

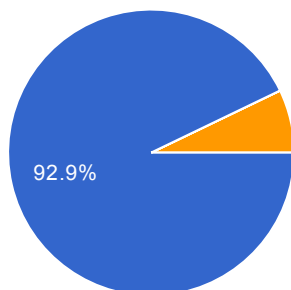
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Summary

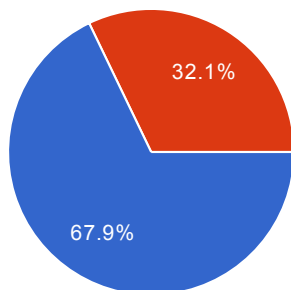
About You

1. Which Church do you usually attend?



Seagrave	26	92.9%
Greenbank	0	0%
Do Not Attend	2	7.1%
Other	0	0%

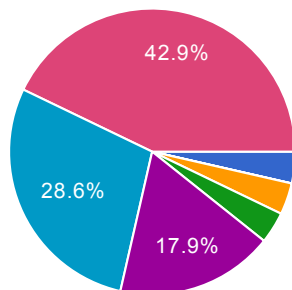
2. Gender:



Female	19	67.9%
Male	9	32.1%

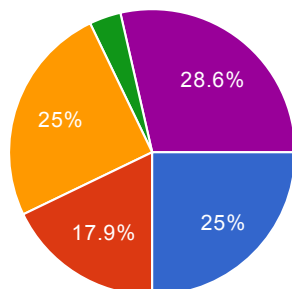
3. How old are you?

10-19	1	3.6%
20-29	0	0%



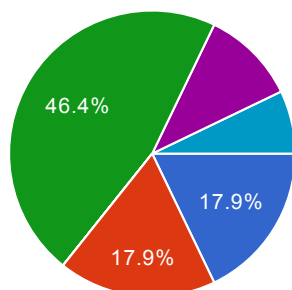
30-39	1	3.6%
40-49	1	3.6%
50-59	5	17.9%
60-69	8	28.6%
> 69	12	42.9%

4. How long have you been a member or an adherent of your local church?



1 - 4 years	7	25%
5 - 9 years	5	17.9%
10 -19 years	7	25%
20 -29 years	1	3.6%
> 29 years	8	28.6%

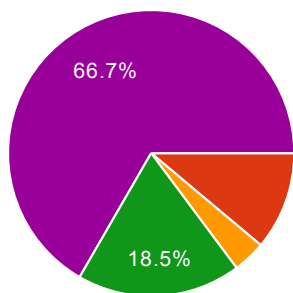
5. What definition most describes you?



Employed – part-time/shift work	5	17.9%
Employed – full-time (regular weekdays)	5	17.9%
Unemployed	0	0%
Retired	13	46.4%
Homemaker	3	10.7%
Student	2	7.1%

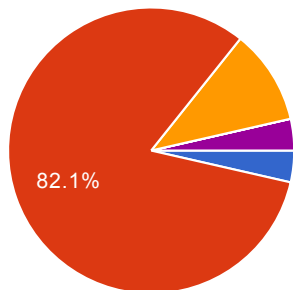
6. On the average, about how many times have you attended church worship

during the past year?



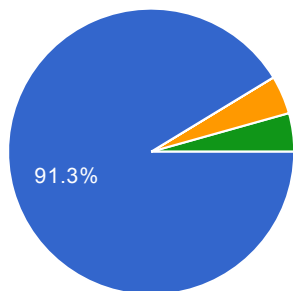
None	0	0%
About once or twice a year	3	11.1%
About once a month	1	3.7%
About two or three times a month	5	18.5%
Almost every Sunday	18	66.7%

7 a. How many adults live in your household?



1	1	3.6%
2	23	82.1%
3	3	10.7%
4	0	0%
5 or more	1	3.6%

7 b. How many children or youth live in your household?

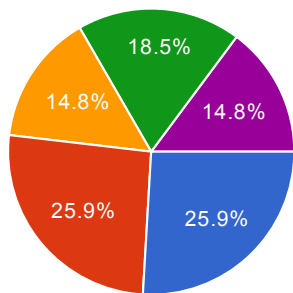


0	21	91.3%
1	0	0%
2	1	4.3%
3	1	4.3%
4 or more	0	0%

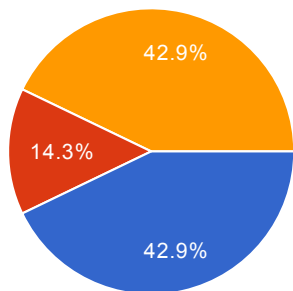
8. In how many church organizations, committees, and groups do you hold membership (not counting congregational membership itself)?

None	7	25.9%
One	7	25.9%
Two	4	14.8%

Three **5** 18.5%
 4 or more **4** 14.8%

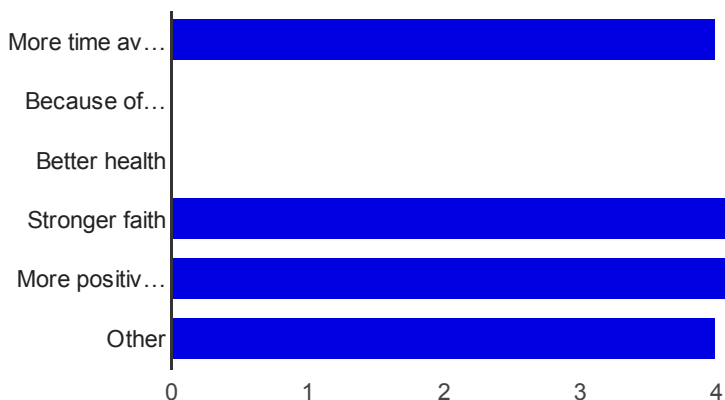


Increased, decreased, or remained



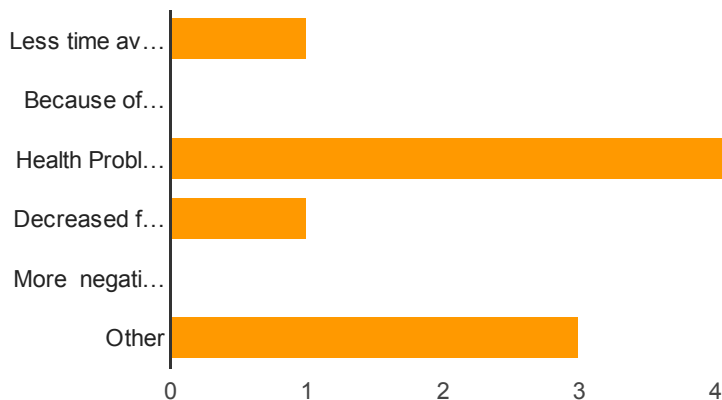
Increased **12** 42.9%
 Decreased **4** 14.3%
 Remained about the same **12** 42.9%

10. If your participation has INCREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):



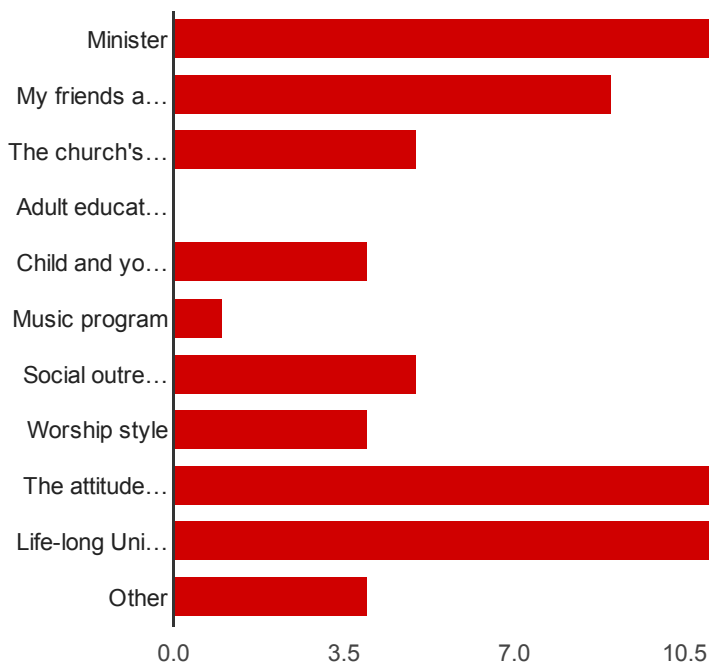
More time available **4** 30.8%
 Because of children **0** 0%
 Better health **0** 0%
 Stronger faith **5** 38.5%
 More positive attitude toward the church **5** 38.5%
 Other **4** 30.8%

