

PROGRAM & ACTIVITY QUESTIONS

Survey	Worship	Recruitment/ Evangelism	Religious Education	Community Service
<p>National Congregations Study</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>In a typical week, how many worship services does your congregation hold</p> <p>Thinking of this past week Monday through Sunday, how many worship services were there for this congregation</p> <p>I'd like to ask you some questions about your congregation's most recent worship service. When was your most recent worship service?</p> <p>Which one of these services would you say was the main service for the week for your congregation</p> <p>I would like to ask you some questions about the worship service that took place this past week. What was the day and time of this service</p> <p>How long did this service last</p> <p>Was there a sermon or a speech of some sort at this service</p> <p>What languages were spoken or sung at this service</p>	<p>Does your congregation make any efforts to recruit new participants</p> <p>Within the past 12 months have you done any of the following</p> <p>Placed an ad in a newspaper</p> <p>Encouraged people already in the congregation to invite a new person</p> <p>Conducted or used a survey of your community</p> <p>Mailed or distributed a flyer to people in the community</p> <p>Followed up by phone or face to face with people who visit your congregation</p> <p>Have a special formal committee to work on recruitment</p> <p>74, 75</p>	<p>Does your congregation have religious education classes for children, teens, or adults?</p> <p>How many different classes meet at least once a month</p> <p>How many children age 12 or younger would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week</p> <p>How many teenagers, those aged 13 to 18 would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week</p> <p>How many adults would you say attend at least one of these classes in a typical week</p> <p>To receive or practice gifts of the spirit such as tongues or prophesying</p> <p>A class for prospective or new members</p> <p>A meeting specifically to pray or meditate</p> <p>A class to train new religious education teachers</p> <p>To discuss or learn</p>	<p>To discuss politics</p> <p>To discuss a book people have read other than the Bible</p> <p>To discuss parenting issues</p> <p>An event for cleaning or maintenance of your building</p> <p>For physical healing</p> <p>An effort to get people registered to vote</p> <p>A class for people in your congregation to learn English</p> <p>To discuss pollution or other environmental issues</p> <p>An event to organize or encourage people to do volunteer work</p> <p>To discuss people's problems or concerns at work</p> <p>To attend a live musical or theatrical performance elsewhere</p> <p>To discuss race relations in our society</p> <p>Twelve step groups such as alcoholics anonymous or similar self help groups</p> <p>To organize or</p>

	<p>Were languages other than spoken or sung at any service in the past 12 months</p> <p>Still thinking about the worship service/the main service that took place this past week, how many people, including both adults and children would you say attended? Of the regularly participating adults in this congregation, how many would you say attended more than one of the services held during the previous seven days</p> <p>Still thinking about the worship service/main service that took place this past week, how many different individuals spoke or read to the group at some point in the service</p> <p>Was there singing by the congregation at this service</p> <p>Was there singing by the congregation at this service</p> <p>Was there singing by a choir at this service</p> <p>Was there singing by a soloist at this service</p>		<p>about a religion other than your own</p> <p>59, 63k-n, q, t</p>	<p>participate in efforts to lobby elected officials of any sort</p> <p>To discuss or learn how to manage one's personal finances</p> <p>To organize or participate in a demonstration or march either in support of or opposition to some public issue or policy</p> <p>To take a trip somewhere that required an overnight stay</p> <p>To plan or conduct an assessment of community needs</p> <p>Have voter guides ever been distributed to people through your congregation</p> <p>Has your congregation participated in or supported social service, community development, or neighborhood organizing projects of any sort within the past 12 months?</p> <p>63a-j, p, r, 63u-x, z, aa, 64, 67</p>
--	---	--	--	--

	<p>Counting all the musical parts of this service this past week, how many minutes would you say were taken up by music</p> <p>Was there a time during the service in which people in the congregation greeted each other by shaking hands or some other way</p> <p>Was there a time during the service for silent prayer or meditation</p> <p>Was there a part of this service specifically directed at children</p> <p>Did any teens participate in this service by speaking, reading, singing, or performing, not including participating just by being part of the congregation or the choir</p> <p>Did anyone call out "amen" or other expressions of approval</p> <p>Was there applause at any point in this service</p> <p>Did people laugh out loud at any point in this service</p> <p>Was there a written order of service or program that people could follow, either</p>			
--	--	--	--	--

