

## Every church benefits from taking time to reflect and review

The National Church Life Survey is a resource that has effectively helped churches of every type and denomination do this over 20 years.



Once every five years the National Church Life Survey has drawn upon the experience, hopes and concerns of church attenders to give churches a clearer picture of themselves, of people's involvement in the life of the church and the mission effectiveness of its activities.

The feedback from the National Church Life Survey is about much more than numbers. It:

- identifies signs of hope in the church
- provides practical processes to build on strengths and grow vision
- highlights the passions and hopes of attenders
- shows how attenders think the church is going in many areas
- sustains and promotes wellbeing in leaders.



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The 2011 National Church Life Survey retains much of the successful 2006 format, which will allow for 'change over time' comparisons. It will be a shorter survey and it also unveils some new optional extras to help churches extend the effectiveness of their reach.

## Resources based on research

The 2011 National Church Life Survey provides each participating church with relevant resources as they vision and plan to build for their future.

Our research over 20 years has highlighted nine key church qualities that are applied as a lens to church life in order to give a greater understanding of each church's strengths and vitality.

- Faith growth
- Worship
- Belonging
- Vision
- Leadership
- Innovation
- Service
- Faith-sharing
- Inclusion of those on the margins



Survey results also help churches to identify and understand changes in attendance, young adult retention and newcomers.

## Resources based on your church

The Standard Survey offers a suite of three surveys in one:

- **attenders survey** for all church service attenders aged 15+
- **leaders survey** for all those exercising leadership in the church
- **operations survey** for church administration.

From this standard survey churches receive a comprehensive *Church Life Profile* that is unique to them, a pack of supporting resources and an appraisal of leadership strengths.



In 2011 there are also 3 add-on surveys churches can choose to add to their Standard suite:

- **youth survey** explores spirituality and issues of youth
- **children's survey** an attenders survey for those under 15 years
- **community contacts survey** for those connected to the church in ways other than church attendance.

These new surveys will provide churches with valuable mission tools for specific groups.

Drawing upon the voices of 400,000 church attenders in Australia in 7,000 churches and 22 denominations, the 2006 National Church Life Survey shed light on issues of faith, mission, connectedness and the changing nature of church life in our country.

## 2011 National Church Life Survey

The National Church Life Survey is being held again in 2011.

*“fifteen minutes, once every five years”*

The 2011 survey has the most practical and grounded focus on community yet, with online surveys for young people and local church contacts such as school families, people at playgroups etc.

By extending into church schools and church based community welfare services, these findings will bring the most comprehensive and enlightening picture of church life in Australia ever.



For information on how to participate contact your diocesan coordinator

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Professor David Voas  
from the University of Manchester  
in the UK writes:

*“Churches in Australia are immensely fortunate to be served by the National Church Life Survey. The information it produces is invaluable, not just to leaders of denominations but to individual congregations. It's turned Australia into a model that churches around the world are turning to for inspiration.”*



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