11. If your participation has DECREASED, which of the following are reasons for that? (check all that apply):



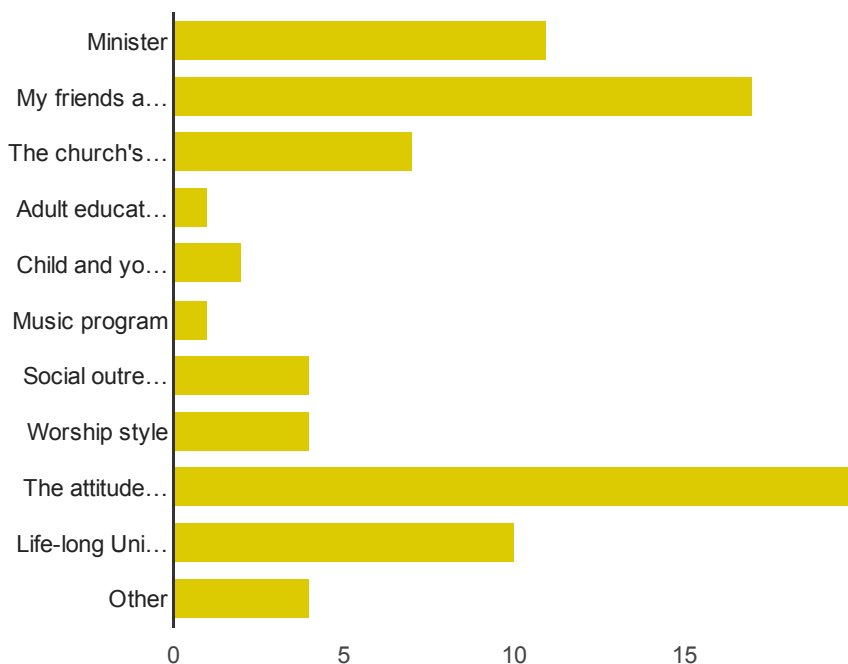
Less time available	1	14.3%
Because of children	0	0%
Health Problems	5	71.4%
Decreased faith	1	14.3%
More negative attitude toward the church	0	0%
Other	3	42.9%

12. In thinking about what ORIGINALLY attracted you to this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for coming. You may select more than one.



Minister	11	39.3%
My friends are here	9	32.1%
The church's reputation	5	17.9%
Adult education program	0	0%
Child and youth program	4	14.3%
Music program	1	3.6%
Social outreach	5	17.9%
Worship style	4	14.3%
The attitude of the congregation	14	50%
Life-long United Church member	11	39.3%
Other	4	14.3%

13. In thinking about what KEEPS you as part of this congregation, select from the list below those reasons that best match your reasons for staying.

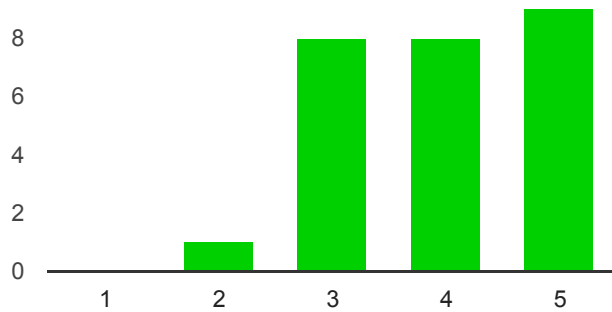


Minister	11	42.3%
My friends are here	17	65.4%
The church's reputation	7	26.9%
Adult education program	1	3.8%
Child and youth program	2	7.7%
Music program	1	3.8%
Social outreach	4	15.4%
Worship style	4	15.4%

The attitude of the congregation **20** 76.9%
Life-long United Church member **10** 38.5%
Other **4** 15.4%

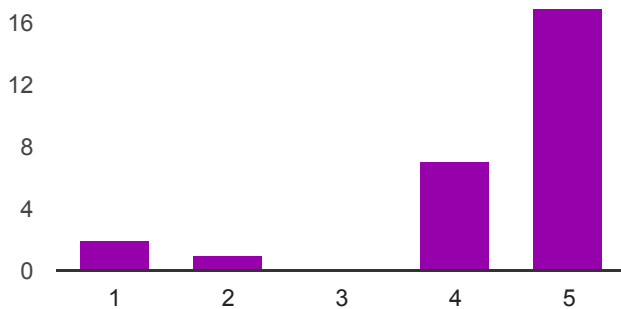
Thoughts About the Church

14. I have a clear understanding of what our church stands for.



Disagree: 1 **0** 0%
2 **1** 3.8%
3 **8** 30.8%
4 **8** 30.8%
Agree: 5 **9** 34.6%

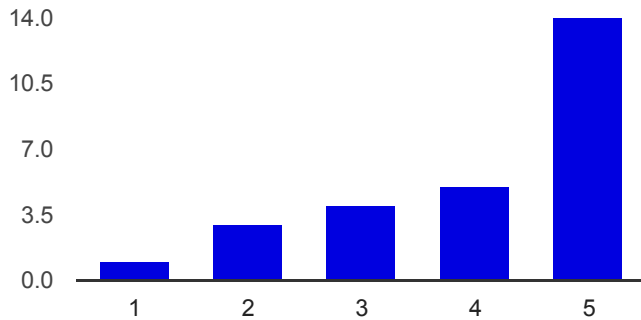
15. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation.



Disagree: 1 **2** 7.4%
2 **1** 3.7%
3 **0** 0%

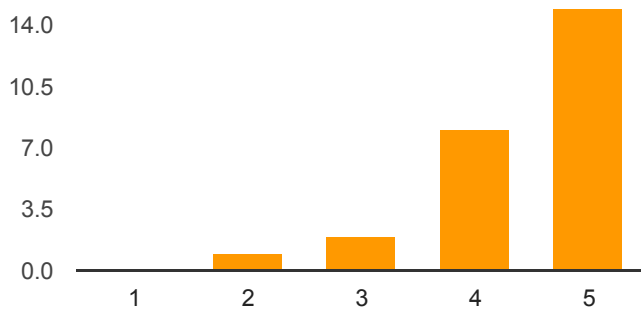
4 7 25.9%
 Agree: 5 17 63%

16. Being at this church has made a difference in my spiritual life.



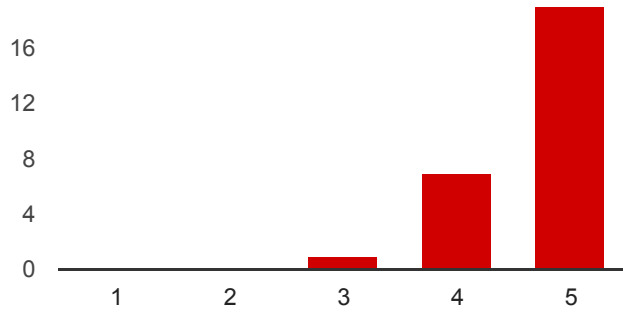
Disagree: 1 1 3.7%
 2 3 11.1%
 3 4 14.8%
 4 5 18.5%
 Agree: 5 14 51.9%

17. I am satisfied as a member of this church



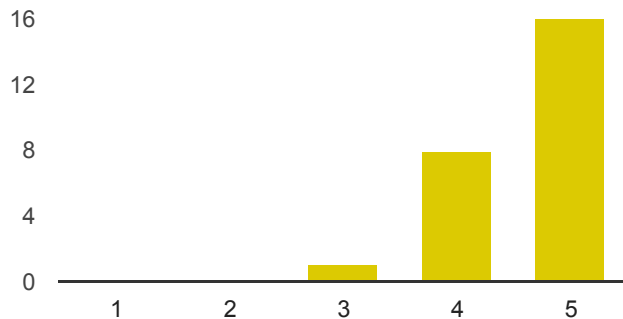
Disagree: 1 0 0%
 2 1 3.8%
 3 2 7.7%
 4 8 30.8%
 Agree: 5 15 57.7%

18. This church cares about its members



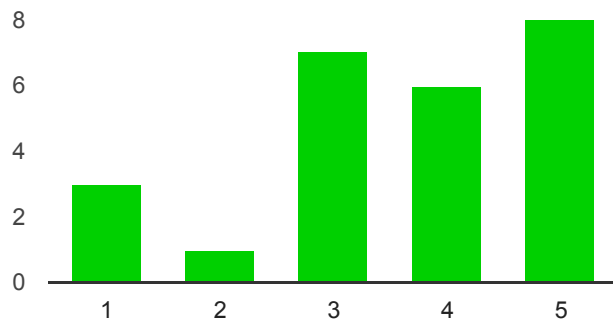
Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	1	3.7%
4	7	25.9%
Agree: 5	19	70.4%

19. I receive the information I need regarding church projects and decisions.



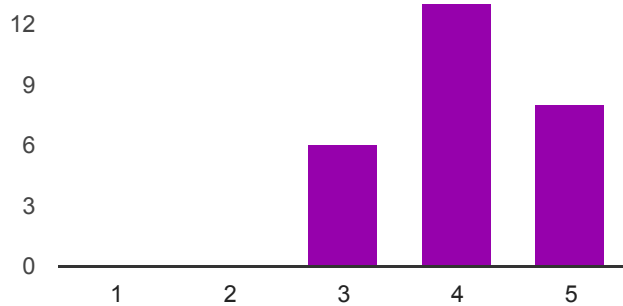
Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	1	4%
4	8	32%
Agree: 5	16	64%