	<p>in book form or as a handout</p> <p>Was any visual projection equipment used in this service</p> <p>Did the people speak or read or recite something together at any point</p> <p>Was incense used in this service</p> <p>Did any adults jump, shout, or dance spontaneously during this service</p> <p>Did anyone besides the leader raise their hands in praise during the service</p> <p>Were any musical instruments used in this service</p> <p>Was communion or the Lord's Supper celebrated at this service</p> <p>For about how long would you say that people in this congregation usually mingle and socialize informally with each other before and after the service</p> <p>Within the past 12 months, has your congregation participated in a joint worship service with any other congregation</p> <p>Were any of these</p>			
--	--	--	--	--

	<p>services with Protestant congregations Were any of these services with Roman Catholic congregations Were any of these service with Jewish congregations Were any of these services with congregations other than Protestant, Catholic or Jewish With what other type of congregations have you had joint worship in the past 12 months Were any of these services with congregations whose racial or ethnic make up is different that your congregation's Within the past 12 months, was there dance performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation Within the past 12 months, was an acting skit or play performed by teens or adults at any worship service of your congregation Within the past 12 months, has your congregation hired any singers or other</p>			
--	---	--	--	--

	<p>musicians to perform at a worship service</p> <p>Within the past 12 months, have people at worship services been told of opportunities for political activity, including petition campaigns, lobbying, or demonstrating</p> <p>At any service during the past 12 months was there a time for people other than the leaders of the service to testify or speak about their own religious experience</p> <p>19-54</p>			
<p>US Congregational Life Survey Project</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>How many worship services does your congregation have on each of the following days/times on a typical weekend</p> <p>What is the total attendance for all services held on this day/time on a typical weekend</p> <p>If you typically hold more than one service on the weekend, are these services ver similar in style, one or more is somewhat different in style from the rest, one</p>	2.11r, 4.6-4.10	2.11p, q, 4.1a-d, p, 4.3, 4.4, 4.11	4.1e, f, 4.12, 4.13

	<p>or more is very different in style from the rest</p> <p>Please list all the languages in which your congregation conducts worship services on a typical weekend</p> <p>About how full is your place of worship at the service with the largest attendance</p> <p>How well do the following describe your worship service with the largest attendance</p> <p>How often does the sermon in your worship focus on</p> <p>How often does the sermon include a lot of</p> <p>How often are the following included as a part of your congregation's worship services</p> <p>How often are the following used in your congregation's worship services</p> <p>When visitors attend worship services at your church, about how many members usually welcome them</p> <p>In comparison to the style of your congregation's primary worship service 5 years ago,</p>			
--	--	--	--	--

	<p>would you say the style of your current primary worship service is basically the same, change a little, changed more than a little, changed a lot</p> <p>How well does each of the following statements describe your congregation</p> <p>2.1-2.10, 2.11</p>			
<p>Organizing Religious Work</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>About how many people attend worship services on an average weekend? If you have more than one service at which different people attend, please list the total for all services combined</p> <p>1</p>			<p>Who has the final say about who should become the congregation's clergy leader</p> <p>13</p>
<p>US Congregational Life Survey Project (Informant)</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>While you may value many different styles of music, which of the following is most meaningful for you in congregational worship</p> <p>How often do you experience the following worship services at this congregation?</p> <p>To what extent do the worship services or activities of this congregation help you with everyday living</p>	<p>Do you regularly take part in any mission activities of this congregation (e.g., visitation, evangelism, outreach, community service, social justice welfare)</p> <p>Which of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith</p> <p>Would you be prepared to invite to a worship service</p>	<p>Are you regularly involved in any group activities here</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Are you involved in any social service or advocacy groups not connected to this congregation</p> <p>13</p>

	24, 26, 27	here any of your friends and relatives who do not now attend a congregation 5, 14, 15		
<p>Religion and Family Project</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>How many worship services do you have in a typical week On what day and time is your main worship service Does your congregation provide nursery or babysitting during main worship service Within your religious tradition, is your worship style very traditional, very innovative, somewhere in between, or do you have several worship services with different styles b4, b5, f7, w1</p>	<p>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 Change time or day of worship service Change language, or imagery New program for some specific group Provide inter generational programming Over the last 5 years, has your congregation been growing older, getting younger, or staying about the same f13a-d, m12</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 two statements best describes what your congregation tries to teach its children. f11, f12</p>	
<p>Missouri Rural Church Project</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>Does this group hold regularly scheduled worship services On what day of the week is the primary worship service held How often is the primary worship service held Are there other regularly scheduled group activities for the whole</p>	<p>Do you regularly hold a homecoming event for members or former members of the congregation Do you regularly hold a special event open to the public What is the event Has the church held a revival or special evangelical service within the past year 23a-c, 24</p>	<p>Are there other regularly scheduled group activities for the whole congregation such as Sunday evening worship, other regularly scheduled worship service, prayer meeting, Sunday school How often are each of the above activities held</p>	<p>I am going to read you a list of various community programs. Would you please tell me whether the congregation has supported any of the following community programs or activities during 1997 Do you regularly</p>

