

Congregational Vitality Questionnaire: Sample for Phase 4

This PDF sample shows the questions for the comprehensive survey. The real form appears as a 2 sided bubble-sheet.

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1. Please tell us how well each of these phrases describes your congregation. This congregation...

	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
a. is spiritually vital	\	\	\	\
b. excited about the future	\	\	\	\
c. has a clear sense of mission/ purpose	\	\	\	\
d. helps people deepen their relationship with God	\	\	\	\
e. works for social justice/advocacy	\	\	\	\
f. is a close-knit family	\	\	\	\
g. is a positive force in the community	\	\	\	\
h. is focused on doing God's work	\	\	\	\
i. has lots of meaningful activities	\	\	\	\
j. is always ready to try something new	\	\	\	\
k. is caring and supportive of members in their time of need	\	\	\	\
l. is willing to change to live into its mission/purpose	\	\	\	\

2. How well do the following phrases describe the worship service you attend most often?

	<u>Hardly at all</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a. Welcoming to visitors	\	\	\	\
b. Filled with a sense of God's presence	\	\	\	\
c. Joyful	\	\	\	\
d. Nurturing of people's faith	\	\	\	\

3. Describe the social climate of this congregation. (Choose one.)

- \ This congregation's social groups live together in harmony.
- \ There is tension among different groups. It feels like there are sides being taken on issues.
- \ The sides in this congregation result in open but respectful disagreements.
- \ The sides in this congregation are in conflict that is harmful to the congregation at large.

4. Which one category best describes you:

- \ Visitor
- \ Pastor called to this congregation
- \ Congregational Council member (not pastor)
- \ Active participant/member
- \ Rostered minister, not serving this congregation
- \ Staff person other than the pastor

5. Please tell us how well your congregation does at the following:

	<u>Poorly</u>	<u>Moderately Well</u>	<u>Great</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
a. Accepting newcomers	\	\	\	\
b. Incorporating newcomers into the congregation's life	\	\	\	\
c. Seeking out and using the gifts of members of all ages	\	\	\	\
d. Building strong, healthy relationships among members	\	\	\	\
e. Managing disagreements in a healthy respectful manner	\	\	\	\
f. Involving youth or young adults in decision-making	\	\	\	\
g. Helping children and youth grow in their faith	\	\	\	\
h. Helping adults grow in their faith	\	\	\	\
i. Praying (during and outside worship services)	\	\	\	\
j. Addressing social concerns (helping those in need)	\	\	\	\
k. Equipping members to share their faith with others	\	\	\	\
l. Interacting with the local community	\	\	\	\
m. Partnering with other congregations in the area	\	\	\	\
n. Sharing information about the denomination with congregational members	\	\	\	\
o. Helping members live out their faith in their daily lives	\	\	\	\
p. Building mutual relationships with people in congregation's neighborhood/community	\	\	\	\

6. How would you best describe the current pace of your spiritual growth? (Choose one.)

- \ Not growing but content where I am
- \ Stalled and want to move
- \ Slow but steady
- \ Moderate
- \ Rapid

7. Which of the following is the best description of the style your congregation's leadership team (lay & clergy)?

- \ Leadership that tends to take charge
- \ Leadership that inspires people to take action
- \ Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
- \ Leadership where people start most things
- \ Not sure

(over)

8. Indicate your level of agreement with the following:

	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
a. My spiritual needs are being met in this congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓
b. I have a sense of excitement about this congregation's future	✓	✓	✓	✓
c. I feel supported in using my gifts in this congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓
d. I am encouraged to use my gifts in the world	✓	✓	✓	✓
e. I feel equipped to share my faith with others	✓	✓	✓	✓
f. I am comfortable inviting others to church	✓	✓	✓	✓
g. I have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓
h. I have a strong sense of commitment to this congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓
i. I feel connected to the wider Christian church	✓	✓	✓	✓
j. I feel connected my denomination	✓	✓	✓	✓

9. Please describe your agreement with the following:

	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
a. Leaders (lay & clergy) communicate with the congregation effectively	✓	✓	✓	✓
b. We have enough people to do ministry well	✓	✓	✓	✓
c. People here have time and energy to participate beyond worship	✓	✓	✓	✓
d. We are using up our financial resources	✓	✓	✓	✓
e. People here are willing to serve in leadership roles	✓	✓	✓	✓
f. This facility gets in the way of ministry.	✓	✓	✓	✓

10. Indicate your level of agreement based on how you experience God. God is:

	Strongly <u>Disagree</u>	<u>Dis-</u> <u>Agree</u>	Don't <u>know</u>	<u>Agree</u>	Strongly <u>Agree</u>
a. concerned with my personal well-being	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
b. concerned with my congregation's well-being	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
c. removed from my daily life	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
d. removed from this congregation's daily life	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
e. directly involved in my daily life	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
f. directly involved in this congregation's daily life	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

11. During the past 12 months, how often have you done the following?

	Never	Once	At least 2-3x a year	Most Months	Once a month or more
a. Attend worship	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
b. Participate in regular devotionals, prayer or study	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
c. Volunteer in the community (not organized by congreg)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
d. Volunteer at or with the congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
e. Advocate for social justice	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
f. Donate money to congregation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
g. Donate money beyond my pledge (in congreg or community)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
h. Have meaningful spiritual conversations with congreg members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
i. Have meaningful spiritual conversations with others	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
j. Invite others to church	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

12. How often does this cong. have visitors?

13. Given current resources (people/money) describe the sustainability of this congregation. (Choose one.)

- ✓ I am not sure this congregation will survive much longer
- ✓ Losing ground, but still viable
- ✓ Able to maintain ministry
- ✓ Able to grow ministry

14. Are you:

- ✓ Male
- ✓ Female
- ✓ Prefer not to specify
- ✓ Not listed

15. How old are you?

- ✓ Under 18
- ✓ 18 to 24
- ✓ 25 to 34
- ✓ 35 to 44
- ✓ 45 to 54
- ✓ 55 to 64
- ✓ 65 to 74
- ✓ 75 or older

16. Are you:

- ✓ African American/Black
- ✓ African National/African-Caribbean
- ✓ American Indian/Alaska Native
- ✓ Asian/Pacific Islander
- ✓ Latino/Hispanic
- ✓ Arab/Middle Eastern
- ✓ Multiracial
- ✓ White/Caucasian
- ✓ Other