20. I have a good understanding of the vision and mission of this church.



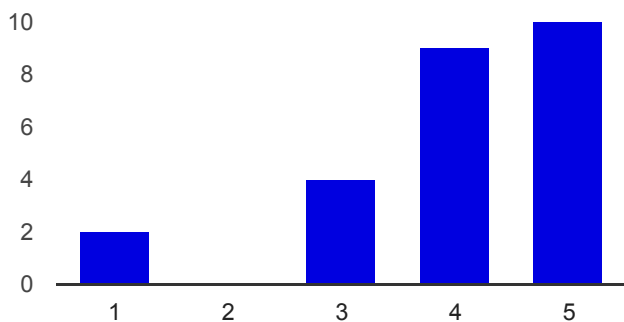
2	1	4%
3	7	28%
4	6	24%
Agree: 5	8	32%

21. This church meets the spiritual needs of its members

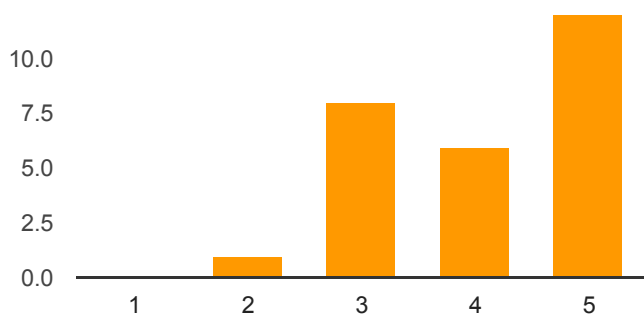


Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	0	0%
3	6	22.2%
4	13	48.1%
Agree: 5	8	29.6%

22. I feel like I am part of a team helping to fulfill the mission of this church

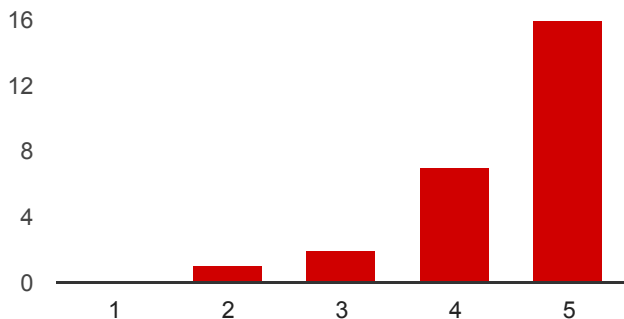


23. I feel well informed of the Church committees and activities.



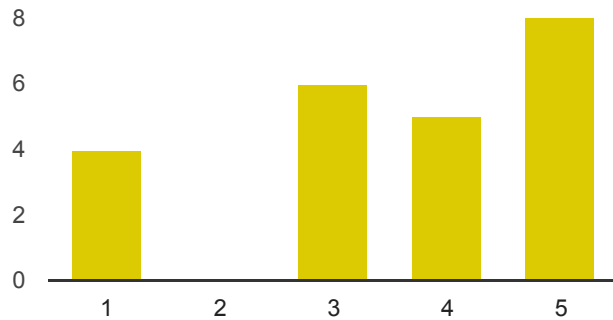
Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	1	3.7%
3	8	29.6%
4	6	22.2%
Agree: 5	12	44.4%

24. I feel welcome to join the committees of the Church



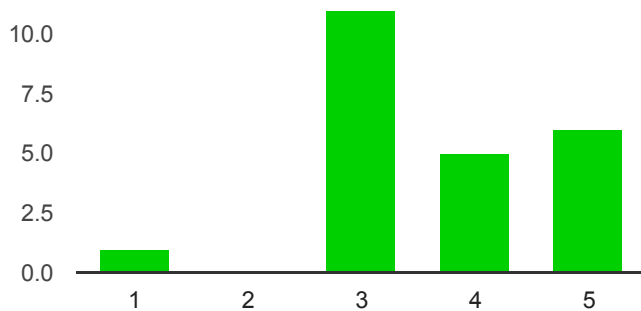
Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	1	3.8%
3	2	7.7%
4	7	26.9%
Agree: 5	16	61.5%

25. I support the more frequent Congregational meetings



Disagree: 1	4	17.4%
2	0	0%
3	6	26.1%
4	5	21.7%
Agree: 5	8	34.8%

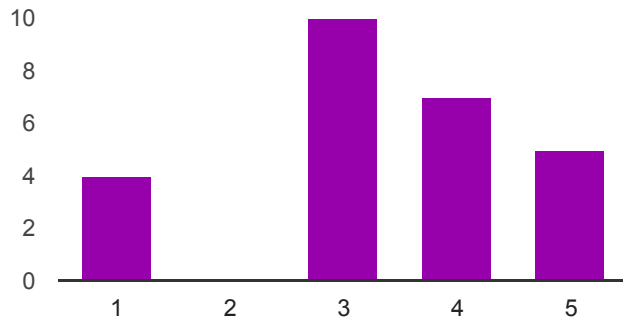
26. I like the format of the Congregational Meetings



Disagree: 1	1	4.3%
2	0	0%
3	11	47.8%
4	5	21.7%

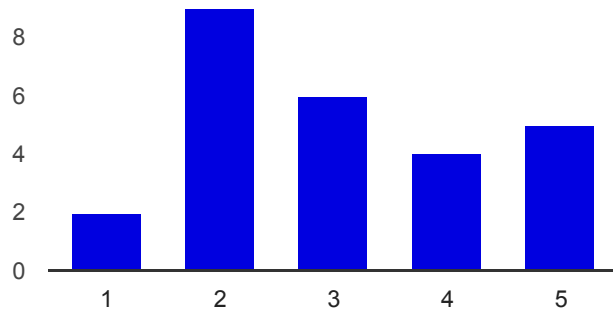
Agree: 5 **6** 26.1%

27. I know what expenses are incurred by the church on a monthly basis



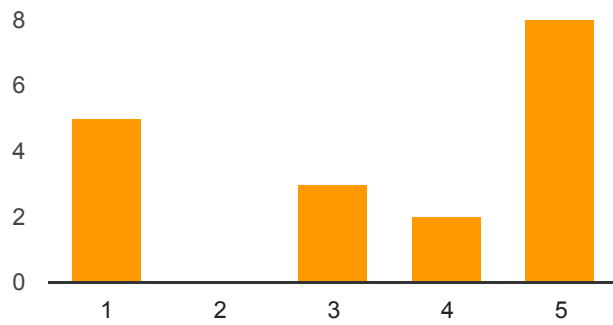
Disagree: 1 **4** 15.4%
 2 **0** 0%
 3 **10** 38.5%
 4 **7** 26.9%
 Agree: 5 **5** 19.2%

28. Participating in 3rd world mission work is important to me.



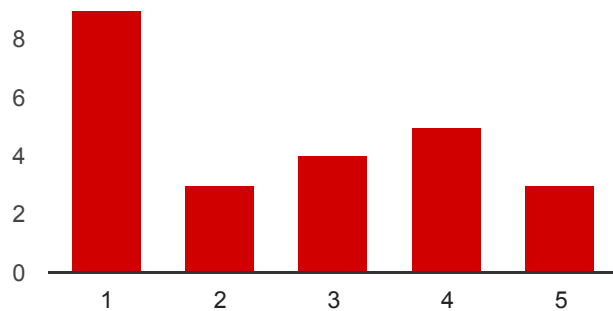
Disagree: 1 **2** 7.7%
 2 **9** 34.6%
 3 **6** 23.1%
 4 **4** 15.4%
 Agree: 5 **5** 19.2%

29. I see merit in the Communication Committee at Greenbank Church



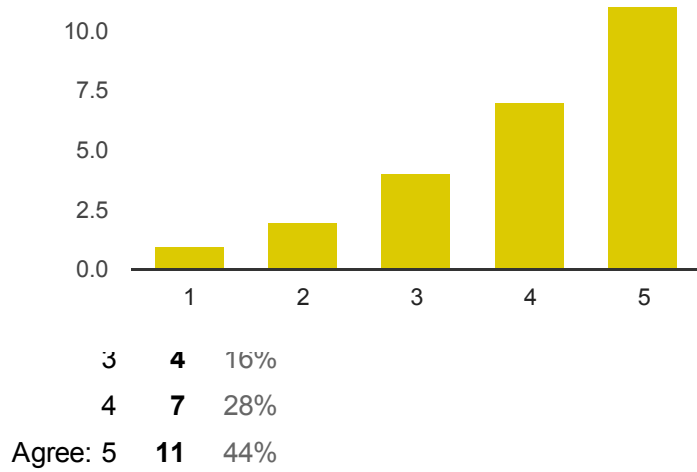
Disagree: 1	5	27.8%
2	0	0%
3	3	16.7%
4	2	11.1%
Agree: 5	8	44.4%

30. I would like to explore the idea of having an alternative Worship Service

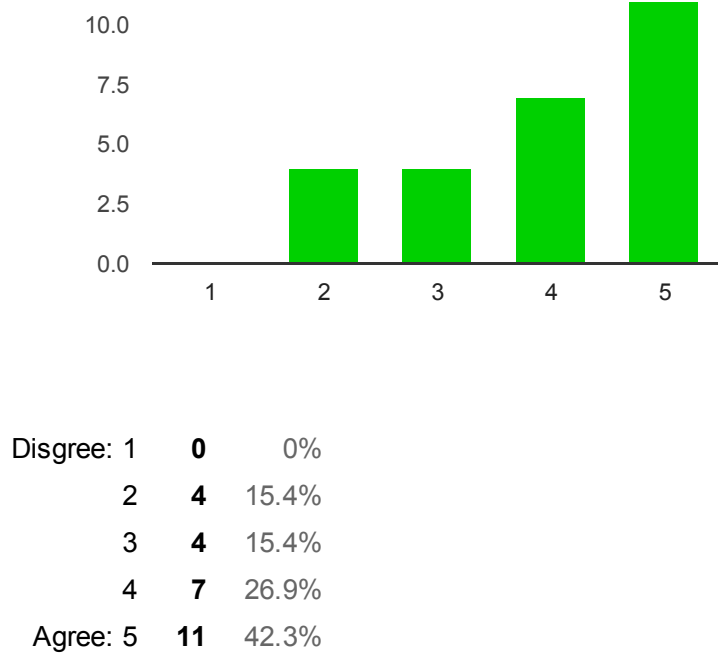


Disagree: 1	9	37.5%
2	3	12.5%
3	4	16.7%
4	5	20.8%
Agree: 5	3	12.5%

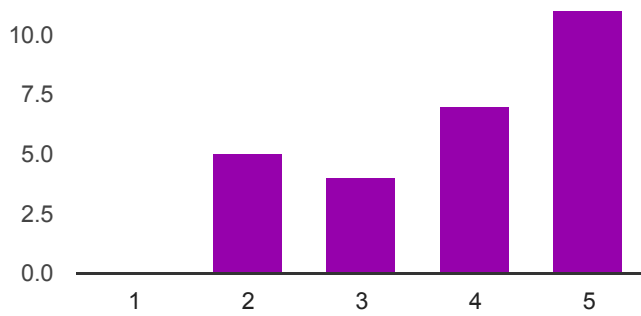
31. I am happy with the committee structure of my church



