

# U.S. Congregational Life Survey

*Worshippers in Congregations of the*  
**Church of the Nazarene**



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### You and Your Congregation

1. How often do you go to worship services at this congregation?

All Attendees <sup>1</sup>	Formerly Unchurched <sup>2</sup>	New to Cong. <sup>3</sup>	3-10 Years <sup>4</sup>	Over 10 Years <sup>5</sup>	
2%					This is my first time
2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	Hardly ever or special occasions only
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	Less than once a month
1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	Once a month
8%	15%	10%	9%	5%	Two or three times a month
41%	58%	41%	44%	37%	Usually every week
45%	22%	43%	45%	56%	More than once a week

2. How long have you been going to worship services or activities at this congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	Visitor	
11%	46%	45%				Less than 1 year
13%	54%	55%				1-2 years
18%			55%			3-5 years
14%			45%			6-10 years
18%				43%		11-20 years
24%				57%		More than 20 years
2%					59%	I am visiting from another congregation
1%					41%	I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else

3. Are you regularly involved in any **group** activities here?

(Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
59%	38%	51%	61%	73%	Yes, in Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school
44%	26%	40%	47%	52%	Yes, in prayer, discussion, or Bible study groups
39%	23%	35%	42%	47%	Yes, in fellowships, clubs, or other social groups
3%	7%	5%	2%	1%	No, we have no group activities
22%	40%	29%	19%	14%	No, I am not regularly involved in group activities

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Percentage totals throughout this report may not equal precisely 100% due to rounding

<sup>1</sup>All attendees who participated in the study.

<sup>2</sup>New to the congregation within the last two years (marked 1 or 2 on item 2) and prior to that had not been attending any congregation (marked 2 or 3 on item 24) – 477 respondents.

<sup>3</sup>New to the congregation within the last two years and prior to that had been attending another congregation – 912 respondents.

<sup>4</sup>Part of this congregation for three to ten years – 1,847 respondents.

<sup>5</sup>Part of this congregation for more than ten years – 2,395 respondents.

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4. Do you regularly take part in any activities of this congregation that reach out to the wider community (e.g., visitation, evangelism, outreach, community service, social justice)?

(Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
29%	10%	24%	32%	37%	Yes, in evangelism or outreach activities
21%	9%	14%	23%	27%	Yes, in community service, social justice or advocacy activities of this congregation
6%	8%	6%	5%	5%	No, we don't have such activities
50%	74%	61%	49%	41%	No, I am not regularly involved

5. Do you currently have any of the following roles here?

(Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
15%	2%	6%	18%	21%	Member of the governing board
13%	4%	8%	15%	17%	Member of a congregational committee or task force
13%	3%	12%	16%	15%	Leading or assisting in worship
13%	3%	12%	16%	15%	Officer or leader of men's, women's, youth, or other group
19%	5%	17%	22%	14%	Choir member, musician, or choir director
21%	6%	13%	24%	28%	Sunday school, church school, or Sabbath school teacher
13%	9%	12%	13%	15%	Other role not listed here
40%	74%	54%	36%	28%	None

## About your Faith

6. Over the last year, how much have grown in your faith?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	No real growth
33%	27%	32%	33%	34%	Some growth
42%	53%	39%	45%	43%	Much growth, mainly through this congregation
8%	4%	11%	7%	7%	Much growth, mainly through other groups or congregations
13%	12%	16%	11%	13%	Much growth, mainly through my own private activities.

7. How often do you spend time in private devotional activities (such as prayer, meditation, reading the Bible alone)?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
58%	45%	61%	53%	64%	Every day or most days
21%	21%	20%	23%	20%	A few times a week
3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	Once a week
13%	18%	11%	16%	10%	Occasionally
4%	10%	4%	4%	3%	Hardly ever
1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	Never

8. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible?

