

Welcome



Faith Communities Today

Your congregation has been selected to participate in a national survey of American congregations. It is the seventh such survey in the Faith Communities Today (FACT) series, begun in the year 2000. The surveys offer religious leaders of all traditions critical planning information about the changing nature of congregational life and how to effectively respond. The findings from the FACT surveys are freely provided online at www.faithcommunitiestoday.org.

This survey is also being conducted in partnership with the Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations study, which is actively researching change and innovation in the American religious landscape as a result of COVID-19. Learn more about this study at: www.covidreligionresearch.org

Your responses about your individual congregation are completely confidential. In order to provide a complete picture of the full variety of religious congregations in America we need to hear from you.

This survey can be completed by the leader of the congregation (pastor, priest, etc.), a staff member, or a well-informed lay leader. If any of the questions do not

apply to your religious tradition or your congregation, please feel free to skip them.

To complete the survey in Português, Español, 中文, 한국어, or Français, please use the dropdown menu at the top right of this page. Thank you for your willingness to be included in this important national study!

Background/Demographics

In what ZIP code is this congregation's primary place of worship physically located?

Which best describes your congregation's relationship to its primary place of worship?

- Have use of a facility for free
- Rent
- Owned by congregation
- Owned by denomination
- Other arrangement

If other arrangement, please describe.

Do one or more other organizations (beyond your congregation) use space at the facility where you worship?

- Yes
- No

Do any of the following types of other organizations also use the facility where you worship? (Check all that apply.)

- Another congregation(s)
- A school (K-6, K-12)
- A day care or preschool
- Nonprofit organization(s), e.g., Boy Scouts, food shelf, credit union, fraternal organizations
- Support group(s), e.g., A.A., Al-Anon, Alzheimer's
- Government, e.g., voting, town hall meetings
- For-profit organizations
- Other

If other, please describe.

How do these organizations provide compensation for the space? (choose all that apply)

- Rent
- Free use
- Expense sharing

Other

If other, please describe.

How adequate are the following for the current needs of your congregation?

Check one on each line.

	Much less than we need	Slightly less than we need	Just about right	Slightly more than we need	Much more than we need
Space for religious services/worship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Space for parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In-Person Worship

Please estimate the total average attendance at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) in-person worship service(s):

Please estimate the total average attendance at all of your regular weekend (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) in-person worship service(s) in 2018:

Online/Virtual Worship

Does your church hold online/virtual worship? (Includes in-person worship services being broadcast/live-streamed/recorded and available to watch later)

- Yes
- No

Do you track online attendance for these services?

- Yes
- No

What is your estimated total average attendance?

What is your total average number of devices connected?

Did you offer online/virtual worship in 2019 or before?

- Yes
- No

In 2019, what was your estimated total average online/virtual attendance?

In 2019, what was your total average number of devices connected?

How often does your church offer online/virtual worship opportunities?

- Once or twice a year
- Once every month or two
- About every month
- Two or three times a month
- Every week
- More than once a week

Select the type(s) of platforms you have used for online/virtual worship in the last year:

- Video Conferencing (e.g., Zoom)
- Social Media (e.g., Facebook)
- Video Hosting Platform (e.g., YouTube)
- Audio Platform (e.g., podcast, radio broadcast)
- Television (e.g., local broadcast TV)
- Other

If other, please describe.

Do you imagine that you will still be offering an online/virtual worship option in 5 years?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Leadership

Which statement best describes the (religious) leadership of this congregation?

- There is no clergy at present (we are between clergy leaders).
- There is one clergy leader (no assistant or associate clergy).
- There are co-leaders (two or more clergy sharing leadership equally).
- There is a senior clergy leader with one or more assistant or associate clergy.
- We are lay led and do not have formal clergy.
- None of the above descriptions apply to our situation.

If none of the above descriptions apply to your situation, please describe.

Please describe the senior or sole clergy leader of this congregation (if co-leaders, answer only about the oldest co-leader).

Age:

Gender:

Leader's race/ethnicity (check all that apply):

- American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)
- Asian (non-Hispanic)
- Black or African American (non-Hispanic)
- Hispanic or Latino(a)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)
- White (non-Hispanic)
- Multiracial
- Other

If other, please specify.

Which best describes the clergy leader's employment status at your congregation?

- Full-time
- Part-time

If part-time, how many hours is this person contracted to work each week?

Which best describes the clergy leader's compensation?

- Paid
- Unpaid

Does the clergy leader have paid employment outside of this congregation (e.g., is the clergy leader bivocational)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

How many hours a week on average does the clergy leader work outside of the congregation?

In what year did the senior leader start serving this congregation? (e.g., 2009)

To what extent is there a good "fit" between the senior leader of this congregation

and the members?

- Not good
- Just okay
- Good
- Very good

Are you the senior, co-senior, or solo clergy leader of this congregation?

- Yes
- No

Since the start of 2020, how often have you:

	Never	Once or twice	A few times	Fairly often	Very often
Doubted that you are called by God to ministry	<input type="radio"/>				
Seriously considered leaving pastoral ministry	<input type="radio"/>				
Seriously considered leaving this congregation for another one	<input type="radio"/>				

In general, how would you rate your **physical** health?

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Excellent

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

In general, how would you rate your **mental** health?

Poor
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Excellent

In general, how would you rate your **spiritual** health?