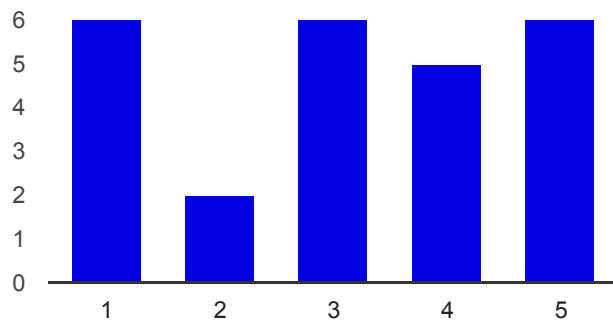
32. I would like to have outside music groups to offer programs on occasional Sundays



33. I would support the church planning and developing a program of community outreach events

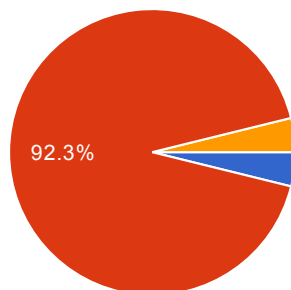


34. I would like to see our pastoral charge investigate how we might get a youth leader or minister



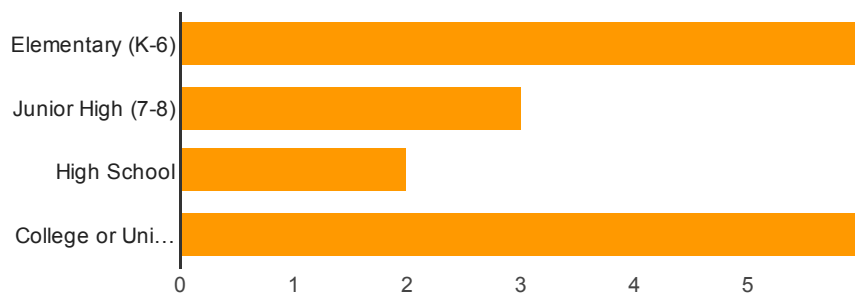
Disagree: 1	6	24%
2	2	8%
3	6	24%
4	5	20%
Agree: 5	6	24%

35. Do you have youth not attending that would come to our church with Youth Leadership?



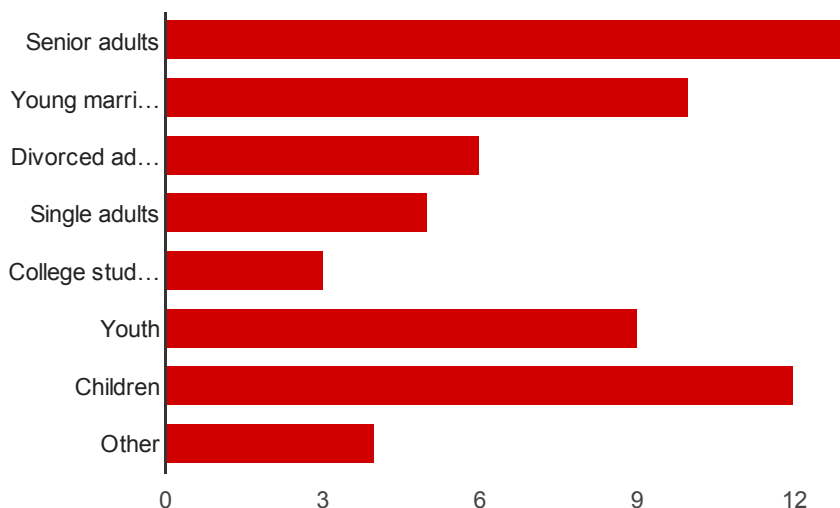
Yes	1	3.8%
No	24	92.3%
Other	1	3.8%

36. What age are the young people in your network?



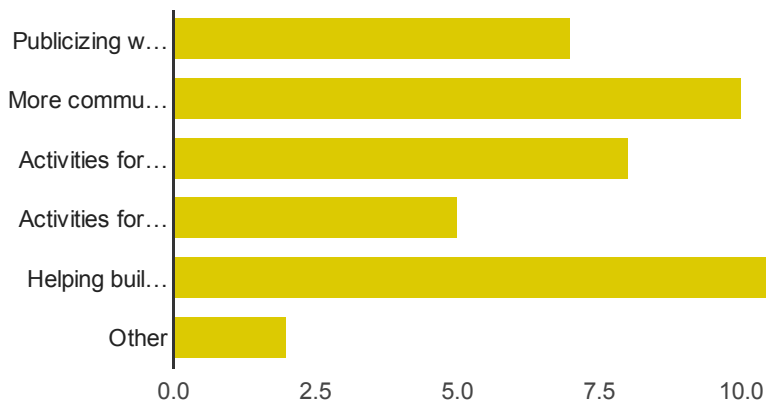
Elementary (K-6)	6	46.2%
Junior High (7-8)	3	23.1%
High School	2	15.4%
College or University	6	46.2%

37. In your opinion, to what group(s) in our community do you think the church needs to give more attention in ministry?



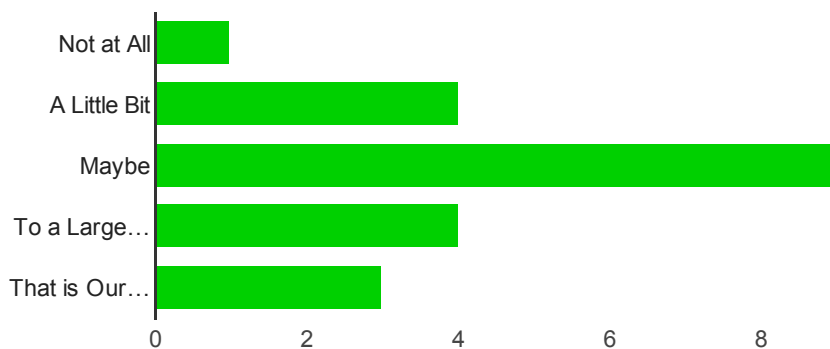
Senior adults	13	56.5%
Young married couples	10	43.5%
Divorced adults	6	26.1%
Single adults	5	21.7%
College students	3	13%
Youth	9	39.1%
Children	12	52.2%
Other	4	17.4%

38. What would you like to see your local church do to improve the area?



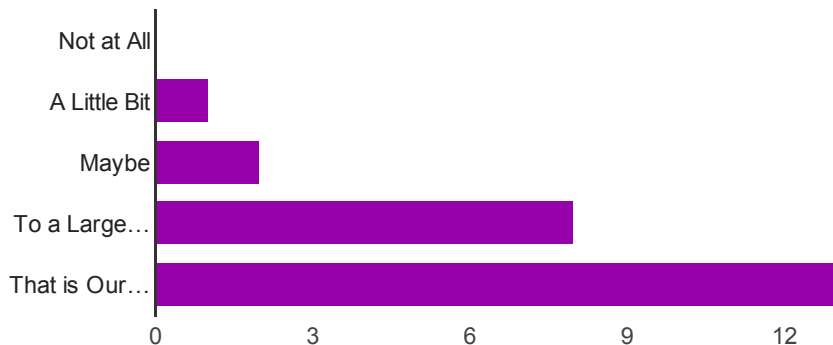
Publicizing what we do more widely	7	31.8%
More community events	10	45.5%
Activities for Seniors	8	36.4%
Activities for youth	5	22.7%
Helping build community spirit	12	54.5%
Other	2	9.1%

a. Dynamic [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



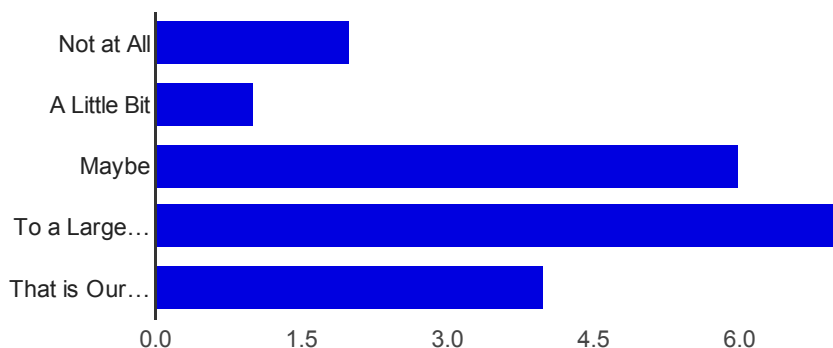
Not at All	1	4.8%
A Little Bit	4	19%
Maybe	9	42.9%
To a Large Extent	4	19%
That is Our Church	3	14.3%