(Respondents were asked to mark **only one**.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
62%	49%	60%	60%	68%	The Bible is the word of God, to be taken literally word for word
19%	20%	23%	21%	16%	The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical and cultural context
16%	23%	15%	18%	18%	The Bible is the word of God, to be interpreted in the light of its historical context and the Church's teachings
1%	3%	1%	1%	14%	The Bible is not the word of God, but contains God's word to us
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	The Bible is not the word of God, but is a valuable book
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	The Bible is an ancient book with little value today
2%	5%	1%	1%	1%	Don't know

9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: “All the different religions are equally good ways of helping a person find ultimate truth”?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
7%	10%	6%	5%	6%	Strongly agree
15%	25%	10%	15%	14%	Agree
15%	28%	14%	15%	13%	Neutral or unsure
27%	19%	25%	27%	30%	Disagree
36%	18%	45%	38%	37%	Strongly disagree

10. Do you agree or disagree: “My spiritual needs are being met in this congregation or parish”?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
40%	41%	38%	41%	42%	Strongly agree
45%	46%	46%	44%	45%	Agree
11%	12%	12%	12%	9%	Neutral or unsure
3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	Disagree
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	Strongly disagree

11. Some people feel they came to faith gradually. For others, it began at a definite moment of commitment. Have you ever experienced such a moment of decisive faith commitment or conversion?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
19%	20%	17%	19%	19%	No, I’ve had faith for as long as I can remember
21%	31%	19%	22%	18%	No, I came to faith through a gradual process
7%	17%	9%	7%	4%	Yes, at one specific moment in the last 5 years
26%	9%	27%	27%	30%	Yes, at one specific moment more than 5 years ago
23%	16%	25%	21%	27%	Yes, a number of specific moments of commitment or re-commitment
4%	8%	4%	3%	3%	Not sure or not applicable

12. Are you currently a member of this congregation?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
69%	40%	46%	73%	88%	Yes
4%	12%	10%	2%	1%	No, but I’m in the process of becoming a member
18%	37%	31%	20%	9%	No, but I regularly participate here
9%	11%	13%	5%	3%	No

## About Your Involvement

13. Are you involved in any community service, social service, or advocacy groups not connected to this congregation? (Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
21%	16%	21%	22%	22%	Yes, social service or charity groups
4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	Yes, advocacy, justice, or lobbying groups
73%	80%	76%	74%	73%	No, I’m not involved with such groups

14. Which one of the following best describes your readiness to talk to others about your faith?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	I do not have faith, so the question is not applicable
5%	9%	3%	4%	5%	I do not talk about my faith; my life and actions are sufficient
14%	17%	11%	14%	13%	I find it hard to talk about my faith in ordinary language
55%	57%	55%	58%	54%	I mostly feel at ease talking about my faith and do so if it comes up
26%	17%	30%	23%	27%	I feel at ease talking about my faith and seek opportunities to do so

15. Would you be prepared to invite to a worship service here any of your friends and relatives who do not now attend a congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
69%	64%	66%	72%	72%	Yes, and I have done so in the past 12 months
22%	23%	25%	21%	21%	Yes, but I have not done so in the past 12 months
6%	10%	7%	5%	5%	Don't know
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	No, probably not
1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	No, definitely not

16. In the last 12 months, have you done any of the following?

(Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
34%	43%	39%	36%	29%	Loaned money to someone outside your family
23%	21%	25%	24%	23%	Cared for someone outside your family who was very sick
21%	23%	24%	23%	19%	Helped someone outside your family find a job
48%	34%	48%	50%	53%	Donated or prepared food for someone outside your family or congregation
68%	49%	63%	71%	78%	Voted in the last presidential election
60%	53%	60%	63%	65%	Donated money to a charitable organization (other than this congregation)
16%	15%	19%	17%	15%	Worked with others to try to solve a community problem
16%	12%	16%	17%	16%	Contacted an elected official about a public issue

17. How satisfied are you with what is offered here for children and youth (less than 19 years of age)?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
31%	40%	32%	33%	28%	Very satisfied
36%	37%	35%	35%	39%	Satisfied
19%	7%	15%	22%	23%	Mixed feelings
4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	Dissatisfied
1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	Very dissatisfied
8%	14%	14%	4%	4%	Not sure or not applicable

18. Which best describes your involvement in the making of important decisions in this congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
27%	7%	15%	29%	36%	I have been given the opportunity and often participate in decision-making
23%	14%	24%	23%	26%	I have been given the opportunity and occasionally get involved in decision-making
22%	34%	25%	23%	18%	I have been given the opportunity and but don't usually get involved in decision-making
22%	40%	30%	19%	14%	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and this is fine with me
6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	I have not been given an opportunity to be involved and I am not happy about this.