	<p>congregation such as Sunday evening worship, other regularly scheduled worship service, prayer meeting, Sunday school</p> <p>How often are each of the above activities held</p> <p>3a-c, 3f(1)-(3), 3g(1)-(3)</p>		<p>Does the church conduct a full time school for the general education of children and young people</p> <p>If yes what grades</p> <p>If yes what is the total number of students in the school</p> <p>Does the congregation support home schooling</p> <p>Which of the following educational activities or programs have been carried out by this congregation in 1997</p> <p>I am going to read you a list of various community programs. Would you please tell me whether the congregation has supported any of the following community programs or activities during 1997</p> <p>3f(4), 3g(4), 11a-d, 17a-f, 18b, 18i</p>	<p>hold a special event open to the public</p> <p>When you think about priorities for your church's activities in the community, how important are each of the following to the congregation</p> <p>18c-h, 18j, 23b, 28</p>
<p>Project on Religion and Urban Culture</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>				

<p>Project on Religion and Urban Culture</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>				
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>	<p>What would most of the members characterize this congregation as b2a, b2b</p>	<p>What is the average number of worship/prayer services held during a weekend What is the average number of worship/prayer services held during the weekdays b4, b5</p>		<p>Have you done any of the following to determine the needs of those in the greater community (beyond congregational members) which might be addressed by services housed in your congregational building(s) within the last three years What social problems are present in the community within a mile radius of your congregation What congregations and faith based organizations do you collaborate with to develop and deliver community service programs What secular organizations do you collaborate with to develop and deliver community service programs Are there any spin</p>

				<p>off organizations (for example social/community services) that began meeting in your building, but are now independent organizations that still may be housed in your building or may have found another location? (examples of this include New York City's Partnership for the Homeless, Philadelphia's Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA) or Chicago's Steppenwolf Theater.)</p> <p>Is there anything that has made it difficult to house different community services in your building</p> <p>Is there potential to use the building for additional programs (rent, use of space by the greater community, local programs)</p> <p>Are you familiar with Charitable Choice</p> <p>If not actively involved with CC would your congregation consider applying for government</p>
--	--	--	--	--

				funds under the provision of cc? Are you familiar with Americorps rwc1, 3, rwc5-9, cc1,2, ca1
Philadelphia Religious Census Study (inventory) (click here for more information on this project)			Is your congregation actively involved in religious activities to share your faith tradition and/or beliefs with people in the wider community If yes, do you refer people that participate in these religious activities to your social service programs 217, 218	Congregational (or support for) crime watch Prevention of police brutality Cooperation with police Community policing Police clergy Space for police/community meetings Apartment security Providing security for property that serves the community Neighborhood associations Protests Boycotts Interracial collaboration Interfaith/interdenominational collaboration Suburban city collaboration Neighborhood cleanup Community bazaars/fairs Thrift shop Sports activities Holiday celebrations Local charity and civic groups (Rotary, Lions, Rotary Star)

				<p>Tree planting Midnight basketball Coops (such as food, babysitting, health) Neighborhood credit union Job training Job counseling and placement Disaster relief Recruitment of new business/industry into the community Commercial ventures (retail business, etc) Entrepreneurial training/small business incubation Investment clubs Civic beautification/improvement Are there any social services that you plan to provide in the next 12 months 149-184, 216</p>
<p>Philadelphia Religious Census Study (specific)</p> <p>(click here for more information on this project)</p>		<p>What congregations do you collaborate with for purposes of worship and prayer services 9.4</p>		<p>What congregations and faith based organizations do you collaborate with to develop and deliver community service programs What secular organizations do you collaborate with to develop and deliver community programs Are there any spin off organizations (for example,</p>

				social/community services) that began meeting in your building, but are now independent organizations that still may be housed in your building or may have found another location? Is there anything that has made it difficult to house different community services in your building 9.5-8
Philadelphia Religious Census Study (click here for more information on this project)	What is the total number of seats in the worship hall, including overflow space 9	Please assess what is the ethnic makeup of your congregation Among the groups listed below, identify those groups with 20% or more representation in your congregation 3.7, 9		Do you own building/rent building/rent space/paying mortgage/sharing space/no permanent space/private property (not a building) Have you done any of the following to determine the needs of those in the greater community (beyond congregational members) which might be addressed by services housed in your congregational building(s) within the last three years Is the congregation or part of the congregation a member of

				What social problems are present in the community within a 1 mile radius of your congregation 2.3, 8.1-3,
--	--	--	--	--