b. Inviting [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



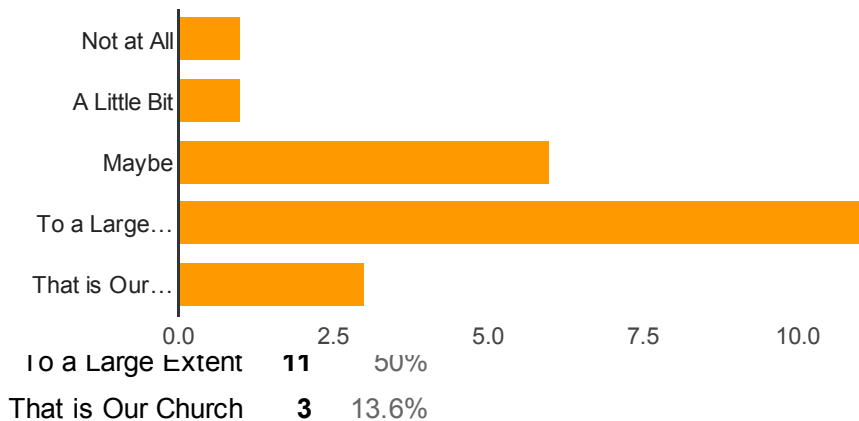
Not at All	0	0%
A Little Bit	1	4.2%
Maybe	2	8.3%
To a Large Extent	8	33.3%
That is Our Church	13	54.2%

c. Intentional [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]

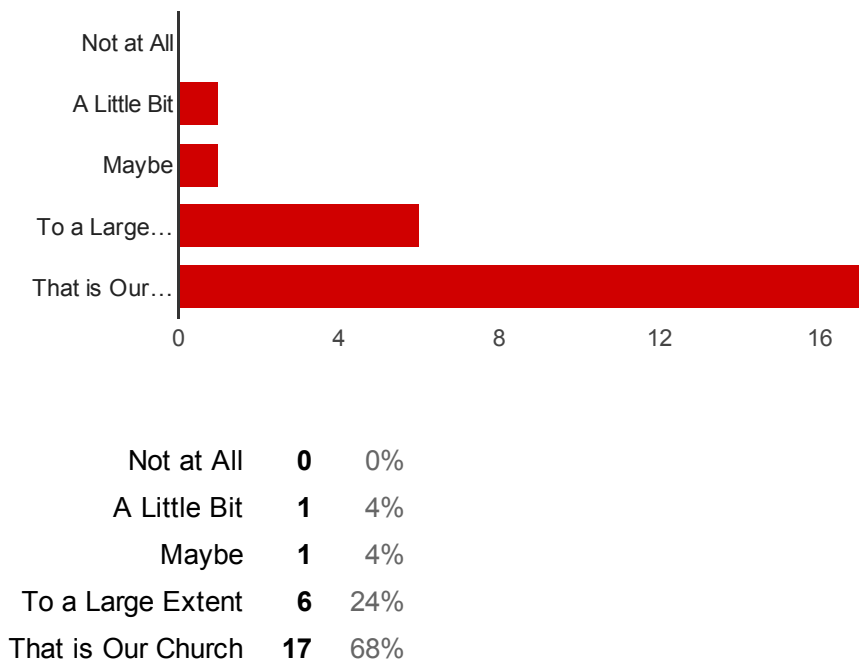


Not at All	2	10%
A Little Bit	1	5%
Maybe	6	30%
To a Large Extent	7	35%
That is Our Church	4	20%

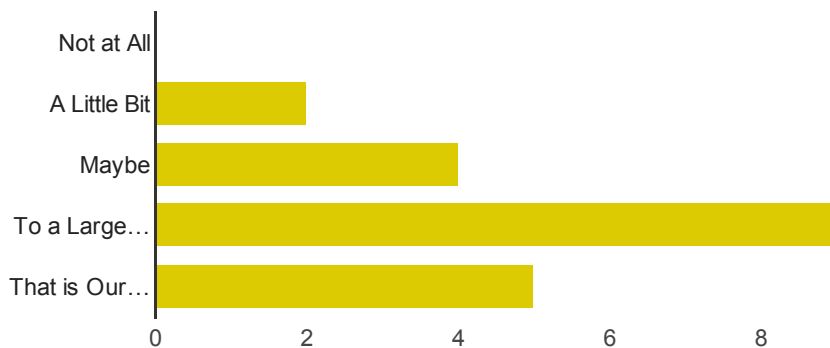
d. Interactive [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



e. Welcoming [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]

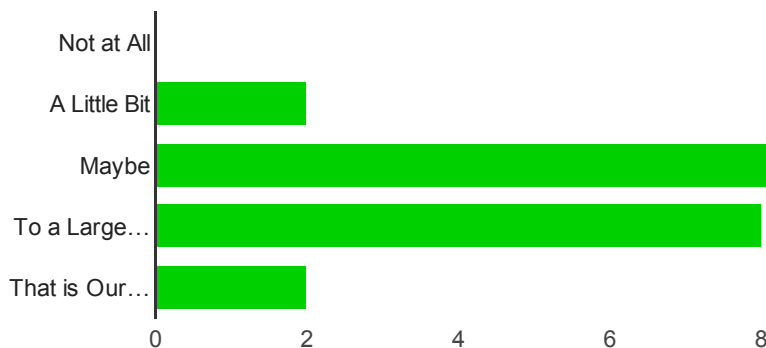


f. Relevant [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



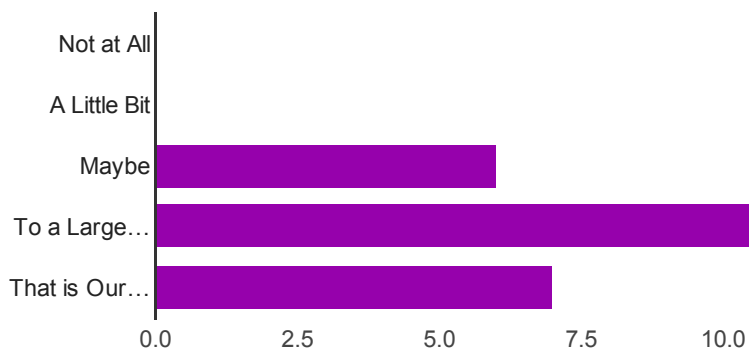
Not at All	0	0%
A Little Bit	2	10%
Maybe	4	20%
To a Large Extent	9	45%
That is Our Church	5	25%

g. Educational [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



Not at All	0	0%
A Little Bit	2	9.5%
Maybe	9	42.9%
To a Large Extent	8	38.1%
That is Our Church	2	9.5%

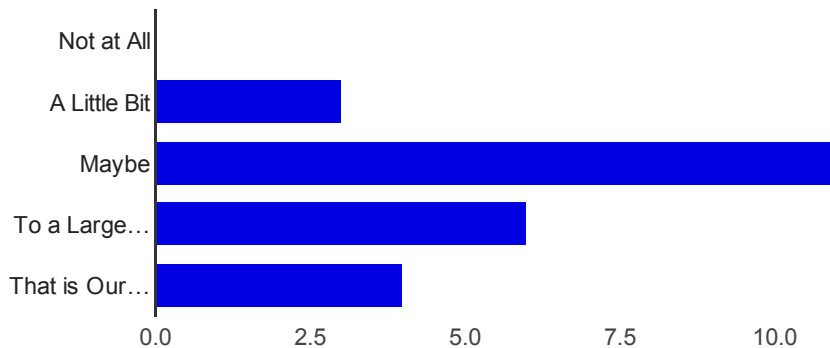
h. Fun [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



Not at All	0	0%
A Little Bit	0	0%
Maybe	6	24%

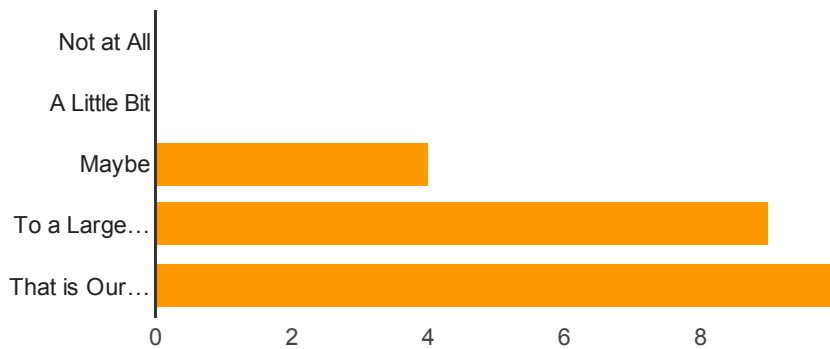
To a Large Extent **12** 48%
 That is Our Church **7** 28%

i. Proactive [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



Not at All **0** 0%
 A Little Bit **3** 12.5%
 Maybe **11** 45.8%
 To a Large Extent **6** 25%
 That is Our Church **4** 16.7%

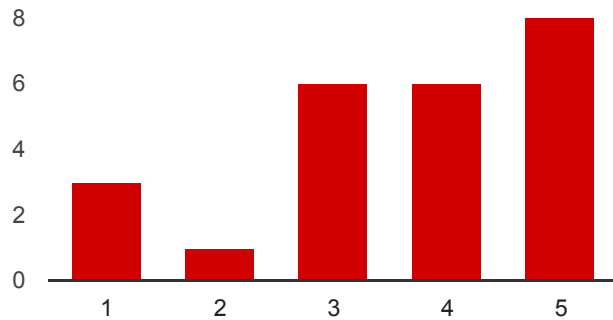
j. Responsible [39. The following 10 adjectives have been used to describe growing churches. How well do each of the following describe your church?]