Poor
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Excellent

How would you rate your overall **relational** health (i.e. your relationships with other people)?

Poor
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Excellent

In general, how would you rate your **financial** health?

Poor
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Excellent

Participants

How many persons (including children) **regularly participate** (once a month or more) in worship or other religious activities in your congregation?

Of the above regular participants, **how many** are in each of the following age groups?

Children (ages 0-12)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Youth (ages 13-17)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Young adults (ages 18-34)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Middle adults (ages 35-64)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Senior adults (ages 65 and older)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Total	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Of the above regular participants, **how many** are in each of the following categories?

American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Asian (non-Hispanic)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Hispanic or Latino(a)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
White (non-Hispanic)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Multiracial	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Other	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Total

0

Of all **regularly participating adults** (age 18 and over), what **percent** would you estimate:

Are female?

Are new to this congregation since 2020?

Volunteer regularly at the congregation?

Mission and Identity

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

(Check one on each line.)

Our congregation:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Has a clear mission and purpose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is striving to be diverse (e.g. racially, ethnically, socio-economically)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is good at incorporating new people into the congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is actively looking for new members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is spiritually vital and alive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Is willing to change to meet new challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Is actively involved in our local community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participates actively in the wider UCC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Programs

Does your congregation have any of the following programs or activities?

(If yes, please indicate the format(s) it is offered in, checking all that apply.)

	No	Yes, offered in-person	Yes, offered online
Prayer or meditation groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious education for children (e.g., Sunday School)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious education for adults (e.g., scripture studies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth (13-17) activities or programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young adult (18-34) activities or programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior (65+) activities or programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social justice/advocacy groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No	Yes, offered in-person	Yes, offered online
Preschool and/or daycare center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School (Primary or secondary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fellowship/community-building events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service activities (e.g. health clinic or food pantry)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Technology

How often does your congregation use the following technology?

	Do not use this at all	A little (e.g., use it a few times a year)	Some (e.g., use it monthly)	A lot (e.g. use it weekly)	Check below if you only started using this since the beginning of the pandemic
Email communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Texting and/or messaging apps (e.g., WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic/ACH/online giving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Do not use this at all	A little (e.g., use it a few times a year)	Some (e.g., use it monthly)	A lot (e.g. use it weekly)	Check below if you only started using this since the beginning of the pandemic
Social media for connection and care outside of worship (e.g., Facebook, Instagram)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social media for event planning and advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Video projection during worship services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online audio or video archive of sermons (separately from archived worship services)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holding administrative meetings online (e.g., with Zoom or Skype)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holding small group/scripture study meetings online (e.g., with Zoom or Skype)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does your congregation have a web presence? Choose all that apply.

- Yes, with our own web address (e.g. www.)
- Yes, on Facebook
- No

Unsure

Do you have Wifi access in your building? Choose all that apply:

- Yes, for public use
- Yes, for congregant use
- Yes, for staff use
- No
- Unsure

Approximately what percentage of your regular monthly giving is received through online giving?

Approximately what percentage of your participants donate online?

Finances

What was the total amount of money your congregation received from all sources in your most recent fiscal year? (in dollars)

What was the total amount of money your congregation spent in your most recent fiscal year? (in dollars)

Approximately what percentage of your congregation’s annual expenditures in your most recent fiscal year were for the following?

Total staff salaries and benefits (clergy and non-clergy)	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%
Buildings and operations (e.g., utilities, mortgage, insurance)	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%
Program support and materials (e.g., education, evangelism)	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%
Mission and benevolence (include denominational assessments)	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%
All other expenditures	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%
Total	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px; border: 1px solid black;" type="text" value="0"/>	%

How would you describe your congregation’s financial health today and in 2018?
(Check one in each row.)

	In serious difficulty	In some difficulty	Tight, but we manage	Good	Excellent	Not applicable
Today	<input type="radio"/>					
In 2018	<input type="radio"/>					

Final items

Since the start of 2020, has your congregation experienced any disagreements or conflicts? (Check all that apply.)

- No
- Yes, but it/they were not serious
- Yes, and in at least one instance some people left
- Yes, and in at least one instance some people withheld donations
- Yes, and in at least one instance, a clergy leader or staff member left

How would you rate the level of tension in your congregation surrounding social and political issues (excluding COVID-19) now compared to 2018?

	Very high	Moderately high	Average	Relatively low	Nonexistent
Today	<input type="radio"/>				
In 2018	<input type="radio"/>				

What is your current outlook on this congregation’s future?

- Very negative
- Somewhat negative
- Neither positive nor negative
- Somewhat positive
- Very positive

Please rate your level of agreement with each of the following statements about your congregation:

Neither
agree
nor
disagree

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly agree

Our church is emerging from the pandemic stronger than before.

As a result of the pandemic, we are thinking in new ways about our future mission and direction.

This church has identified and embraced new opportunities for ministry since the pandemic.

What are your top 2 concerns about the future of your congregation? (max 100 characters)

What are the top 2 aspects that your congregation does particularly well? (max 100 characters)

Optional

Would you like to receive a copy (PDF) of the National Summary Report?

- Yes
- No

May we contact you if we have questions about your responses or if we would like to know more about your congregation and/or ministry?

- Yes
- No

If you said yes to either of the above questions, please provide your name and email address below (we will not use your information for any other purpose).

Name

Email

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