19. Do you have a strong sense of belonging to this congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
60%	64%	60%	60%	61%	Yes, a strong sense of belonging that is growing
18%	10%	10%	20%	21%	Yes, a strong sense – about the same as last year
10%	3%	4%	11%	13%	Yes, but perhaps not as strong as in the past
4%	11%	12%	1%	0%	No, but I am new here
3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	No, and I wish I did by now
3%	5%	4%	3%	2%	No, but I am happy as I am
3%	4%	5%	2%	1%	Don't know or not applicable

20. While you may value many different styles of music, which of the following do you prefer in congregational worship?

(Respondents were asked to mark up to **two** options.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
63%	48%	57%	62%	74%	Traditional hymns
65%	49%	70%	70%	69%	Praise music or choruses
18%	26%	21%	19%	16%	Contemporary hymns
14%	20%	20%	17%	9%	Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Sung responsorial psalms
3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	Classical music or chorales
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)
4%	8%	5%	4%	3%	Music or songs from a variety of cultures
4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	African-American gospel music
0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	No music or songs
3%	9%	2%	2%	2%	Don't know

21. To what extent do the worship services or activities of this congregation help you with everyday living?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
57%	52%	54%	56%	62%	A great extent
35%	40%	35%	36%	31%	Some extent
6%	7%	8%	7%	6%	A small extent
2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	Not at all

22. Which of the following aspects of this congregation do you personally most value?

(Respondents were asked to mark up to **three** options.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	Wider community care or social justice emphasis
29%	20%	28%	28%	33%	Reaching those who do not attend church
23%	24%	18%	22%	27%	Traditional style of worship or music
16%	25%	22%	20%	12%	Contemporary style of worship or music
18%	11%	16%	19%	22%	Sharing in Holy Communion, Eucharist, or the Lord's supper
14%	20%	16%	15%	12%	Social activities
43%	43%	50%	48%	43%	Sermons, preaching, or homilies
26%	28%	29%	28%	27%	Bible study or prayer groups, other discussion groups
21%	25%	21%	23%	20%	Ministry for children or youth
22%	20%	19%	22%	25%	Prayer ministry for one another
20%	22%	18%	20%	22%	Practical care for one another in times of need
2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	The congregation's school or pre-school
5%	9%	5%	5%	4%	Openness to social diversity
11%	7%	8%	11%	13%	Adult church-school or Sabbath-school class

23. Do you have any close friends in this congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
8%	17%	14%	7%	4%	No, I have little contact with others from this congregation outside of activities here
12%	19%	18%	14%	7%	No, I have some friends in this congregation, but my closest friends are not involved here
58%	54%	58%	57%	59%	Yes, I have some close friends here as well as other close friends who are not part of this congregation
22%	10%	11%	22%	30%	Yes, most of my closest friends are part of this congregation

24. Before you started coming to this congregation, were you participating in another congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
14%	0%	0%	2%	31%	No, I've come here for most or all my life.
16%	69%	0%	19%	8%	No, before coming here I had not been attending any congregation for several years.
7%	31%	0%	7%	4%	No, before coming here I had never regularly attended
64%	0%	100%	72%	57%	Yes, immediately prior to coming here, I was participating in another congregation