Not at All **0** 0%
 A Little Bit **0** 0%
 Maybe **4** 17.4%
 To a Large Extent **9** 39.1%
 That is Our Church **10** 43.5%

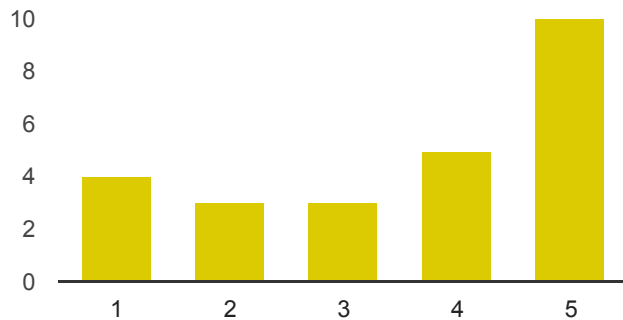
Our Pastoral Charge

40. I understand the role of the Pastoral Charge.



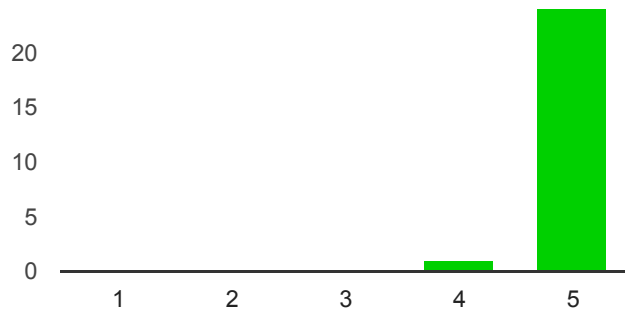
Disagree: 1	3	12.5%
2	1	4.2%
3	6	25%
4	6	25%
Agree: 5	8	33.3%

41. I understand the charges and expenses related to the Pastoral Charge



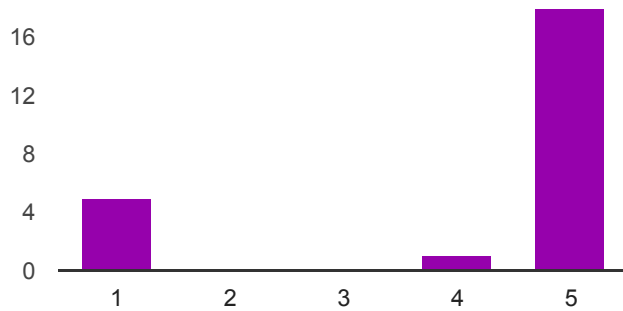
Disagree: 1	4	16%
2	3	12%
3	3	12%
4	5	20%
Agree: 5	10	40%

42. I am aware that we have a sister church.



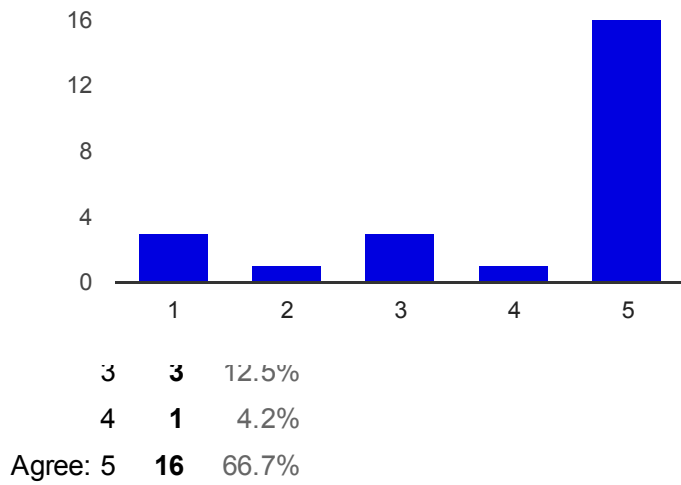
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Agree: 5	24	96%

43. I have attended a service at our sister church

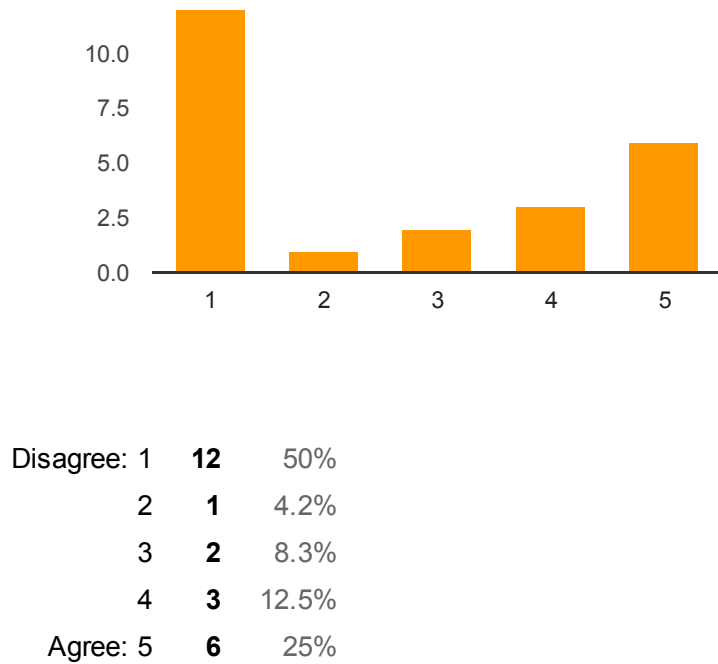


Disagree: 1	5	20.8%
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Agree: 5	18	75%

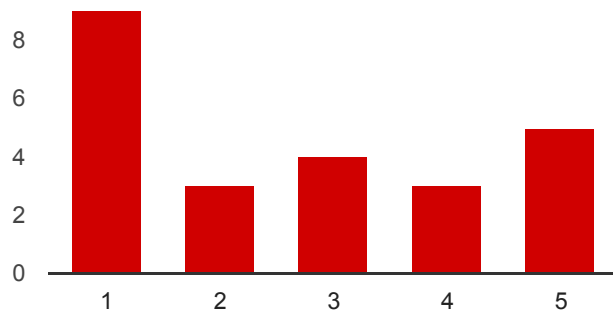
44. I have supported fund-raisers at our sister church



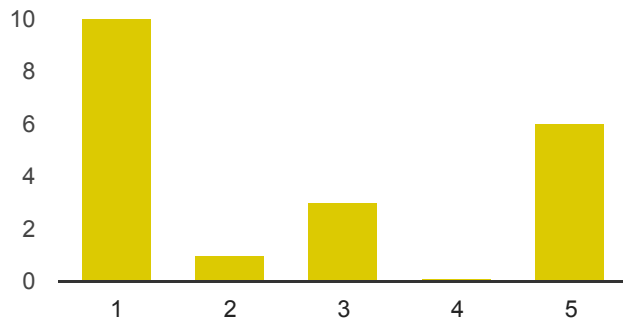
45. I often attend Official Board meetings of the pastoral charge.



46. I attend pastoral charge meetings because I want to learn about the life of our pastoral charge.

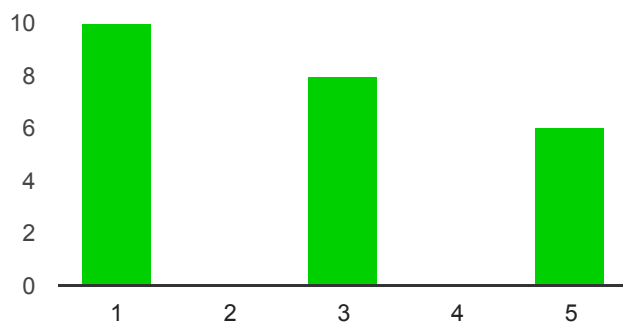


47. I attend pastoral charge meetings because I want to work with members of other congregations within our pastoral charge



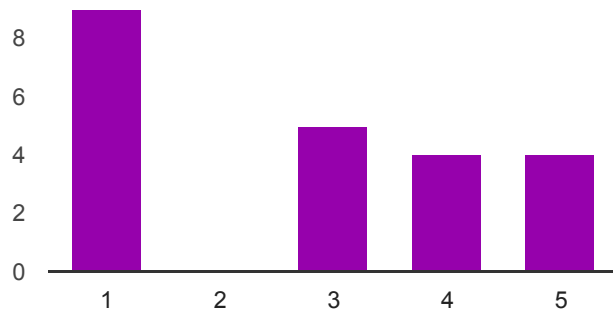
Disagree: 1	10	50%
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3	3	15%
4	0	0%
Agree: 5	6	30%

