

# CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

Sharing your experiences in this church helps us determine how well we are meeting important needs, and to plan for the future. Thank you for your input.

**How long have you been coming to this church?** (Check  one): \_\_\_ 1st, 2nd, or 3rd time.  
\_\_\_ between 1 and 3 months, \_\_\_ 3 to 11 months, \_\_\_ 1 to 3 years, \_\_\_ over 3 years.

**Instructions: Please check () each statement that is TRUE for you.**

- \_\_\_ (1) When I came to church today, I was warmly greeted.
- \_\_\_ (2) Congregational songs here are very uplifting, inspiring, and easy to sing.
- \_\_\_ (3) The special music is excellent and soul satisfying (solos, choir, instrumentals, etc.)
- \_\_\_ (4) I find the sermons here almost always inspiring and interesting.
- \_\_\_ (5) From the sermons, I learn practical ways to handle everyday life.
- \_\_\_ (6) I frequently feel an emotional release during worship services (tearful, choked up laughter, goose bumps, etc.)
- \_\_\_ (7) Worship here focuses on the mystery and wonder of God.
- \_\_\_ (8) I almost always leave worship feeling more uplifted than when I came.
- \_\_\_ (9) There is a lot of joy and laughter in this church.
- \_\_\_ (10) The leaders here (clergy, lay leaders, staff, etc) are enthusiastic and positive.
- \_\_\_ (11) Our leaders frequently encourage and compliment people.
- \_\_\_ (12) Church leaders support trying new things.
- \_\_\_ (13) Leaders are willing to evaluate and use what works, and put aside what doesn't.
- \_\_\_ (14) People here encourage and support me in trying different things.
- \_\_\_ (15) This church community provides a safe place to explore and experiment.
- \_\_\_ (16) This ministry provides training for those who serve in special ways.
- \_\_\_ (17) This community helps me to identify and use my natural (spiritual) gifts.
- \_\_\_ (18) Our leaders communicate clearly this church's purpose or mission.
- \_\_\_ (19) Our purpose statement is easy to remember and describes this ministry well.
- \_\_\_ (20) This church really shows people how to pray through sermons and regular classes.
- \_\_\_ (21) In the past six (6) months, I have spent six (6) or more hours in classes or seminars at this church.
- \_\_\_ (22) Within the past month, I have read either spiritual or biblical material and applied some of the teachings.
- \_\_\_ (23) Spiritual teachings have helped me greatly to handle difficult times better.
- \_\_\_ (24) This ministry stresses the importance of using spiritual teachings.
- \_\_\_ (25) From what I hear, or find, this church has good child/youth ed. programs.

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**Please check (✓) each statement that is TRUE for you.**

Are you **volunteering** in church activities one (1) or more times a month?

\_\_\_ (26) **Yes, I volunteer** in church activities at least once a month.

If you are **NOT** currently **volunteering here**, *please skip to item 29 below.*

If **VOLUNTEERING** here at least once a month, *please (✓) check items 27-28 that are TRUE for you.*

\_\_\_ (27) When volunteering, I experience greater energy.

\_\_\_ (28) I regularly have opportunities here to do things I enjoy and do well

\_\_\_ (29) If I did not come for a month, several people would definitely miss me.

\_\_\_ (30) I actively participate in church life rather than observe it.

\_\_\_ (31) I have made good friends in this church community.

Are you **currently**, or recently have been, meeting **in a small group** with church members?

(Small groups include: support groups, study groups, home groups, etc.)

\_\_\_ (32) **YES, I am attending a small group**, or recently have been.

If you are **NOT attending a small group** now or recently, *please skip to item 35 below.*

If **ATTENDING a small group** now or recently, *please check (✓) statements 33-34 that are TRUE for you*

\_\_\_ (33) In groups, we often discuss topics that help me to grow personally and spiritually.

\_\_\_ (34) This group has been a deeply satisfying experience for me.

\_\_\_ (35) Coming to this church is making a positive difference in my life.

\_\_\_ (36) I am becoming a more joyful person.

\_\_\_ (37) This faith community plays a vital role in my spiritual well being.

\_\_\_ (38) I feel enthusiastic when I talk to people about this church.

\_\_\_ (39) There is something happening here that really matters.

\_\_\_ (40) We are continually reminded here of God's love for us.

\_\_\_ (41) I have invited someone to church within the past 6 months, and they came.

\_\_\_ (42) I hear people complaining and gossiping.

\_\_\_ (43) I tithe about 10% of my income, mostly to this church.

\_\_\_ (44) Announcements are brief, relevant and well delivered.

\_\_\_ (45) The length of the worship service is about right, neither too long nor too short.

\_\_\_ (46) This church actively responds to the needs of people outside the church.

\_\_\_ (47) People who come after worship begins easily find seating.

\_\_\_ (48) There is adequate parking on Sunday, even for latecomers.

(49) Compared to a year ago, **worship attendance** has - - - (*please check ✓ one below*)

(0) \_\_\_ Declined somewhat (1) \_\_\_ Remained about the same (2) \_\_\_ Increased

(50) YOUR AGE RANGE: (check ✓ one): \_\_\_ Under 18, \_\_\_ 18-39, \_\_\_ 40-54, \_\_\_ 55-64, \_\_\_ 65+

(51) YOUR GENDER: (mark one): \_\_\_ Female, \_\_\_ Male

**Thank You**