25. Before you started coming here, what type of congregation did you attend?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
4%	4%	7%	5%	3%	Assembly of God
15%	20%	16%	16%	12%	Baptist
3%	9%	3%	4%	2%	Catholic
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Episcopal
3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	Lutheran
7%	7%	5%	8%	9%	Methodist
29%	10%	34%	29%	31%	Nazarene
6%	6%	11%	7%	4%	Non-denominational
7%	6%	6%	8%	7%	Pentecostal
2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	Presbyterian
0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Seventh-day Adventist
1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	United Church of Christ
10%	8%	10%	11%	9%	Other
12%	22%	0%	7%	19%	Did not attend before

26. Over the last two years, has there been any conflict in this congregation?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
47%	58%	53%	47%	43%	No conflict that I am aware of
30%	11%	18%	34%	37%	Some minor conflict
3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	Major conflict
6%	2%	4%	7%	8%	Major conflict, with leaders or people leaving
14%	28%	24%	9%	8%	Don't know

27. Have this congregation's leaders encouraged you to find and use your gifts and skills here?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
42%	33%	39%	44%	46%	Yes, to a great extent
31%	30%	29%	32%	32%	Yes, to some extent
13%	9%	13%	14%	12%	Yes, to a small extent
7%	10%	9%	5%	6%	Not at all
8%	18%	11%	5%	4%	Don't know

## About You

28. In what year were you born? [Age]

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
12%	16%	19%	12%	9%	15-24 years old
30%	49%	39%	35%	20%	25-44 years old
35%	25%	29%	37%	38%	45-64 years old
23%	10%	13%	16%	33%	65 or older

29. Are you:

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
60%	57%	61%	59%	61%	Female
40%	43%	39%	41%	39%	Male

30. What is your employment status?

(Respondents were asked to mark **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
57%	64%	59%	63%	55%	Employed full time, part time, or self-employed
4%	6%	6%	4%	3%	Unemployed
22%	11%	15%	18%	30%	Retired
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	Full-time homemaker
11%	12%	16%	11%	8%	Student
3%	6%	5%	4%	2%	Other

31. What is the highest educational level you have completed?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	No formal schooling
4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	Primary school through 8th grade (K-8)
13%	17%	11%	12%	11%	Some high school
44%	50%	40%	40%	47%	Completed high school
8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	Trade certificate
10%	10%	11%	12%	9%	Associate degree
15%	9%	18%	16%	14%	Bachelors degree from a university or college
7%	1%	9%	9%	7%	Master's, Doctorate, or other graduate degree

32. What is your present marital status?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
16%	19%	20%	15%	14%	Never married
52%	35%	47%	54%	57%	In first marriage
13%	21%	14%	14%	10%	Remarried after divorce
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	Remarried after death of spouse
2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	Living in a committed relationship
1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	Separated
6%	11%	7%	6%	5%	Divorced
8%	4%	5%	6%	10%	Widowed

33. Do you have a spouse or partner who is also completing a survey here?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
55%	43%	53%	58%	57%	Yes
45%	57%	47%	42%	43%	No

34. What is your race or origin?

(Respondents were asked to mark up **all** that apply.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	Asian or Pacific Islander
7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	Black or African American
3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	Indian (American) or Alaska Native
87%	88%	86%	86%	88%	White or Caucasian
2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	Some other race

35. Where were you born?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
91%	91%	89%	91%	92%	In the United States
6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	In another English-speaking country
3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	In a non-English-speaking country

36. Is English your first language

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
97%	96%	96%	97%	98%	Yes
3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	No

37. Which statement best describes the people who currently live in your household?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
12%	11%	11%	10%	12%	I live alone
29%	18%	27%	25%	35%	A couple without children
6%	11%	8%	6%	5%	One adult with child/children
44%	50%	45%	52%	37%	Two or more adults with child/children
9%	10%	9%	7%	10%	Some adults living in the same household

38. What is the ZIP Code where you live?

39. About how much do you give financially to this congregation?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
56%	22%	50%	55%	70%	I give 10% or more of net income regularly
16%	19%	17%	21%	13%	I give about 5% to 9% of net income regularly
9%	18%	10%	9%	7%	I give less than 5% of net income regularly
14%	35%	16%	12%	7%	I give a small amount whenever I am here
5%	6%	7%	3%	3%	I do not contribute financially here