48. I attend official board meetings to fulfill my moral obligation to my pastoral charge.



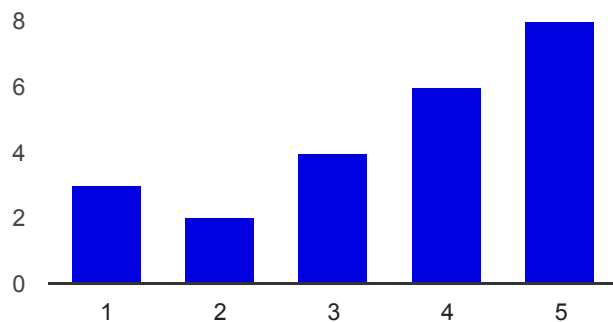
Disagree: 1	10	41.7%
2	0	0%
3	8	33.3%
4	0	0%
Agree: 5	6	25%

49. I attend pastoral charge meetings because I think that these meetings are a meaningful opportunity to make a difference



Disagree: 1	9	40.9%
2	0	0%
3	5	22.7%
4	4	18.2%
Agree: 5	4	18.2%

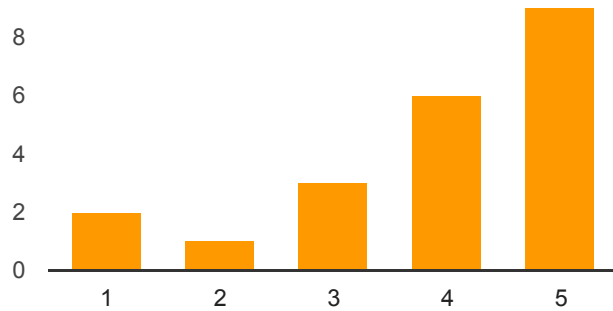
50. The work done by the Official Board is meaningful to me



Disagree: 1	3	13%
2	2	8.7%

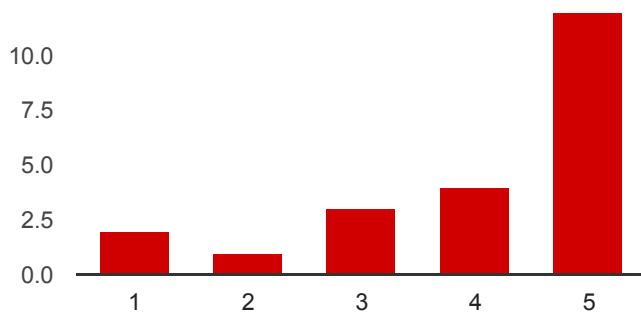
3 **4** 17.4%
 4 **6** 26.1%
 Agree: 5 **8** 34.8%

51. The pastoral charge Official Board is an excellent place to carry out our church work.



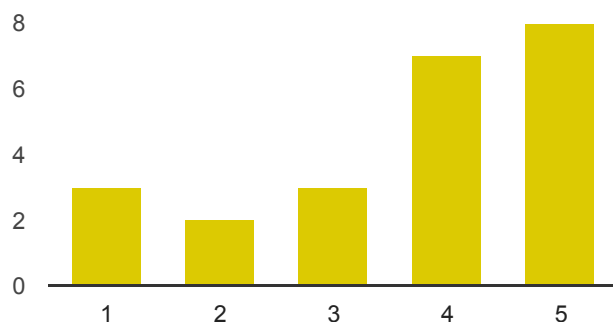
Disagree: 1 **2** 9.5%
 2 **1** 4.8%
 3 **3** 14.3%
 4 **6** 28.6%
 Agree: 5 **9** 42.9%

52. The Ministry and Personnel Committee meets my expectations



Disagree: 1 **2** 9.1%
 2 **1** 4.5%
 3 **3** 13.6%
 4 **4** 18.2%
 Agree: 5 **12** 54.5%

53. The Official Board should organize a combined service of the 2 churches once each quarter.



Disagree: 1	3	13%
2	2	8.7%
3	3	13%
4	7	30.4%
Agree: 5	8	34.8%

Have Your Say.

54. What are initiatives you would like to see the Pastoral Charge investigate?

is this survey meant for casual church goers, steadfast church goers, people who have attended once or twice or people who have never attended?

I would like to see a joint service once a quarter and not at Christmas, Easter or Anniversaries

Support for frail elderly seniors and their care givers.

Explore ways we could share with neighboring churches in our presbytery.

It is my hope that the Pastoral Charge will secure a minister who will be joyful, bring us a memorable message and caring of people in Seagrave and Greenbank communities.

-communication between committees and information relayed to congregation by posting or announcement -

more activities for youths i.e. modern music groups at services

What is the Pastoral Charge?

Perhaps several evenings where both churches enjoy a games night (scrabble, crib, crokinole, euchre)

Accessibility to the building.

55. What are some of the things God is calling us to do to nurture our world, our community and each other?

live life as an example of love and tolerance

Respect the planet, be aware, live in the present and treat others as we would ourselves

spread the good works of god

Reaching out to youth and seniors.

- sharing the facilities we have - reaching out to the community - more contact with those in need such as sickness, babysitter in an emergency, offering a ride to shut-ins, inviting shut-ins to an event at the church or locally - show we care for the future of our church and the community

To share our faith. To love others as our selves.

To work for each other

stand up for our christian values

Love our neighbour and help them when in need.

Increase our community ties / we are essentially a Bedroom community

mission and service opportunities fundraising for community and our church outreach

cooperate

Support each other

56. What are the greatest needs and/or problems people deal with in our community?

Health Financial concerns

Not knowing your neighbours

Accessibility to buildings is huge

Old people, boredom, loneliness, lack of motivation

busy lifestyle

disconnected - being a rural area, even though a small town, I feel that people seem disconnected - they don't know their neighbor or our community. everyone is so very busy, long commutes, children in sports and activities that are a priority consuming time - not allowing for time to be involved in community or church events.

Health issues and employment.

Loss of a loved one/family member.

Lack of faith, substance abuse, lack of concentration, anger management, poor use of time, lack of appreciation, a general feeling of entitlement

not sure

Not knowing each other, therefore disconnected to each other and as a community loneliness, someone to reach out to if needed, companionship, a neutral safe place if needed

Making the fact known that there is a church in the community.

our congregation is getting older

Transportation, getting people to jobs seniors need help with

Seniors need some support and a place to meet

57. What strengths, resources and abilities does our church have to help meet our community's needs and/or problems?

-compassionate people willing to help others - basement facilities available for community meetings or special occasions and to continue communicating our availability and activities

welcoming

We have an excellent meeting area. WE also have talented and hard working people willing to help

Members are friendly and helpful . Go out of their way to help those who are hurting at the present moment.

Strong congregation willing to pitch in where needed Church basement for community events and rentals

I'm not sure.

we have life experience, wisdom, a great faith filled church, diverse work backgrounds. rural roots. connections, relationships and money.

It is a gathering place in the community. The Sunday School picnic was well attended last year.

Our benevolent fund is available to help.

We have a wonderful kitchen and dining hall A conference Room with huge table and comfy chairs A copy machine

it.s people and out reach programes

Good people, willing hands, people who care.

It meets our spiritual needs. It has a strong feeling of community. Willingness to help others, people working together and caring for others.

strength, willingness to help those in need

Resourceful, dedicated people willing to Reach Out

strong christian values, generosity and strong work ethic

58. Can you imagine activities or projects that our church can spearhead in the following areas (or other areas): faith, education, outreach, seniors,

fundraising, worship and youth?

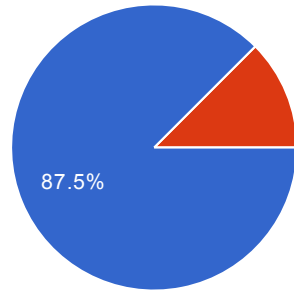
I feel we excel in the fundraising,
 monthly event - with a component of faith, prayer or sharing built in pot luck, social, games night, card night, crafting, women's breakfast/club youth group/event
 some very good ideas were collected by the members of the church and the community at the pot luck supper we held. We should be working on more of those ideas. Holding another pot luck would also be a good idea as a follow up with the community in where we were, what we acted upon and what our next priorities can be
 Support for isolated seniors in their homes, assisted living residences and nursing homes. Visiting Committy
 Conversations about faith. How to deal with problem situations, e.g. teenagers, elderly parents. Encouraging young people into the church through youth groups, activities.
 Offering companionship to the lonely and desperate
 A Book Club for seniors
 Euchre parties for community Christmas party for community Community kitchens, community cooking/baking class
 Outreach, seniors and youth.
 We could open the church one morning a week for coffee and a chat
 Yes
 something for youth

59. What is your greatest passion for helping others?

Music is my passion, also spiritual conversation rather than "religious conversation", helping the elderly
 sharing my handyman skills and helping with those projects sharing my communications and marketing skills
 Sending cards to remind people they are missed in the church & community Get Well cards sent to those ill Sympathy cards when a loved one dies Working in the gift shop at Port Perry Hospital
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 encouragement and kindness - finding out what others need and want and providing that. support, love, kind words, listening, food, prayer
 Be there when needed
 Just being available with an open mind and a secretive attitude of others issues brings me pleasure and being on committees that are active and moving forward.
 Getting seniors out and enjoying small tours.j
 Overall feeling of doing the right thing
 Technology

together ness

60a. Would you like to see outreach to youth?



Yes	14	87.5%
No	2	12.5%

60b. If so, what?

