financially strong/sound/struggling</p> <p>Comments on the congregation's financial affairs</p> <p>3.1, 4, 5, 6, 10</p>	<p>for the relocation of congregation from its current building</p> <p>Does the congregation share its space with another congregation</p> <p>What is the total number of buildings used or owned by the congregation</p> <p>Are there any major structural problems with any of the buildings</p> <p>Are there accessibility problems that prohibit participation of people with physical disabilities</p> <p>What is the number of seats in the worship hall, including overflow space</p> <p>Have you undertaken a capital campaign (building fund) in the past five years</p> <p>2, 5</p>		
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