40. Which of the following describes your total annual household income before taxes?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
10%	13%	14%	9%	12%	less than \$10,000
22%	27%	20%	19%	25%	\$10,000 to \$24,999
33%	34%	36%	32%	37%	\$25,000 to \$49,999
21%	18%	19%	25%	15%	\$50,000 to \$74,999
8%	6%	6%	9%	5%	\$75,000 to \$99,999
6%	2%	5%	7%	6%	\$100,000 or more

41. How many children of any age do you have, whether they live at home or elsewhere?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
18%	22%	25%	17%	15%	None
12%	19%	12%	13%	10%	One
31%	24%	28%	31%	33%	Two
21%	18%	20%	20%	23%	Three
19%	17%	15%	19%	20%	Four or more

42. Do you have any children *living at home*?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
41%	35%	39%	36%	47%	None at home

(Please provide the ages of your children living at home starting with, the eldest.)

**Eldest child at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
15	13	12	14	18	Mean years of age

**Child number 2 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
11	10	10	11	13	Mean years of age

**Child number 3 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
10	9	9	10	11	Mean years of age

**Child number 4 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
10	8	10	9	10	Mean years of age

43. Of your children who *live at home*, which ones participate in this or another congregation?

**Eldest child at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
80%	81%	82%	83%	80%	Participates Here
8%	4%	9%	7%	8%	Participates Elsewhere
12%	16%	9%	11%	13%	No

**Child number 2 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
87%	85%	87%	91%	88%	Participates Here
6%	4%	9%	4%	5%	Participates Elsewhere
7%	11%	5%	6%	6%	No

**Child number 3 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
87%	84%	83%	91%	88%	Participates Here
6%	5%	9%	4%	5%	Participates Elsewhere
8%	12%	8%	5%	7%	No

**Child number 4 at home**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
83%	77%	85%	85%	82%	Participates Here
8%	12%	3%	9%	4%	Participates Elsewhere
10%	12%	12%	6%	14%	No

44. How long does it usually take you to get here?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
26%	26%	24%	25%	28%	1 – 5 minutes
26%	27%	25%	25%	28%	6 – 10 minutes
19%	18%	20%	20%	19%	11 – 15 minutes
14%	15%	14%	16%	13%	16 - 20 minutes
9%	10%	11%	10%	8%	21 – 30 minutes
5%	4%	7%	4%	4%	More than 30 minutes

45. Compared to 2 years ago, do you think you participate in activities of the congregation more, less, or about the same amount as you did then?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
34%	41%	35%	41%	30%	Participate more
42%	17%	26%	44%	53%	About the same participation
14%	5%	12%	14%	17%	Participate less
10%	37%	27%	1%	1%	Not applicable (been coming less than 2 years)

46. Do you identify with any of the following approaches to faith?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
4%	8%	6%	6%	2%	Catholic
42%	18%	45%	41%	50%	Evangelical
1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	Reformed
4%	5%	6%	6%	2%	Charismatic
11%	9%	13%	11%	10%	Pentecostal
9%	4%	8%	9%	11%	Fundamentalist
10%	11%	9%	11%	10%	Traditionalist
4%	7%	4%	4%	4%	Moderate
1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	Liberal
1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	New Age
23%	38%	22%	25%	19%	I do not identify with such descriptions

47. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation is strongly focused on serving the wider community beyond the congregation"?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
35%	36%	40%	36%	33%	Strongly agree
43%	43%	40%	43%	45%	Agree
16%	20%	15%	16%	15%	Neutral or unsure
5%	2%	4%	5%	5%	Disagree
1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	Strongly disagree

48. How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation?

**A sense of God's presence**

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
42%	48%	44%	39%	40%	Always
42%	33%	41%	45%	45%	Usually
14%	15%	14%	15%	13%	Sometimes
2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	Rarely