Have something for young people to give them a choice in what they can do with their life.

Perhaps a drop in centre/coffee house for teens.

Church Soccer Team for girls & boys

Not sure at this time

monthly youth group meetings with guest speakers and a "fun component"

Music they like at services. Activities appealing to them.

I am torn on this issue. How many youth do we have in this area to reach out to? I don't know. Yes, I would like to reach out to the youth somehow but I don't know how. They say it only takes one person to start something positive, maybe there is a youth out there that has some ideas. I know we have tried.

Youth groups. Starting age 13-18. And 8-12.

From my limited time here I don't see any youth

Hard to reach these busy active people.

Perhaps day trips.....movie evenings

Youth club, place where they can voice their problems and opinions, communicate with each other - display talents such as drama, singing or artistic talent

not sure - how many youth are in our community? define youth? if we reach out to youth do we risk alienating parents

61. How important is accessibility for all people to enter our church? How would you suggest we achieve it?

yes it is important

It is important but unlikely to happen

We need wheelchair access into the church

It is obviously very important and we should investigate again an elevator or ramp.

Yes, try to get a grant.

build a ramp into south back entrance to church hall which needs to be redone anyway, then install a lift from the basement to the former sunday school area.

work with the needy people and the money needed

As our congregation ages it will become more important to have accessibility for everyone. Continue to keep looking at a stair lift or elevator.

Accessibility is very important & I don't know how we can achieve it. Maybe an engineer could figure it out. An elevator and ramp has been hashed about but maybe we could secure a grant now to help with the expense. I just don't know

I believe there is a need to make our church more accessible. Provide a ramp instead of stairs to enter the church and a washroom on the main level.

Build ramp into church and ramp going down into hall

People who want in will get in. May need a helping hand.

Yes, accessibility for our people is important as there are becoming more of us that need some assistance. Perhaps hearing accessibility for some, others need assistance entering and exiting the church due to the steps.

Very difficult for the handicapped individual to go to the Seagrave Church. Outside Steps are steep and dangerous when wet or icy. The handrail is good to have to hold on to when using the stairs. Stairs inside are awkward. A outside ramp would help. An elevator would be great but is extremely expensive.

I don't think "accessibility " is in the cards

mandatory elevator for both floors ramp to the lower level - elevator or ramp to the upstairs.

Perhaps a ramp structure or lift. My 90 year old father isn't in a wheel chair but could not enter the sanctuary or basement.

Very important.perhaps we will have to spend the money and install an elevator. .

62. Describe someone who is doing a special project that can serve as a model or inspiration for our church?

Don Real is an inspiration to our church. Always willing to locate any information needed to go forward, willing to participate, has updated ideas, looking into technology.

Definitely a role model to our Seagrave and Greenbank people..

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Betty Lou is organizing the VIBE program for Aug. again this year. It takes time and effort to make it enjoyable for the children

Don Real with his computer and photography talent and his leadership abilities is a great asset and inspiration to all. Tara on computer and leadership. Joan Lee with her music

and dozen other willing workers.

my father in law at 75 is re-building a 55 chev from the ground up. if you don't mind some swearing in church he could come and talk about it

Tara Taylor is doing a great job with M&S and the Christmas Child Project Wendy Hudgins has worked hard at the Sunday School

all people

Melanie and George Hewitt - port perry doctors without borders

Tara Taylor's mission work

63. How do you feel about developing a relationship with another local church to share in activities and efforts?

I think it could be quite helpful

Yes, I would like to develop a better relationship with our sister church. It has improved but we have room for improvement. Perhaps by more support for their activities from our people, working on a project together. Not sure if sharing services will work as in the past not many go back and forth, but must admit it has improved. Maybe just have to keep trying to convince people it can be rewarding to share..

Perhaps it would be a good idea.

not sure.

I feel we have to be very cautious in this area while I think that when there are more of us working together we are more effective, we have to have the same goals in mind.

A good idea.

I think it is a great idea.

Their goals would have to be similar to ours.

good or great

Not interested

I don't know

don't we do that already although not to the extent that i have previously suggested.

It is a great idea.

Great idea to share resources and talents

Great idea!

64. Share your visions of what changes you anticipate in the coming two years.

Welcoming more new members, making the church more accessible. Reaching out to people new to our community.

hopeful for new members of all ages, a minister to be secured, some lively music, monthly social/fundraising event

I feel there will be a great need for the church in the community as regards spiritual guidance (resources for seniors in the form of support and also for the youth, guidance spirituality)

Less people, increased stress of the added load on current members

Resolving our ministerial position.

Young people uniting and taking action to react and commit to an active, positive community. More younger families attending our services and showing an interest in our attempts to reach out to the community.

Hope for more new members to carry on, people with time and talent and resources.

full time minister - Rev Parker would be good. 10% growth in congregation

We will have a change of ministers and perhaps organist

not too much

Would like to see a lift of some kind for those struggling with the stairs.

hopefully more youth and people

Having an interesting speaker is essential to keep the attendance from dropping off in this time without a minister. Richard Parker is doing a good job.

I think we will continue along the same path. Change is difficult without a strong advocate

65. Explain what resources you believe will be needed to create these changes.

Get the people, the resources will follow.

I would like to see us try and find a youth music leader. That might help bring youth to the church

Continuing support from the congregations and committees.

Positive energy and insight of the younger generations needs and creating a positive way to connect with all ages by listening and learning.

No idea

Individuals willing to spend time with seniors dealing with difficult times. When they need to be shuttled to and from hospitals, Help with groceries, shopping and families in crisis. Financial assistance in some cases and resources such as surplus linens and clothes.

passionate people and some monies

youth program

Bring in more people into the church

A team to research accessibility options, cost, contractors. Create a promotional piece to provide to new families who move into the area.

community outreach good game plan to keep the Reverend interested in staying

66. Would you like to see more small group ministry within our church? If so, what type?

no

Perhaps a seniors group

we have enough on our plate

I think perhaps a couples club, once a month, some kind of outing?

absolutely - bible study, prayer group

Yes, bible study with individual input.

Does not interest me but see value in it

Difficult to say. I would like to see more men attend the men's group and the bible study group, both great, welcoming groups. On the other hand maybe we should be reaching out to other groups, such as suggested grandmother's looking after grandchildren, divorcees, singles and those just without partners.

I like the 'social ' opportunities which even the committees foster

I think we have enough groups in this area

67. What are your concerns for the church?

As stated above....less people

No children and young families.

My concern is that most churches seem to be mostly senior and very senior adults.

What will keep these churches going when attrition reduces the numbers.

we need to keep growing and working to continue to be a place of peace & love

That we don't have enough younger people getting involved.

My biggest concern is the lack of growth. I don't think we have really tackled radical change that would get the attention of the community. WE continue along keeping those who are here happy. We need to shake up the place

Attrition and lack of new faces

people are getting older and can not carry the work load as they have

Where are the people to take over when we can no longer do all the fundraising eg. turkey supper and yard sale.

A huge concern is the financial aspect of maintaining the Church and the declining numbers of the members. Of the congregation. The church needs to be relevant, upbeat and positive. A real sense of community and belonging should be created. Not just something one does on a Sunday. New members are needed to maintain the Church. Some of the newer Churches seem to attract people but I'm not sure how it is accomplished.

That it will close because the congregation becomes too small to support the church.

that without increased membership, we will not longer exist. and be forced to join with

another church.

That we will get a minister to lead and guide us.

that it will dissappear due to lack of members

We really need to have more young people involved.

That we will not have enough younger families to continue to keep our church alive and active in the future. Seagrave church I believe is a stronghold for the community, even though most do not attend they are always there in our time of need for volunteers and canvassing. We do need more active, positive people to continue our vision.

If we don't continue to get new members, the existing congregation will become smaller and smaller and the church may cease to be viable.

68. Our church is considering ways to serve this neighborhood. Do you have any suggestions?

yes, review the ideas brought forward at the pot luck and work on those

Pamphlet delivered to all residents that gives information of all that the church does, rents, supports and important dates such as community parties, christmas pagent, etc
Continuing on the path we have now.

- evening inspirational speakers for various interests - extending our fellowship for various ages - listening to the community and then act accordingly and quickly I seem to repeat myself on various questions. I believe it is important that we get the views of others in the community as you are doing to see a clearer insight to their needs and not particularly ours, which will hopefully make a stronger meaningful bond to our outreach.

invite people to events continue to work through the list of ideas brought forward from the community to reach out to others

not really just kep working of th common good

Another Sunday School picnic.

Keep up the good work!

Entertainment evenings, local talent, youth groups, topic speakers.

Thank you for your help as we try and develop a mission and vision for our churches. If there is anything else you would like us to know, please enter it below.

Thank you for the work and outreach to the church and community your committee is striving for a vision to our future. It is appreciated.

I think we in Seagrave Church are doing our best to make things run smoothly.

Everyone pitches in to help in all the activities. We have to call on the same people to lead the fundraising and activities or perhaps it wouldn't happen. I cannot do anymore than I am doing now for our church.

Conversations about the meaning of life, how god may feel about the direction were going. How to overcome situations in life, do we judge people.

I think we should take out the communion rail and the "choir wall"; this would open up the front of our church

Optional: If you like us to follow up with you about working together to serve the church or community, please enter your name and email and/or phone number? Thank you very much for your time and information! Be sure to click the blue SUBMIT button when you have completed the survey

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