**Inspiration**

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
31%	44%	35%	29%	27%	Always
49%	39%	49%	50%	52%	Usually
18%	13%	14%	19%	19%	Sometimes
2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	Rarely

**Boredom**

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	Always
4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	Usually
26%	15%	22%	27%	29%	Sometimes
69%	80%	72%	69%	67%	Rarely

**Awe or mystery**

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
6%	11%	6%	5%	5%	Always
20%	19%	23%	19%	19%	Usually
48%	46%	47%	52%	47%	Sometimes
26%	23%	24%	25%	29%	Rarely

**Joy**

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
33%	44%	37%	32%	30%	Always
49%	41%	46%	50%	52%	Usually
16%	13%	14%	17%	17%	Sometimes
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	Rarely

**Frustration**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	Always
3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	Usually
26%	17%	22%	27%	30%	Sometimes
70%	79%	74%	70%	66%	Rarely

**Spontaneity**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
7%	9%	8%	7%	7%	Always
25%	25%	24%	25%	26%	Usually
49%	47%	49%	49%	50%	Sometimes
19%	19%	19%	20%	17%	Rarely

**A sense of fulfilling my obligation**

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
18%	22%	17%	17%	17%	Always
46%	39%	45%	45%	50%	Usually
26%	27%	26%	27%	24%	Sometimes
11%	12%	12%	11%	9%	Rarely

49. Does this congregation have a clear vision, goals, or direction for its ministry and mission?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
10%	15%	14%	8%	7%	I am not aware of such a vision, goals, or direction
14%	7%	12%	15%	17%	There are ideas but no clear vision, goals, or direction
44%	31%	41%	46%	49%	Yes, and I am strongly committed to them
25%	34%	25%	25%	23%	Yes, and I am partly committed to them
7%	13%	9%	6%	5%	Yes, but I am not committed to them

50. Do you agree or disagree: "I have a sense of excitement about our congregation's future"?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
39	38%	43%	40%	39%	Strongly agree
41	42%	39%	40%	43%	Agree
17	19%	16%	18%	15%	Neutral or unsure
2	2%	1%	2%	3%	Disagree
1	0%	0%	1%	1%	Strongly disagree

51. Of the following, which one best describes your opinion of the future directions of this congregation?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
4%	3%	2%	3%	6%	We need to get back to the way we did things in the past
8%	10%	7%	8%	9%	We are faithfully maintaining past directions
21%	13%	19%	21%	25%	We are currently deciding new directions
42%	37%	41%	48%	42%	We are currently moving in new directions
7%	2%	5%	6%	8%	We need to rethink where we are heading
2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	Our future is very unclear or doubtful
16%	34%	24%	12%	8%	Don't know

52. Do you agree or disagree: "This congregation is always ready to try something new"?

All Attenders	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
14%	16%	15%	16%	11%	Strongly agree
45%	46%	43%	45%	48%	Agree
30%	33%	33%	29%	28%	Neutral or unsure
10%	4%	8%	10%	12%	Disagree
1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	Strongly disagree

53. To what extent does the minister, pastor, or priest here take into account the ideas of those who worship here?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
54%	62%	56%	53%	53%	A great extent
29%	18%	25%	33%	32%	Some extent
5%	2%	3%	5%	6%	A small extent
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	Not at all
11%	18%	14%	8%	7%	Don't know
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	There is currently no leader here

54. Which of the following is the best description of the style of leadership of your pastor, minister, or priest?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
22%	17%	18%	20%	25%	Leadership that tends to take charge
54%	62%	56%	56%	53%	Leadership that inspires people to take action
13%	8%	13%	14%	13%	Leadership that acts on goals that people here have been involved in setting
3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	Leadership where the people start most things
1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	There is currently no leader here
8%	11%	10%	7%	5%	Don't know

55. What do you think are the main roles that your minister, pastor, or priest actually carries out here?

(Respondents were asked to mark up to **three** options.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
54%	41%	49%	55%	61%	Conducting worship or administering the sacraments
57%	68%	62%	57%	53%	Teaching people about the faith
17%	10%	20%	17%	17%	Training people for ministry and mission
21%	19%	18%	19%	26%	Converting others to the faith
12%	10%	12%	13%	12%	Administering the work of the congregation
41%	45%	38%	42%	42%	Visiting, counseling and helping people
7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	Involvement in wider community groups or social issues
21%	17%	22%	24%	21%	Providing a vision and goals for the future
38%	49%	37%	40%	36%	Offering prayer or being a spiritual role model
5%	6%	6%	3%	3%	Don't know

56. Do you agree or disagree: "In general, there is a good match between our congregation and our minister, pastor, or priest"?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
54%	66%	56%	57%	50%	Strongly agree
34%	26%	32%	33%	37%	Agree
10%	8%	10%	9%	10%	Neutral or unsure
2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	Disagree
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	Strongly disagree

### ALTERNATIVE ITEMS

The following questions were asked of a sub-sample (15%) in each congregation. These items replaced 45, 46, 47, 50, 53, 54, and 55 above, which were answered by the remainder of the sample.

Who influences you the most when it comes to spiritual matters?

(Respondents were asked to mark only **one**.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	Co-worker
14%	14%	15%	16%	12%	Friend
0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	Neighbor
21%	18%	15%	22%	22%	Spouse
11%	8%	15%	10%	12%	Parent
6%	8%	7%	6%	5%	Other family member
36%	40%	26%	36%	38%	Pastor
2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	Radio-TV personality
2%	0%	1%	3%	3%	Sunday school teacher
2%	1%	6%	1%	2%	Youth leader
4%	7%	9%	3%	4%	Other person

Which best describes your current spiritual condition?

(Respondents were asked to mark only **one**.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	Unsaved
3%	15%	1%	1%	1%	Unsaved but looking for God
12%	20%	15%	13%	7%	Saved but struggling with my faith
11%	8%	12%	14%	10%	Saved but plateaued spiritually
38%	49%	46%	40%	33%	Saved and growing spiritually
35%	5%	25%	32%	48%	Sanctified and growing spiritually

What do you think your primary spiritual gift is (list compiled from Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12)?

(Respondents were asked to mark only **one**.)

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
3%	0%	3%	5%	4%	Discernment
19%	9%	22%	17%	23%	Encouragement
2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	Evangelism
11%	14%	8%	10%	12%	Faith
10%	12%	9%	9%	10%	Giving
1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	Healing
7%	1%	4%	8%	8%	Hospitality
0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	Interpretation
2%	0%	4%	2%	2%	Knowledge
0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	Languages
5%	3%	5%	6%	4%	Leadership
1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	Mercy
0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	Miraculous powers
1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	Prophecy
10%	6%	12%	9%	12%	Service
9%	4%	7%	9%	10%	Teaching
1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	Wisdom
16%	41%	17%	17%	9%	I don't know what my spiritual gift is
2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	My spiritual gift is not listed here

Do you feel that you are getting to use your spiritual gift within the ministry of the church?

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
6%	8%	11%	5%	4%	Not at all
37%	24%	37%	37%	38%	Sometimes
43%	25%	35%	43%	50%	Often
15%	43%	17%	15%	8%	I don't know what my spiritual gift is

When you think about "witnessing" (telling others about what God has done for you), which best describes your feelings?

*(Respondents were asked to mark only one.)*

All Attendees	Formerly Unchurched	New to Cong.	3-10 Years	Over 10 Years	
2%	10%	3%	1%	1%	I have no interest in witnessing
14%	14%	15%	14%	13%	I get very nervous when I witness
13%	21%	10%	13%	12%	I feel like I don't know how to witness
49%	35%	47%	53%	52%	I feel comfortable witnessing when an opportunity presents itself
14%	5%	17%	13%	16%	I look for opportunities to witness
2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	I witness to almost everyone I meet
6%	14%	5%	4%	5%	None of these describe my feelings